

## A Letter from the Booking Secretary

### How many can you fit in???

Musings from the  
Booking Secretary!

It's been lovely to be able to chat to people when they've rung me to book their seats for Sunday Worship - but one question I am often asked is "how many can you fit in?" Well... you might well ask!



To ensure social distancing it depends on just who books in.

The pews in the nave can take 2 single people, a couple or a family. But we have large stone pillars abutting some of these pews so where that occurs it's better for people who can sit close together - although some couples tell me they still sit as far apart as possible but I won't comment on that!

Then there is the South Aisle - much smaller pews so just 1 single person, a couple (and here I hope they do get on!) or a couple with a small child.

So it's roughly around 65 for the 10.30am - give or take a person or two!

The 8.30am is easier as fewer people like to get up early!

But please don't think this is an onerous task - it's a joy and a privilege to be able to squeeze you all in - even with all the crossings out and moving people around on the seating plan! and my thanks to those of you who willingly give up your seats when asked to let someone else attend worship.

Stay safe everyone!

*Kate Best*

(Further information about booking for services is on pages 13 and 14)

# Church Services

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During Holy Week, we'll have a mixture of services in church, in the churchyard and via Zoom. We will still be following all the usual covid-safe rules, including social distancing. Masks must be worn if entering the church building.

You will still need to book with Kate Best, but not before Monday 22nd March. You can contact Kate on 01457 857248 or preferably, email her at [katebest@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:katebest@mottramparish.org.uk). Please do not send texts to her landline, and leave only one message - she will get back to you!

## These are our Passiontide services

(in church unless otherwise stated):

### Palm Sunday 28th March

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

7pm A short service of reflection via Zoom

### Maundy Thursday 1st April

7:30pm Holy Communion service to commemorate the Last Supper

### Good Friday 2nd April

10:30am A service of reflection starting outside the church door, and finishing at the foot of the cross in the Memorial Garden.

### Easter Sunday 4th April

6:30am Dawn service in the Memorial Garden

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

**✝ Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! ✝**

See the next page for the pattern of worship after Easter.

## Church Services (continued)

### Sundays

**8.30am every week - Early Communion in the Staveley Chapel.**  
**10.30am - First Sunday of the month - Worship for All.**  
**Second Sunday of the month - Worship for All with Communion.**  
**Third Sunday of the month - Worship for All.**  
**Fourth Sunday of the month - Worship for All with Communion.**  
**Fifth Sunday of the month - Worship for All with Communion.**

**You will still need to book for all services. Please contact Kate Best between Monday and Thursday only. You will be able to book for the following Sunday's service only.**

### Revd Cait's **Stories and Assemblies for Schoolchildren**

You can get these by clicking the 'Stories and Assemblies for Schoolchildren' button on the church website at [www.mottramparish.org.uk](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)



### Sunday School

Go to the parish website at <https://www.mottramparish.org.uk> and click on the **On-line Sunday School** link.

### Services at St Barnabas, Hattersley

Chairs are all set 2 metres apart, masks have to be worn, social distancing is a must, and there is hand sanitiser at the door and at different parts of the church.  
Names are taken for test and trace.

**Sundays 10.30am ..... Holy Communion (one kind)**

**Wednesdays 10.30am ..... Joint Holy Communion with St Michael's Mottram (one kind)**