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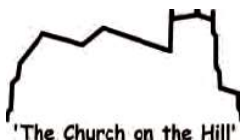
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Advent *by Rev. Cait Walker*



"Are you nearly ready for Christmas?"
I truly believe that this phrase rears its head earlier and earlier each year.

It made me wonder what it means to be 'ready' for Christmas? I remember my mum saying we couldn't put the decorations up until the house was tidy, which I totally understand but still wonder if it was her ploy to make me tidy up.

Let's make a list (don't forget to check it twice):

- * have you made enough food? You never know who might turn up last minute.
- * Have you put enough lights up? Remember how bad it looked last year when the neighbours lit every brick on the front of their house and you put a bedraggled wreath on the door on Dec 25th?
- * Have you forgotten anyone from your card list or present list? (You know someone will turn up on Christmas Eve with a gift and you have completely forgotten them)
- * Don't forget the dog, the neighbour's budgie and to feed the wild birds.

These are the sorts of messages we get bombarded with every time we enter a shop. Is it any wonder that stress levels rise excessively over this period of the year?

Let us take a moment to look at this time. We are now in Advent; a time of waiting and yes, preparing for the light of the world to come. Many Christians choose not to put up their decorations until Christmas Eve because that is when the festival begins, and then they take them down at the end of Epiphany.

(continued overleaf)

Advent by Rev. Cait Walker *(continued)*

I have to admit, I probably couldn't wait that long, but could I spend some time in quiet contemplation, over the next weeks, of what it means to prepare for Jesus entering, anew, our lives and our hearts at this time? Could I think about the privilege it is to be able to celebrate in the way that I do? What have so many given to enable this to happen? You may like to think about those who work tirelessly to provide food, entertainment, warmth and comfort for you. Or you might not feel terribly warm, comfortable or included in the merriment. Non-the-less, the light came into the world for each of us, regardless of how merry our Christmases may feel. Jesus entered the world by the Holy Spirit and the love and care of a young woman, who also gave so much for this to happen. People from all walks of life recognized Him as the light.

How will you prepare for that light? The season of merriment may be too much for you this year, but we all have an opportunity to invite *the* light into our lives, hearts, homes and workplaces. That opportunity is a gift; a gift from God, which is so important that it renews itself in our lives over and over again. We, as the body of Christ, share this light, pass it from one to another and watch as its radiance spreads. The image of light spreading from Christingle to Christingle, gently lifting the gloom of a church on a December afternoon, draws to mind. We can open our hearts to God's light and pass this gift on through prayer for one another, kindness and gentleness to ourselves and to others. We can watch this precious light grow in us and in our community. Let us pray that we don't miss this gift amongst the wrappings of Christmas.

May God bless you this Advent season and, when it arrives, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Cait

NOTICE BOARD

Community Groups and Charities

You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!

Contact the magazine editor - details inside the front cover.

Deadline for the January issue is Monday 19 December.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 1 January.



Baptism / preparation for Holy Communion / Confirmation
There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or speak to Rev Cait



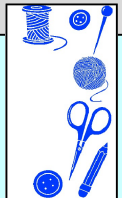
Press Red Theatre Company wish to apologise for the postponement of their play 'Control'.

One of the cast became ill, but it is hoped that the play will be shown early in 2023.

Mottram Craft Group

Now meets every fortnight
at Mottram Community Centre
Church Brow

Whatever craft you do, you're welcome.
Wednesdays 7th and 21st December 1-3pm





NOTICES (CONTINUED)



Walking with the Walkers

Saturday 10 December

Meet 10.00am at the Church gates

The Longshaw estate (Nr Hathersage)

An easy walk led by Joan 01457 763292

Sunday 1 January New Year's Day walk.

After the 10.30am service.

Butties in church then straight off to the Longdendale Valley for a reservoir walk led by Bob 0161 368 2706

As usual - please come prepared for all weathers with suitable footwear, and bring a packed lunch. We meet at the church gates, and car share, so can offer a lift for non-drivers.

Welcome to all - not just churchgoers!

We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per person per walk for the benefit of an agreed charity - Glossop Mountain Rescue in 2022.

A Place of Welcome

A weekly 'Drop in' afternoon at Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow

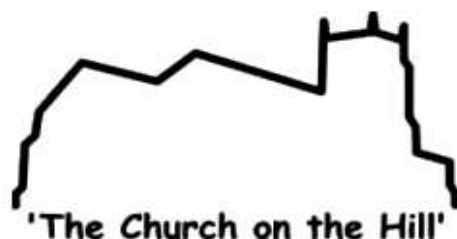
Where people can come in for a couple of hours to a warm building, and share a hot drink and some simple food during the cold winter months.

Wednesdays 2:00-4:30pm

All welcome - no charge, and no booking necessary.

Do you know someone who might appreciate this?
Let them know, or bring them along.





Reverse Advent - How it works.....

- 1 - Get a box
- 2 - Pop the item for that day in the box
- 3 - Tick off on your calendar
- 4 - When complete either bring to **Mottram Parish church on Sunday 18th Dec 10.30am service** OR take to **Tesco food bank** (behind the tills) who will add 20% of the value also.

Reverse	Advent	Calendar	Supporting	Our	Community	
Mon 21 Nov	Tues 22 Nov	Weds 23 Nov	Thurs 24 Nov	Fri 25 Nov	Sat 26 Nov	Sun 27 Nov
Cereal	Dried pasta	Tinned/packet soup	Teabags	Jar of jam	Tinned baked beans	Tinned fruit
Mon 28 Nov	Tues 29 Nov	Weds 30 Nov	Thurs 1 Dec	Fri 2 Dec	Sat 3 Dec	Sun 4 Dec
Long life milk	Tinned mixed veg	Rice	Tinned peas/sweetcorn	Custard	Crisps	Toilet roll
Mon 5 Dec	Tues 6 Dec	Weds 7 Dec	Thurs 8 Dec	Fri 9 Dec	Sat 10 Dec	Sun 11 Dec
Tinned fish	Toothpaste	Tinned tomatoes	Gravy granules	Coffee	Squash	Biscuits
Mon 12 Dec	Tues 13 Dec	Weds 14 Dec	Thurs 15 Dec	Fri 16 Dec	Sat 17 Dec	Sun 18 Dec
Pasta sauce	Tinned curry	Jelly pots/packet	Hot chocolate	Christmas treat	Dried cake	Tinned meat



1
INSTANT SOUPS
INSTANT SOUP IS A GREAT FIRST STEP TO COOKING



2
COOKED MEAT
PRE-COOKED MEAT IS A GREAT FIRST STEP TO COOKING



3
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED VEGETABLES ARE A GREAT FIRST STEP TO COOKING



4
DESSERTS
TINNED DESSERTS ARE A GREAT FIRST STEP TO COOKING



5
LONG-LIFE DRINKS
LONG-LIFE DRINKS ARE A GREAT FIRST STEP TO COOKING



FLOWER ROTA

Artwork by Ian Roebuck

Altar Flowers 2022

January 2 nd 2 nd of Christmas	January 9 th Baptism of Christ	January 16 th 2 nd of Epiphany	January 23 rd 3 rd of Epiphany	January 30 th 4 th of Epiphany
February 6 th 4 th before Lent	February 13 th 3 rd before Lent	February 20 th 2 nd before Lent	February 27 th Sunday next before Lent	
		JEAN COX		
March 6 th Lent 1 No flowers Betty Gadd	March 13 th Lent 2 No flowers	March 20 th Lent 3 No flowers M. Forcell	March 27 th Mothering Sunday No flowers	
April 3 rd Lent 5 No flowers	April 10 th Palm Sunday No flowers	April 17 th Easter day	April 24 th 2 nd of Easter	
May 1 st 3 rd of Easter	May 8 th 4 th of Easter Sue Joy	May 15 th 5 th of Easter Kath Higgins	May 22 nd 6 th of Easter	May 29 th 7 th of Easter
June 5 th Trinity Sunday Pat Hall (60)	June 12 th Trinity Sunday	June 19 th 1 st after Trinity Bice Jubb	June 26 th 2 nd after Trinity SVE WILKINSON	
July 3 rd Thomas the Apostle	July 10 th 3 rd after Trinity Kath Higgins	July 17 th 5 th after Trinity	July 24 th 6 th after Trinity	July 31 st 7 th after Trinity
August 7 th 1 st after Trinity Annice Warkham	August 14 th 9 th after Trinity Alan & Shirley Bradley	August 21 st 10 th after Trinity D Stringer	August 28 th 11 th after Trinity Betty Gadd	
September 4 th 12 th after Trinity Christine Brandish	September 11 th 13 th after Trinity Sue Joy	September 18 th 14 th after Trinity Arian Marcus	September 25 th 15 th after Trinity	
October 2 nd 16 th after Trinity Shirley Bradley	October 9 th 17 th after Trinity	October 16 th 18 th after Trinity Margaret Jaffer	October 23 rd Last after Trinity Betty Gadd	October 30 th 4 th before Advent SVE WILKINSON
November 6 th 3 rd before Advent Sue Joy	November 13 th Remembrance Day Kath Higgins	November 20 th Christ the King Bibby	November 27 th 1 st of Advent No flowers	
December 4 th 2 nd of Advent No flowers	December 11 th 3 rd of Advent No flowers	December 18 th 4 th of Advent No flowers	December 25 th Christmas Day	

Altar Frontals:

Lent/Advent

Minor saints/Festivals

Trinity season
mainly

Major Saints + Festivals



Dates for your Diary



Sunday 4th December 10:30am

Toy Service - please bring a toy for the Tameside Toy Appeal.

"Donate new unwrapped gifts for babies to 18 year olds.

All gifts will go to Tameside children living in poverty. We receive high demand for gifts for babies and teenagers, especially boys. Our mission is for the 1 in 4 Tameside children living in poverty to receive a gift this Christmas. **However, we cannot accept any second hand or soft toys.**" - *Action Together for Tameside*

Sunday 4th December 6.00pm

Remembering our loved ones at Christmas

Names to be added to the list to be read out should be sent as soon as possible to David Russell -

email davidrussell@mottramparish.org.uk

Sunday 11th December 10:30am

Nativity Service

The children will be dressing up and presenting this, as usual, under the direction of Mrs H. And you're all invited to **come dressed as a nativity character** too!

Sunday 11th December

2:30pm-4:30pm Pop up Choir Rehearsal

All are invited to join the choir for an afternoon rehearsal with Maestro Matt, so that we'll be in good voice for tonight.

6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

By candlelight and featuring, we hope, all those who popped up to rehearse this afternoon.

Thursday 22nd December 6.00pm

Carols round the Tree

At Mottram Crown Pole.

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

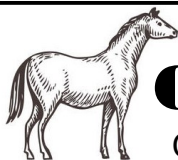
4.00pm Christingle

11.15pm Midnight Communion

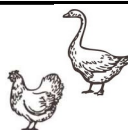
Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

10.30am Holy Communion

at the Magdalene Centre, Broadbottom.



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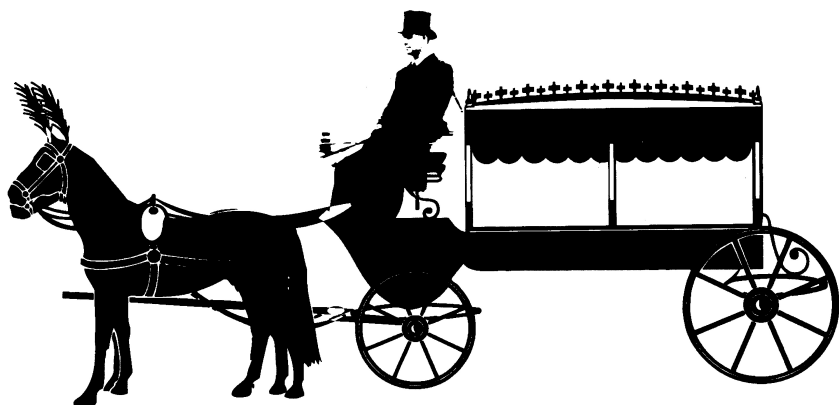
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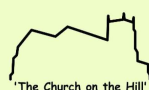


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Church News (1)

Welcome to our new Children and Families Missioner - Louise Britton.

Lou writes:

I'm a married mum of four, with a German Shepherd dog too, and have lived in Mottram since 2002. I was born and grew up in Gamesley and my background is in Performing Arts.

I have worked in schools and communities for all my adult life and love meeting new people.

In my spare time I enjoy going to coffee shops and watching a good box set. Random info - I collect Russian dolls!

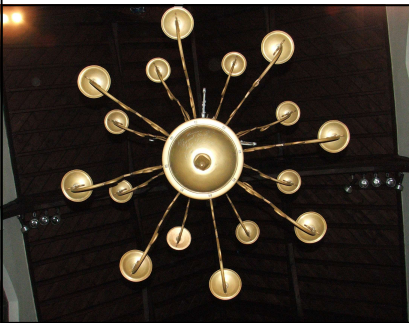
I am so excited to start working as Mottram Parish Children and Families Missioner and feel really grateful for the opportunity.

I will try my hardest to work with and serve the community the absolute best I can.

If anyone has any ideas that they would like to chat with me about, please do get in touch! xx



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

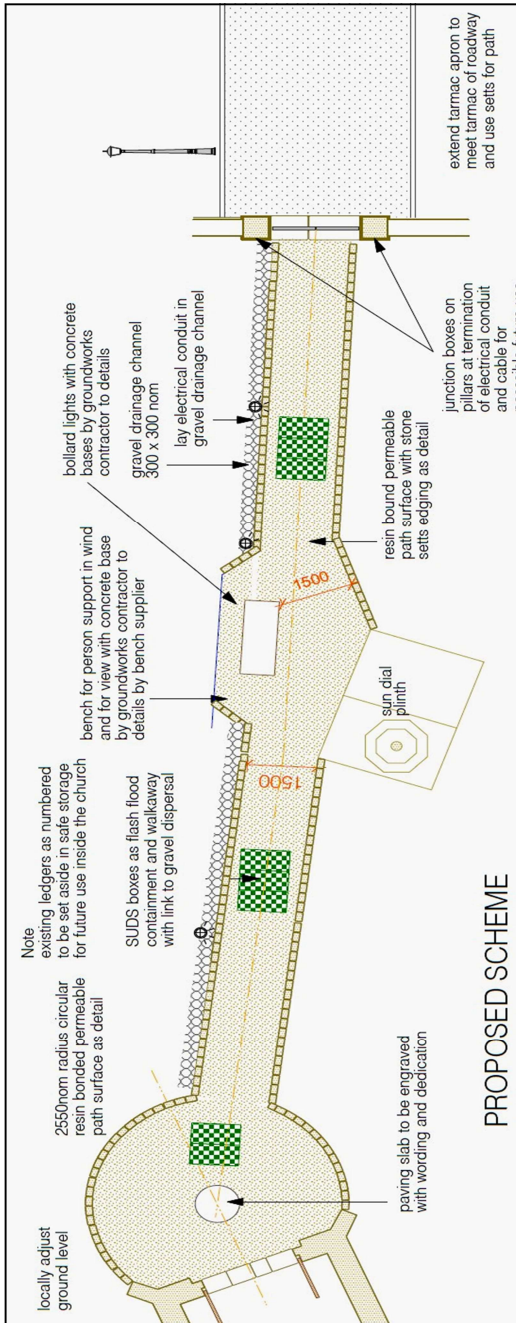


The old jokes are the best!

Friday 9th December 10am - 1pm

Please help us make our lovely 18th century chandelier shine for Christmas. Do bring some clean rags and gloves - polish will be supplied by the Chief Shiner
Cap'n Bob.

Church News - (2)



Thanks to the generosity of

Friends of Mottram Parish Church



we are getting a new and much safer path!

The path across our churchyard is over 150 years old, and is showing its age. The stones are slippery and uneven, and starting to crack and flake. So we're making a new path, topped with resin bonded stone chippings. This will be attractive and safer, as it is porous and low-slip.

The plan is too large to reproduce properly here in the magazine, but there is a large-scale display in the South aisle of the church.

If you would like more details please speak to Tony Kershaw.

Work starts on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Church News - (3)

Children in Church



Our **Sunday School** meets each Sunday during the morning service. Our numbers are growing slowly but very

steadily. We listen to stories from the Bible, do crafts and talk about all sorts of things! At the moment we're looking forward to our Nativity, which is on December 11th and we have a very special guest appearance!

The **Open the Book** team have enjoyed going into Mottram School to tell Bible stories in an interactive way. The team enjoy the assemblies as much as the children. Last week we launched the wonderful boat that Clair Bibby made for us.

First Steps, for mums and tots, meets each Monday afternoon 1.30 - 3.00pm at Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow. Numbers are still low at the moment but we have lots of fun. If you have little ones, come and you'll be very welcome.

Baptisms

This year 11 toddlers have been baptised – happy occasions for everyone involved. We ask God's blessings on all the little ones and their families.

Thanks to all involved in these activities – your support is much appreciated. Happy Christmas everybody, from our children and leaders.

Pat x

Inspection of a good school: Mottram C of E Primary School

The new school year had just begun when the phone call came:-
"Ofsted Inspection tomorrow".

At the last inspection in July 2017 the school was classed as "good" but so much has changed in the world since then! The Inspectors spent a day in school talking to pupils, staff, parents and governors about life at Mottram School. They identified a happy, family-orientated school where all pupils are nurtured and cared for and where older pupils look after younger ones. All staff have high expectations of what pupils should achieve and how they should behave. As those of you lucky enough to have visited the school have seen, pupils are polite and respectful to each other and to adults.

As well as in-depth "dives" into early reading, art and design and maths, the inspectors looked at everything that makes up a school, from archery to residential trips to growing vegetables on the school allotment. It was heartwarming to read that "pupils enjoy coming to school. Their attendance is high. Pupils follow clear routines. This helps to maintain a calm environment during lessons so that pupils can learn without disruption" and "staff love working in the school and feel valued and respected".

After a very full and exhausting day we awaited the report with quiet confidence and were delighted with the outcome

"Mottram C of E Primary School continues to be a good school."

Well done! An excellent result for all to be proud of.

Jean Russell (Foundation Governor)



Church Services (1)



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 4 Dec.

8.30am
10.30am
6.00pm

2nd in Advent

Early Communion
Toy Service
Remembering our loved ones at Christmas
(If you have names you wish to be read out,
please contact Juliet Edwards)

Sunday 11 Dec.

3rd in Advent

8.30am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all with Nativity
2.30 - 4.30 Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18 Dec.

8.30am
10.30am

4th in Advent

Early Communion
Worship for All with Communion
and prayer ministry.

Thursday 22 Dec.

6.00pm

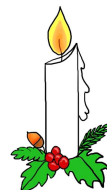
Carols round the tree at
Mottram Crown Pole

Saturday 24 Dec.

4.00pm
11.15pm

Christmas Eve

Christingle
Midnight Communion



Sunday 25 Dec.

10.30am

Christmas Day - Magdalene Centre

Worship for All with Communion
at the Magdalene Centre, Broadbottom.

Sunday 1 Jan.

8.30am
10.30am

New Year's Day 2023

Early Communion
Worship for All

Visitors who regularly take communion in their home church are welcome to join us at the table.



Church Services (2)



December 18th

3.00pm A short church service at Balmoral Care Home, followed by a Christmas party at the church centre .

Residents of Lowry Court and William Ford House are warmly invited to join us there and stay for a carol service, if they wish.

St Barnabas, Hattersley

Every Wednesday 10.30am

Holy Communion - a joint service with our friends and neighbours at St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Road East, Hattersley, SK14 3EQ.



Nativity The Adoration of the Shepherds

Giovanni Lanfranco
painted about
1606 - 1607
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Alnwick Castle
Northumberland



Parish Prayer Rota **December 2022**

Month by month, we invite you to pray with us for all the residents of the parish, asking for God's blessing or healing touch wherever it is needed.

Love your neighbour as yourself

Pearl Way
Clough End Road
Broadbent Grove
Ball Walk
Deerwood Vale
Webb Walk
Webb Grove
Bunkers Hill Road
Bretland Gardens
Bowden Close



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 5th and 19th of December.

Let us know what's on your mind, for yourself, those you love, or for the world. Reply to our regular Facebook post or eNews bulletins, and we'll include it in our prayers.

You can also ask for personal prayer, in complete confidence. Send your request to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

tonykershaw @mottramparish.org.uk
tel. 01457 765350

We don't always get the answer we expect or want, but it's always good to share with God.

Church Open **Fridays 9:30-11:30am**

The Church is open most weeks for visitors and private prayer.

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth,' I said
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the
bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Registers and Records



Baptisms

Sunday
6 November 2022
Theo Kirk-Shearer



Funerals and Interments of ashes

Thursday 3 November 2022
Nicola Foy

Thursday 10 November 2022
Russel Sydney Osborne

Monday 14 November 2022
Martin Edward Williamson

Sunday 13 November 2022
Clifford Fernley

Sunday 27 November 2022
**Humphrey and Janette
Baxter**

*Goodbye to our friends.
May they rest in peace and
rise in glory.*

Flying The Flag



Monday 28 November 2022
**Congratulations to
Andrew Knight, Rural Dean of
Bowden Deanery**

Tuesday 29 November 2022
Birthday Memories of Tom Gee

Sunday 25
December 2022
A King Is Born!



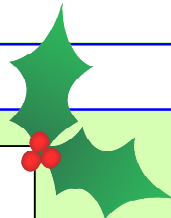
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*baptisms, thanksgivings,
weddings, blessings and
funerals can be found inside
the front cover.*

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Not to be taken seriously...



"Does anyone have a light, please?"



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admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk

Broadbottom Primary School

01457 762382

admin@broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk

Arundale Primary School

01457 762328

admin@arundale.tameside.sch.uk

Longdendale Pre-school in Mottram

07594 640487

Broadbottom Pre-school

01457 764423

Broadbottom Brownies

07884 006484

Broadbottom & Mottram Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

07912 387358

Longdendale Women's Institute

01457 763319, 01457 766517

Longdendale Neighbourhood Police

0161 856 9484

Tameside Police (non emergency)

0161 872 5050

Tameside Council

www.tameside.gov.uk

Councillor Janet Cooper

01457 763319

Longdendale Town Council

0161 342 2346

Member of Parliament

Jonathan Reynolds MP, 0161 367 8077

jonathan.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk

Tameside Local Studies & Archives

0161 342 4242

Hattersley Library, in the Hub

0161 342 2552

Friends of Mottram Parish Church

Ian Roebuck 01457 763179

The Magdalene Centre

Broadbottom

- see adverts.



Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank

Here in the hard times

Hattersley Baptist Church

Melandra Crescent

Hattersley SK14 3RB

Tel. 07901 786905

<https://tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk/>

ETHEROW CENTRE BROADBOTTOM

*Providing sport and leisure activities
for people with disabilities.
Hire our large indoor arena.*

**Contact Claire Bibby
01457 763758**

MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Church Brow, Mottram

- Two large halls and stage • kitchen
 - soft outdoor play area
- children's parties,
meetings, etc.

Contact Janis Bond on

01457 763504



BROADBOTTOM COMMUNITY CENTRE



Need to find a venue for an
event, a party or a regular
group activity?

Contact Mandy Pluck on 07967567420

Email Mandy.pluck@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.broadbottomvillage.com

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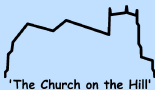
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Although we do not have a collection during the service, please remember that we rely on faithful giving to fund our mission in Mottram Parish.



'The Church on the Hill'



The Collection Basket

For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- Giving by standing order.
- Remembering the church in your will.
- Joining our finance team.

Please speak to our treasurer, Juliet Edwards, or one of our churchwardens.

*Two easy ways to give,
after the service:*



Our new contactless cardreader

Our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is:

Claire Bibby 01457 763758

If you are worried about a particular person or situation in connection with any church activity, ring Claire, or you can use a safe email address to report it; this email is checked daily, and can be accessed only by Claire. Contact: **safemottram@gmail.com**

