

## Church News

### **The Churchwardens and PCC representatives are delighted to announce that our Parish Vacancy will shortly come to an end.**

Interviews were held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May and the position was offered to Revd Catherine (Cait) Walker. Cait is currently Curate at St Michael's, Boldmere, in the Diocese of Birmingham. She has accepted and will take up her new position as Vicar of St Michael and All Angels Mottram-in-Longdendale in due course, subject to all legal formalities being fulfilled. The situation concerning Covid-19 means that our church building remains shut, so we are not able to formalise any plans for the immediate future, but we will let you know the arrangements as soon as we can.

We look forward to welcoming Cait and her sons Elijah and Reuben to the parish. Please pray for the family as they prepare for their move. The Churchwardens, PCC and congregation of Mottram Parish Church would like at this time to express their gratitude to everyone who has contributed so much to the life of the parish over the past months.

Thank you and stay safe.

*David, Dejan and Christine*

### **Our new vicar, Cait Walker, writes...**

Hello, my name is Cait Walker. I am very excited to be moving to Mottram, to be your new vicar and to meet everyone, hopefully in person.

I have been the curate at St Michael's church in Boldmere, Birmingham diocese for the last three years. I will be joining the church family of Mottram with my two sons Elijah and Reuben, our dog Bodhi and guinea pigs Tom and Jerry.

I was born in Taunton, in Somerset and felt a calling to the church at a very early age, but I did not pursue it until after moving to Birmingham for university. I am very grateful to the many wonderful people in Birmingham, clergy and laity alike, who have encouraged me along this journey. I am looking forward to passing on that encouragement and to enable the people of Mottram as they discern and follow God's calling on their lives, both as a community and as individuals.

*Cait*

