

United Benefice Magazine – July & August 2024

Welcome to the July & August 2024 edition of your United Benefice magazine.

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St Leonard's Balderstone



St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less
Samlesbury



Light Reflections...The Gospel "Let your light shine..." (Matthew 5.16)

***"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)***

We have now had the longest day of the year and slowly, minute by minute, the days are starting to shorten! Now, we have a way to go yet before we start noticing the difference in daylight hours and to be honest, we haven't yet had a proper "summer", not wishing to depress you! But what I am conscious of in this summer edition of our magazine (we will return in September) is how we need to take time to 'rest'. Schools will be breaking up, many of us and our families will be going on holiday or simply enjoying time away from the hustle and bustle of life and work. For those of us who will continue to work through the summer (that includes myself), I am also advocating taking some time to rest, to slow down, to appreciate the quieter days, to (hopefully) sit in the sun...sleep, read, paint, garden or whatever it is that means you can relax.

We do this because it is good for us, it is good for our mental health and our physical and spiritual well-being. But it is also a part of our Christian faith to rest. When God created the heavens and the earth we read in Genesis 2:1-3 *"...on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation."* I'm sure that God didn't need to rest, after all he is God, but he shows that by doing so that rest is good and right, so it shouldn't be a surprise that we need to rest too. God blessed the seventh day, making it holy and set apart from the other six working days of the week. Jesus himself was not immune to the need to rest. We have recently had as our Gospel reading in Church the wonderful story of Jesus falling asleep in the boat when a great storm brews up and his disciples wake him because they are in fear of their lives and he subsequently speaks *"Peace, Be still"* and the storm subsides (Mark 4:35-end). What I love about this story is that Jesus has been busy ministering to the crowds, he is tired and lays his head down on a cushion and falls asleep. Jesus, though divine, is also fully human, and is tired after a busy day, week, months of work, like the rest of us. Another story in Mark 6:31, Jesus says to his disciples *"Let's get away from the crowds for a while and rest"*...they had been so busy they hadn't had time to eat, sound familiar? Work is important, but to be effective we need to take time out, to re-charge our batteries, we need rest and renewal to refresh ourselves for when we need to work again. This summer, make sure you take some time out to rest; you may find praying these words of the psalmist helps...have a wonderful, restful and safe summer.

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3)**

Blessings Rev'd Karen

Rev'd Karen has asked that Saturdays be respected as her day off. If you feel you have a genuine emergency, on a Saturday, that requires help, please contact a Church Warden first and they will help to advise you. Please find their contact details on page 27 of this magazine. The Vicarage office phone number is 01254 814041 and the email address is unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

United Benefice Church Services: July & August 2024

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 7 th July	09:30 Holy Communion	16:00 Sports Sundae Service	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th July	11:00 All Age Worship with Holy Communion	09:30 Mothers' Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Sunday 21 st July	09:30 Morning Prayer	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th July	16:00 Holiday Church	09:30 Family Service	11:00 Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 4 th August	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th August	11:00 Morning Prayer	09:30 Mothers' Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 th August	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday 25 th August	<i>No Service</i>	09:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st September	09:30 Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>	11:00 Holy Communion



Sports Sundae Service

Please join us for singing and worship at 4:00pm on Sunday 7th July at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School, followed by family sports on the school field.



Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will be said every **Mon, Wed & Thurs** starting at **9:00 am**, unless otherwise stated. All are welcome to join Rev'd Karen as we pray for our churches and our world.

Mellor	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th July
Samlesbury	8 th , 10 th , 11 th July
Balderstone	15 th , 17 th , 18 th July
Mellor	22 nd , 24 th , 25 th July
Samlesbury	29 th , 31 st July & 1 st August
Mellor	12 th , 14 th , 15 th August
Samlesbury	19 th , 21 st , 22 nd August
Balderstone	28 th , 29 th August
Mellor	2 nd , 4 th , 5 th September



Please note there will be no morning prayer on 5th, 7th, 8th and 26th August.

PRAYER DIARY



Each month, as a United Benefice, we will be focusing our prayers on a strand of the Diocesan Vision 2026. Every week, we will pray an aspect of that strand, as we seek God's face and will for our Benefice.

JULY

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

Week 1

Dear Lord, help us to know the Scriptures better through reading, teaching, preaching and study. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to your word. Amen

Week 2

Father, we long for your Kingdom to come, may we pray with greater depth and urgency for you to be known in our Benefice and in the world. Amen

Week 3

Lord Jesus, we ask that you fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit as we worship you and seek your truth. Amen

Week 4

Dear God, as you have given us so much through your Son Jesus, may you help us to give generously of our time, talents, and money to the cause of Christ. Amen

AUGUST

Being Witnesses to Jesus Christ

Week 1

Lord Jesus, give us the confidence to share the Good News of your saving grace with others, in both word and deed. Amen

Week 2

Dear God, open our eyes and hearts to see the needs of those around us, both near and far, and help us to meet those needs with actions as well as words. Amen

Week 3

Father, enable us to catch the vision and work with you in growing your Kingdom through new ways of being church. Amen

Week 4

Creator God, as you looked at everything that you have made and saw that it was 'very good', may we as good stewards, care for all of your creation as you would want us to. Amen

Midweek United Benefice Services

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our weekly, midweek United Benefice services.



Our midweek United Benefice Holy Communion Services are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Mellor. These services are open to all from Balderstone, Mellor, Samlesbury and beyond and are followed by coffee and friendly chat. Please do come along for worship & fellowship.

Midweek United Benefice services are also held every Friday, at 4:00pm, when Rev'd Karen will be saying Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor. All are invited to join her as we pray for Church Growth across our parishes of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury.



United Benefice Diary Dates

For further details of any of these diary events, please see our event posters, read through the articles in our magazines or email unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

Date	Event	Time
5 th July	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	4:00pm
5 th July	Cathedral Youth Choir in Concert at Blackburn Cathedral	7:30pm
6 th July	Pop-Up Café at Mellor Village Hall	10:00am
6 th July	Clitheroe Women's Institute Annual Show at Brave Church, Oswaldtwistle	10:00am
6 th July	Lego Club at Mellor Library	10:30am
6 th July	Mellor Rose Queens attending The Rose Queen Crowning at St Leonard's, Langho	1:00pm
7 th July	Sports Sundae Service to be held at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School	4:00pm
8 th July	Churchwardens' Meeting via Zoom	6:00pm
9 th July	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's (Repeated Weekly)	9:30am
9 th July	Mellor Mothers' Union Summer Outing to Park Farm Garden Centre	
9 th July	Balderstone & District Women's Institute at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
10 th July	Organ Concert with John Robinson at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
10 th July	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury (Repeated Weekly)	7:00pm
12 th July	St Mary's Church Annual Summer Barbecue at Myre Ash House	7:00pm
12 th July	The Choristers Entertain at Blackburn Cathedral	7:00pm
17 th July	Little Steps Free Family Sessions for Children aged 2 – 5 at Mellor Library	9:30am
17 th July	Organ Concert with Philip Crozier at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
20 th July	Summer Vivaldi Concert at Manchester Cathedral	7:30pm
25 th July	Cathedral Community Garden Party at Whalley Abbey	2:30pm
3 rd Aug	Pop-Up Café at Mellor Village Hall	10:00am
3 rd Aug	Scarecrow Festival organised by Mellor Village Hall	
9 th Aug	Samlesbury Lunch Club at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	12:30pm
10 th Aug	National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain in Concert at Blackburn Cathedral	5:30pm
13 th Aug	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
13 th Aug	Balderstone & District Women's Institute at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
17 th Aug	Community Litter Pick at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	10:00am
26 th Aug	Martin Baker Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert at Blackburn Cathedral	11:00am
28 th Aug	Family Day at Whalley Abbey	10:30am
1 st Sept	Mellor Village Show at Mellor Village Hall	2:00pm
5 th Sept	Balderstone Church Social Committee Meeting at Pickering Fold Farm	7:30pm
7 th Sept	Lego Club at Mellor Library	10:30am
7 th Sept	Quiz Night at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	7:30pm
10 th Sept	United Benefice Concurrent PCC Meeting at Balderstone CE Primary School	7:00pm
10 th Sept	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
14 th Sept	Charity Coffee Morning at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	10:00am
14 th Sept	Community Litter Pick at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	10:00am
17 th Sept	Balderstone Mothers' Union Communion Service at 11 Long Meadow	2:00pm
20 th Sept	Talk about Samlesbury Hall by Dr Alan Crosby at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury	7:00pm
22 nd Sept	Rose Queen Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	11:00am

Our United Benefice Churchwardens

On a lovely sunny evening, at St Bartholomew's Church, Chipping, myself and our six United Benefice Church Wardens joined with the other Church Wardens and Clergy across Whalley Deanery for the annual Archdeacon Visitation Licensing Service. The service was led by Archdeacon Mark and it was a privilege to support Mary and Ryan (Balderstone), Sarah and Lloyd (Mellor) and Paul and John (Samlesbury) as they step up, either once again or for the first time, to serve God and their church and our wider Benefice. I give thanks to God for their hard work and support of me and I know that you will keep them in your prayers as they fulfil this important and necessary parish role. Rev'd Karen



I am delighted to have been recently elected as church warden for Balderstone, and I am looking forward to continuing my long-standing relationship with the community (and beyond). Over the years, I have been actively involved in the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the school's governing body.

I look forward to working with our dedicated team and warmly welcoming everyone to our beautiful and friendly church. As we move forward, we face significant challenges, including ensuring our financial stability and increasing church attendance. The future of our church also depends on the generous contributions of time from our community members. Volunteers are essential for maintaining our building and grounds, as well as for organising the many events we hold regularly. Together, we can overcome these challenges and continue to grow as a vibrant and welcoming church community.

Ryan Dixon

I am privileged to take on the role of Church Warden, for St Mary's, Mellor, working alongside Sarah, who has done an outstanding job, on her own, supporting Rev'd Karen and the church community. I'm aware the role of Church Warden, as any role supporting the church, is a task and has to be embraced or the church will no longer be able to open the doors and it takes all of us working together for the success of the church and the benefice.

I have previously lived in the area and was married at St Mary's. I was previously an active member of the choir, for a number of years, until we moved. We moved back to the area four years ago and renewed our worship again at church and I was encouraged, by Mrs Baldwin, to rejoin the choir.

Moving forward, I'm keen to be part of any projects supporting the growth and success of the church and the Benefice as a whole, helping support Rev'd Karen and the other members of our benefice, alongside the community, to progress spiritual relationships, friendships and symbiotic development of the benefice. I feel extremely blessed to be given this opportunity and am looking forward to challenges, opportunities and support within the church and the benefice.

Lloyd Brown



Mellor St Mary's Church Choir

June has been another busy month for our Church choir.

On the Second Sunday of Trinity, Margaret presented Tony, Eleanor, Maisie and Jasper to Rev'd Barbara, to be admitted to the choir.

We hope they will enjoy singing with us for many years to come.



"Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things." Psalm 98



On June 12th, choir members enjoyed a dinner at The Millstone Hotel. After a delicious meal, Rev'd Jane and Margaret recited the poem "The Alto's Lament." Then Margaret read out, in rhyme various joys of being a bass, tenor, alto or soprano in Mellor choir, which ended with

**"Long may we continue to sing together, giving performances strong and stellar,
So raise your glass and give a toast to the choir of St. Mary's Mellor."**



Finally, Bishop Philip appreciated the choir singing the full choral evensong at the Holy Communion and Confirmation Service on June 23rd.

Thank you to all our families and friends who support us each week.

Happy Holidays everyone,
Margaret Baldwin



[Our United Benefice Confirmation Service 2024](#)

It was a delight and privilege to welcome Bishop Philip to St Mary's Church, Mellor, for our United Benefice (UB) Confirmation Service, on the evening of 23rd June. It was a very special time for our four UB Candidates: Georgie D, Georgia W, Matilda, and Tony, and also Braedon, who joined us from St Mary's, Whalley. The families, friends and church families came out in force to support the four children and one adult, as they affirmed their baptism vows and as they were confirmed by the Bishop praying "Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit, Amen".

Afterwards, we all enjoyed refreshments provided and baked by St Mary's Mother's Union - a big thank you to our ladies.

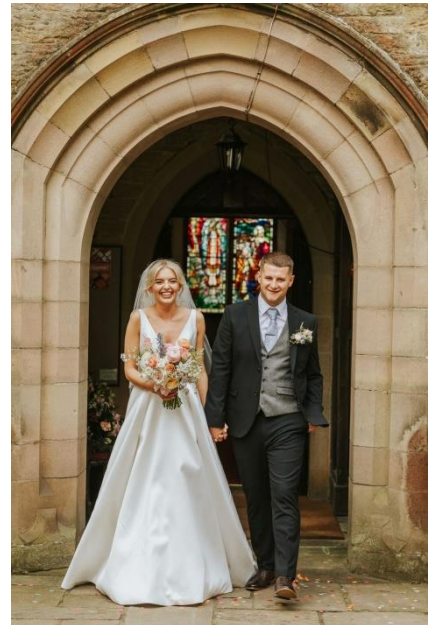
Also, a big thank you to the Choir who sang so beautifully and thanks to Rev'd Barbara and Canon Pam, who had been preparing the children over the last few weeks.

If anyone is interested in being Confirmed next year (from School Year 6 or any adult), please do have a chat with myself. I know from experience that this can be a very special service and marks an important step in our own faith journeys.

[Rev'd Karen](#)



[Let's Celebrate!](#)



We feel so blessed to have been married at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone, by Rev'd Barbara Pack on 11th May 2024, where our grandparents were also married. We would like to thank all those who helped to make our ceremony so special.

We are so grateful.

Mr and Mrs Brooks

(Photos by Olivia Whittaker Photography)



[Our New Samlesbury Rose Queen](#)

I'm Emily and I am this year's Rose Queen for St Leonard the Less Church Samlesbury. I'm 12 years old and attend Archbishop Temple Church of England High School and am a former Samlesbury CE Primary school pupil. In my spare time, I do cheerdance and football and I play as goalkeeper for my team. My attendants for this year are Matilda and Megan, who are both super excited to be helping me this year.



[Afternoon Tea at St Leonard's, Balderstone](#)

Thank you to Catherine, social committee members and all those involved in making preparations for and serving the Afternoon Tea on Saturday 15th June, which was enjoyed by many.

Tables set out in the school hall looked so inviting, as people arrived, before our school children and staff welcomed everyone and opened the Afternoon Tea with a lovely rendition of 'Happy'! Thank you to those parishioners who had spent time in preparing a variety of sandwiches, which were enjoyed along with sausage rolls and pies, while a table of enticing sweet treats awaited us to enjoy with our tea and coffee. Again, thank you to those who had taken time to prepare all these delicious cakes and scones.



Our Community Ukles group provided entertainment through the afternoon, before enjoying a well-earned Afternoon Tea themselves. The range of songs, performed by the group, were clearly enjoyed by both the audience and the musicians too.



Thank you to those who had prepared an Afternoon Tea themed quiz, to test our brains with multiple choice questions, anagrams and spot the difference pictures, which was won by The Tea Ladies! Thank you, also, to all those who had donated prizes for the raffle, which had been arranged in to four lovely food and drink hampers, won by Keith Roberts, Barbara Hewitt, Raymond Seedall and Erika Bargh.

This was a lovely way to start Balderstone's Open Garden Month, which continues in July, with one further event in August.

Samlesbury Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparations for this year's Samlesbury Garden Party, in any way, and to all those who attended on the day. From our Rose Queen crowning, to egg throwing, to the annual tug of war, a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



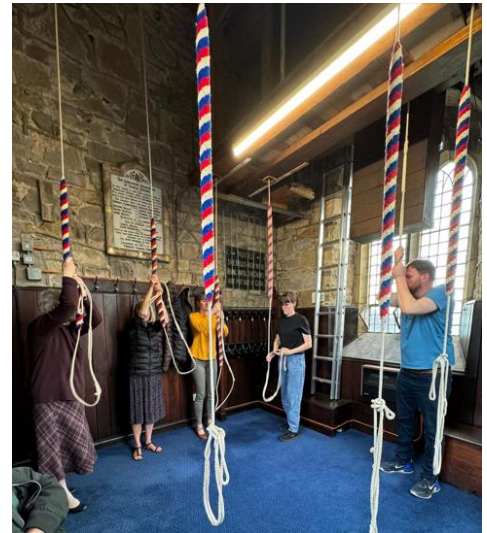
80th Anniversary of D-Day - Sablesbury Style

The evening began with the Parish Church Bellringers, as they joined church towers all over the country to ring at 6:30pm.



This was followed by food for well over a hundred people at our newly-opened Community Pub at Nab's Head.

After a speech by our local Deputy Lieutenant, Charles Hadcock, some walked (whilst others took the luxury transport provided), to the top of Hoolster Hill, After a speech by our local Deputy Lieutenant, Charles Hadcock, some walked (whilst others took the luxury transport provided), to the top of Hoolster Hill, where Charles lit the Beacon at 9:15pm. A proper one!



This was all to the accompaniment of wartime music – in the pub, on the bus and at the beacon. It was a memorable evening, in every sense, and culminated with The National Anthem.

Glen Clayton



80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings Beacon Lighting in Mellor

The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings Beacon Lighting took place at The Millennium View Point, Mellor Moor, Mellor, on Thursday 6th June 2024. Villagers departed Mellor Village Hall at 8:30pm to process to the View Point, accompanied by Balderstone Brass Band. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Edwin Booth CBE, lit the Beacon at 9:15pm, in unison with the other Beacon Lighting, to mark the occasion around the country.



Bicentenary Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre

The 200 year anniversary celebrations at Mellor Brook Community Centre turned out to be a splendid day all round! The weather was in our favour, the sun came out, after a dull start, and really made the day.

After months of planning, meetings, hard work, diligence and effort by the sub-committee, the day finally came to fruition and was enjoyed by one and all.

Thwaites Brewery made a special Amber ale for us, which we named "Mellow Brook", a play on words.

As it was a smooth, 3.5% amber ale, the name seemed appropriate.

Prosecco was donated by Edwin and Anne Booth, and the wine and soft drinks were purchased by the centre.



The cake stall was laden and groaning with the weight of wonderful cakes, baked by the local WI ladies, and cream scones were freshly baked by Sandersons Bakery on the day.

A birthday cake was also made for the celebration by one of the WI ladies, and that gave us all a chance to sing a rendition of Happy Birthday to the centre with the local Pop Up Choir!

As if that was not enough, the cake was cut by Joan Woolmington and Albert Britcliffe, with what I can only describe as King Arthur's sword! Joan and Albert have been volunteers at the centre for many years and have put time, effort and support into the centre and the community, so it felt only appropriate to ask them to do the honours of cutting the cake.



The entertainment was provided by the users of the centre on a regular basis, namely, the Toddler Group, The Community Ukeleles, Palatine Fiddlers, Pop Up Choir and the WI ladies.



Not forgetting the hard work which Balderstone School children and teachers put into two superb pieces of art work which were displayed in the main hall and gifted to the centre. They wrote an opening song about community, togetherness and love, which was sung by the school children. Along with that were the community interviews that the children had carried out in weeks previously. These were shown on the big screen in between the acts. The school ukuleles also provided entertainment on the day.

The Atrium was flooded with children and families all wanting their turn with the Tombola drum! The queue was continuous throughout the day and almost all the prizes were won. A raffle followed later in the afternoon with some fabulous prizes, all donated by the local community and a couple of local businesses which proved to be top end prizes!



The Platinum Jubilee garden proved to be an ideal place for people to gather, chat and catch up in the wonderful sunshine. Thanks to the gardening club, it was in tiptop condition and bedding plants were in full bloom.



Another positive attraction was the artefact stall. Over many months, the local community had donated and lent many scrapbooks, photo albums, old plans of the centre and a local Bible from 1822, with a family tree written inside, which was found, under the floorboards, in the Feilden's Arms pub. Lots of the adults could recognise themselves, or their children, in the albums and wedding photos.

All in all, we had a brilliant day and the turn out by the community was fantastic, which just goes to show how important this little corner of Mellor Brook is to the community. We thank you, one and all, for your support and long may it continue!

Anyone who would like to join the committee is more than welcome to do so. Please just get in touch and we can take it from there.

Julie Caton



St Mary's Church, Mellor – Annual Summer Barbecue

The Mellor Annual Summer BBQ is to be held, on Friday 12th July from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, by kind permission of Alan & Maureen Bell at their home, Myre Ash House, Mire Ash Brow, Mellor. Tickets are on sale at £10 each and can be bought from Rita (01254 812566), Debbie (01254 813559) or Helen.

Our chefs, Liz and Phil Skupski, will be barbecuing sausages and burgers, with a vegetarian option available, and strawberries and cream will also be served. A raffle will be held and refreshments of wine, beer and soft drinks will be available to buy.



Little Angels

What a fabulous meeting to round off the year before the Summer holidays! We were delighted to welcome Sarah, who involved the children in story time, with a craft activity (below left). Her colleague from the Diocese, Heather, chatted with parents and children, as well as preparing a



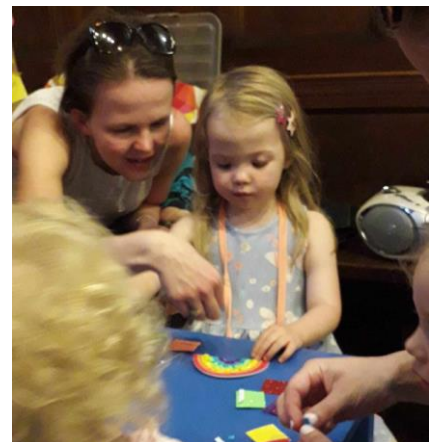
report for the Diocesan website. Hilda prepared refreshments, which were served by Gillian.

Mrs Higgins and Mrs Holroyd brought the younger children from school (right), who entertained us all with songs and bells.



Then, finally, Angela from Mellor Library encouraged the children to join in the Summer activities at Mellor Library.

What a busy afternoon, enjoyed by everyone, and three week old Reuben (right) slept through it all!



See you again in September. Have a safe and happy Summer. Rita Gorman

Pop-Up Café

The pop up café will be open, over the Summer, at Mellor Village Hall on Saturdays 6th July and 3rd August, serving hot drinks and cakes from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please call in – everyone welcome!

Balderstone Church Events

Very pleased to report that our new event, **The Summer Afternoon Tea Party**, held in June, was a success, despite the weather being very unsettled. It had to be held in school, but this didn't seem to affect the enjoyment of the afternoon. The wonderful Ukulele group entertained us all during the afternoon and the children certainly enjoyed the games. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this first time event so enjoyable. Huge thanks also to all who donated so generously for the raffle, provided the excellent food and helped in any way. It is always a real team effort for whatever we organise, right through from setting up to the clearing away. **Please also see the article on page nine in this magazine.**

Our **Open Garden Month** is currently underway with six gardens having now been opened. I managed to visit all six, which were excellent, and the variety of gardens is especially interesting. They were all very busy with visitors chatting and enjoying wonderful refreshments. Our thanks again to our hosts for their splendid hospitality. There are still three gardens to visit in July and one in August. If you would like any information, please contact me.

Please note our other events for 2024

- **Harvest Supper on Thursday 10th October**
- **Candle-lit Brass Band Concert on Sunday 1st December**
- **Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December**

The next Social Committee meeting is on **Thursday 5th September** at 7:30pm at Pickering Fold Farm, all welcome. We discuss upcoming and future events, so please join us with any ideas, suggestions, or have a word with me.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and thank you for your continued, vital support.

Many thanks,

Catherine Dixon (01772 877289 / 07976 550882 / catherinedixon13@icloud.com)

Mellor Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union members welcomed Ruth Mather from Balderstone Church, who gave us a friendly chat about the importance of fostering and adoption and how it promotes growth in children.

Ruth explained that some of her own close family have spent many years helping children in need. Many years ago, after traumatic work worries, Ruth's son-in-law was introduced to the idea of fostering by his church and, with the support of his wife, decided to go ahead. They have been helping children of all ages, from two months old to teenagers ever since and they feel it's been very rewarding to be giving help. Sometimes they are told about a child, who is to be placed with them, with only a few hours' notice which is challenging.

Giving us some statistics, Ruth informed us that, in England alone at this time, 43 400 children are being fostered and in 2023 there were 2 900 adoptions.

On behalf of the members, Ruth was thanked for giving her time to chat to us and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Rita.

Frances Jackson (Deputy Roving Reporter)

Balderstone Mothers' Union

We had a lovely lunch at The Millstone. Judging by the chatter and empty plates, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We were so pleased that Karen found time in her busy schedule to join us.

We close now for Summer and meet again in September.

Susan Baron



Mellor Brook Parent & Toddler Group

On Monday, 1st July, we had a lovely Toddler group celebrating Canada Day, with Maple leaf flags and wands to make for craft.

On 22nd June, we took part in Mellor Brook Community Centre's 200 Year Celebrations on film, showing different aspects of Toddler Group which we all enjoy, such as free play with all toys on offer, craft with homemade playdough, music and movement introducing nursery rhymes and story time, ending with rowing our boats and singing with a scarecrow.



We are now planning our End of Term Picnic Lunch Party when The Very Hungry Caterpillar will be invited! Janet Hindle will continue the theme with lovely Toddlers' Music Time. We can't wait! Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your picnic!

Everyone is welcome, parents and grandparents, to our happy, lovely group at Mellor Brook Community Centre (09:45 - 11:45) for £4.00 per family, each Monday, during term time. To request to join our Facebook group or for further information about our activities, please email me.britcliffe@btinternet.com.

Maureen Britcliffe (07940 709165)

Community Ukes

June was a busy month for the band.

Thankyou Balderstone for inviting us to play at the Summer Tea Party event. Although indoors, due to the weather, it was great to be able to use the stage and Cath and her team of helpers worked hard to make the event a success.

The band also enjoyed playing at the 200 Year Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre. This was truly a day we won't forget. Well done Julie and all those involved in making such a special day for us all to enjoy.

We are looking forward to our July gigs and a break in August.

The band is keen to welcome new members and take part in events where live music would be appropriate.

Janet Hindle (01254 813210)



Samlesbury Lunch Club

The next lunch club date is **Friday, 9th August** at 12:30pm. Anyone in the community, who would enjoy friendship and a meal, is very welcome. Although there is a suggested donation of £6, we are very happy for anyone who is less able to pay to join us. For those without transport, please let us know and we will arrange a driver to collect you. To book a lunch on Friday 9th August, please contact Grace Eastham on 01772 877076 or Gaynor Dockerill at gaynor.dockerill@gmail.com.

Balderstone and District Women's Institute



Our slower walking group visited one of our members' gardens and also wandered round the plantations, enjoying peace and nature at its best. Our more intrepid hikers visited Austwick and had a glorious walk through the Yorkshire Dales for approximately six miles.

At our monthly meeting, we were visited by an oncology nurse who showed us all the benefits of regular checks for the signs of cancer. Our members also helped at the 200th Anniversary of Mellor Brook Community Centre, which was a huge success. Well done to all who made it such a memorable day.

We hope that people will be able to go to the Clitheroe WI Annual Show on Saturday 6th July at Brave Church in Oswaldtwistle. We have over 2200 entries, so it should be a great day. Our meeting on 9th July will be a social evening for us all to get together and share our summer experiences.

Janet Edmondson

Knitted / Crocheted Heart Plea

I work for the Ribblesdale District Nurses and we are issuing a plea to anyone that can crotchet or knit to please spare some time to create some hearts for us. When someone sadly passes away, as nurses, we like to give the relatives of the deceased a heart.

The story behind this is as follows: During Covid lockdown, when no visitors were allowed, one of these crocheted or knitted hearts was placed with the deceased and one given to the relative to bring just a glimpse of comfort. This was welcomed with open arms.

If we fast forward to the present day, we are still trying to use these hearts, but our supply is short. The feedback from relatives is that these are so needed and we would like to carry on if we can.

If anyone feels they can help, or would like further information, please contact me on 07595 735788. I am happy to bring samples to work from, I have some wool I can give and I am happy to collect any hearts you can make.

Much love and thanks in advance, Clare Houldsworth



Charitable Donations Across Our United Benefice

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone from Samlesbury for their generosity in the recent collection for Christian Aid. We are delighted to report that £1038.89 has been collected (Gift Aid £374.16).



Royal British Legion

Thank you also for your donations to The Royal British Legion, following The 80th Anniversary of The D-Day Landings. A total of £241.36 was collected.



Glen Clayton

Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

This month, we have donated £25 to the Addison's Disease Self Help Group. We have also been able to donate £25 to the UK Sepsis Trust. Both of these Charities were suggested to us by Church members, so if you have any particular charitable organisation that you support, we would be happy to help.



Once again thank you, as always, for your support, without which we would not be able to make our donations.

The Card Ladies

Cancer Bank at Mellor Village Hall

Have you noticed The Cancer Bank Box in the entrance of Mellor Village Hall? Donations of any brand new products, in original packaging, of any of the following would be very much appreciated: soft hair brushes, transfer eyebrow tattoos, dark nail polish, large tooth combs, thermometers, shower sleeves, hats, gloves, scarves, snoods, headscarves, thermal slippers or socks, head bands, soft toothbrushes, non-alcoholic mouthwash, emollient cream, lip balm and hand sanitiser.

Every little bit helps! Thank you!

Who and What are we?



The Cancer Bank exists to support people going through treatment for cancer. We provide packages of essential items donated by the public in order to reduce the financial burden at an already difficult time for those beginning their cancer journey.



We do this via our network of volunteers and drop-off sites who collect donations from the public and help to get them into the right hands.

Our Core Values are; Community, Compassion, Care and Connection

What do we need?



Soft hair brushes, transfer eyebrow tattoos, dark nail polish, large tooth combs, thermometer, shower sleeves

Hats, gloves, scarves, snoods, headscarves, thermal slippers/socks (with grip soles), head bands.

[BRAND NEW PRODUCTS IN-PACKAGING ONLY]

Soft toothbrushes, non-alcoholic mouthwash, emollient cream (plain/perfume free/Lanolin free: Aveeno, E45, MooGoo, neuro genic, Aqueous Cream.), lip balm, hand sanitizer

Please note that we can only accept brand-new products in original packaging with labels. This is due to the risk of infection.

Charity Coffee Morning

We are holding a charity coffee morning from 10:00am – 1:30pm on Saturday, 14th September at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall. This year, the charities we have chosen to support are: CRY – Cardiac Risk in The Young, North West Air Ambulance and Prostate Cancer UK.



**PROSTATE
CANCER UK**



**NORTH WEST
Air Ambulance
CHARITY**

If anyone has any tombola or raffle prizes, which you would be happy to donate, please contact either me on 07773 442763 or any other member of the coffee morning team. All donations would be gratefully appreciated and we look forward to seeing you on 14th September.

Thank you, Imogen Eastham

Mellor Village Show

Plans are well under way for this year's show, which will take place on Sunday 1st September in Mellor Village Hall from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Categories include: Crafts, Flowers and Plants, Foliage and Flower Arrangements, Fruit and Vegetables, Home Produce, Children's Craft Section, Art and Photography. Please come along and enjoy all the exhibits, tea and cake in the cafe and the music of Balderstone Brass Band. If you would like to enter anything in the show, schedules and entry forms are available in local shops and in Mellor Library. Any queries please contact M Nicholson on 814121 or D Crooks on 812021. Find us on Facebook on www.facebook.com/mellorvillageshow.



Rose Queen Crowning at St Leonard's, Langho

Our Mellor Rose Queens, Bethany and Ruby, and their attendants, are looking forward to attending The Rose Queen Crowning at St Leonard's, Langho, on Saturday, 6th July. All welcome!



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**SATURDAY 6TH JULY
1.00PM TO 4.00PM**

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2024
ROSE QUEEN
CROWNING &
CELEBRATION**

- PROCESSION 1PM - FROM MYTTON FOLD CAR PARK
- CROWNING - ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, LANGHO
- CELEBRATION WITH BBQ, DRINKS, CAKES, STALLS & RAFFLE - BILLINGTON & LANGHO COMMUNITY HALL



**“ONE OF LANCASHIRE’S MOST PRECIOUS BUILDINGS
SAMLESBURY HALL & ITS OWNERS 1250 – 1950”**

7:00pm on FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER at ST LEONARD THE LESS CHURCH, SAMLESBURY
We warmly invite you to a fascinating talk, to be given by historian Dr Alan Crosby.
The evening is free, with cheese & wine to welcome you to our beautiful Church.



‘Let your light shine so that together in God’s Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow.’

Based on Matthew 5:14-16

We’re almost at the end of another academic year and what a fantastic year it’s been! But, there is still more to come such as the KS2 show; the church summer fayre; the teddy’s bears picnic, the choir is singing at a local concert in



Longridge on the 29th June; Bikeability, welcoming our new starters and families to school; reports and of course the very special time that is our year 6 children’s last few weeks in primary school. In the middle of all the busyness, our Christian value and Bible verse this half term is so true; He gives us a peace which the world can’t give. Let’s all take time to appreciate the peace Jesus brings to every situation we are in, as we look towards the end of term and new challenges ahead!

Infant Class:

Without doubt, I think the infants would say that the best day, so far, this half term, was their day at Fairhaven Lake. They found



some amazing creatures, created some beautiful beach art and enjoyed exploring the seaside. The weather stayed dry for them (which was amazing considering the rain we’ve had lately) even if they all ended up a bit windswept! An extra special thank you to our parent helpers and the staff at the RSPB at Fairhaven for a fabulous day of learning and fun – some very special memories were made!



Year 3 & 4:

It’s been another busy and exciting half term so far for Y3/4. From composing songs in PSHE, to learning about playscripts in English, we have worked hard and put a lot of effort into our learning. We really enjoyed making sculptures in art and investigating rocks, fossils and soil in science. We always enjoy PE and getting active, and we learned a lot from our cricket and tennis sessions this half term, helping us to think about co-operation, teamwork and communication during sports.

Miss Green





Year 5 & 6:



A huge well done to our cricket team - they finished on a high and won their final match at the inter-school competition at the Vernon-Carus Sports Club in Penwortham. They had

a fantastic time and worked together brilliantly as a team. They returned to school buzzing about the day



and loving cricket! A big thank you to Mrs Noblett, Mrs Little and Mrs Eastham for supporting the event and transport!

Year 5 and 6 are also preparing for Bikeability on the 26th June, so Dr Bike has already been in school to look at Bike Safety and make sure the children are all prepared. He carried out bike checking as well as minor repairs, for free, for anyone in the school community, which was fantastic!

Pupil Council:

As always, the pupil council have been busy in school supporting our two school charities: Compassion and Derian House. The pupil council raised all the money we needed last year to support our sponsored child, which is a fantastic achievement, and they'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported their work – what a difference we are making to a child's life in Brazil!

They would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated coins to our charity fundraiser on 10th June. The winning class with the longest line of coins (length divided by the number of children in the class, so it was completely fair!) was Year 3/4 with a whopping total length of 45.2m! The total amount raised was £121 and we also had a donation of £50 to Compassion. Not bad for loose change!



If you have a child who is looking for a school place and you'd like to look round our amazing school, then we would love to welcome you any time! Please do contact school, as we love welcoming visitors!

Louise Quayle & Lucy Sutton
Co-Headteachers



Celebrating Community

June has been all about building, celebration and supporting our community at Balderstone and beyond. We have had a series of Super Saturday events with St Leonard's Church Afternoon Tea, the Mellor Brook Community Bicentenary and then our own Summer Fun Evening.

Over the past month, we have taken part in a whole school project all about Mellor Brook. Our History Heroes team invited, planned and conducted interviews with the local residents to find out more about the history of the area and also how the area has changed over the years. We loved hearing all about the bakery, from Mr Sanderson, and how it was a café too. The children could not get over the fact that Mr Sanderson didn't have a fridge at one point!

Not only were the History Heroes in action, but our whole school made two detailed murals to adorn the walls of the Community Centre – one showing Mellor Brook in the present and one representing Mellor Brook from 1824! There were some amazing sketches of the old Mill, the Post Office, the Feildens and also the Thwaites horse and cart! We had the whole school up and around the Community Centre for two days sketching, painting, mapping and exploring the area, so we got a great understanding of the area and how it has changed.

Our Year 5 & 6 had the pleasure of working alongside the Ribble Urban Sketchers team at the end of the week and what a joy to work alongside artists (all with very different styles, working in different media) to produce the most amazing, high quality art pieces. We shall be announcing our new Community ACTS (Action in the Community Team) award scheme in partnership with Balderstone Parish Council in the coming months.

We celebrated with the two children / families from our Balderstone School family who were confirmed by Bishop Philip this month. Georgia and Matilda we rejoice in your decision and affirmation to follow Jesus and accept his gift of grace.

Our F.O.B.S. team did our whole school community proud at our Summer Fun evening this week. It is one of the highlights of the year, seeing our church, families and friends come together in fellowship. There are however some serious issues with the Soak the Teacher stall – as it seems to be far too popular! A huge thank you to our incredible FOBS team led by Janet Leaver, Megan Evans and Lisa Oddie. What a great evening of fun and laughter, highlighting the strength of community in our small school.

Mrs Gow and the Balderstone School Family

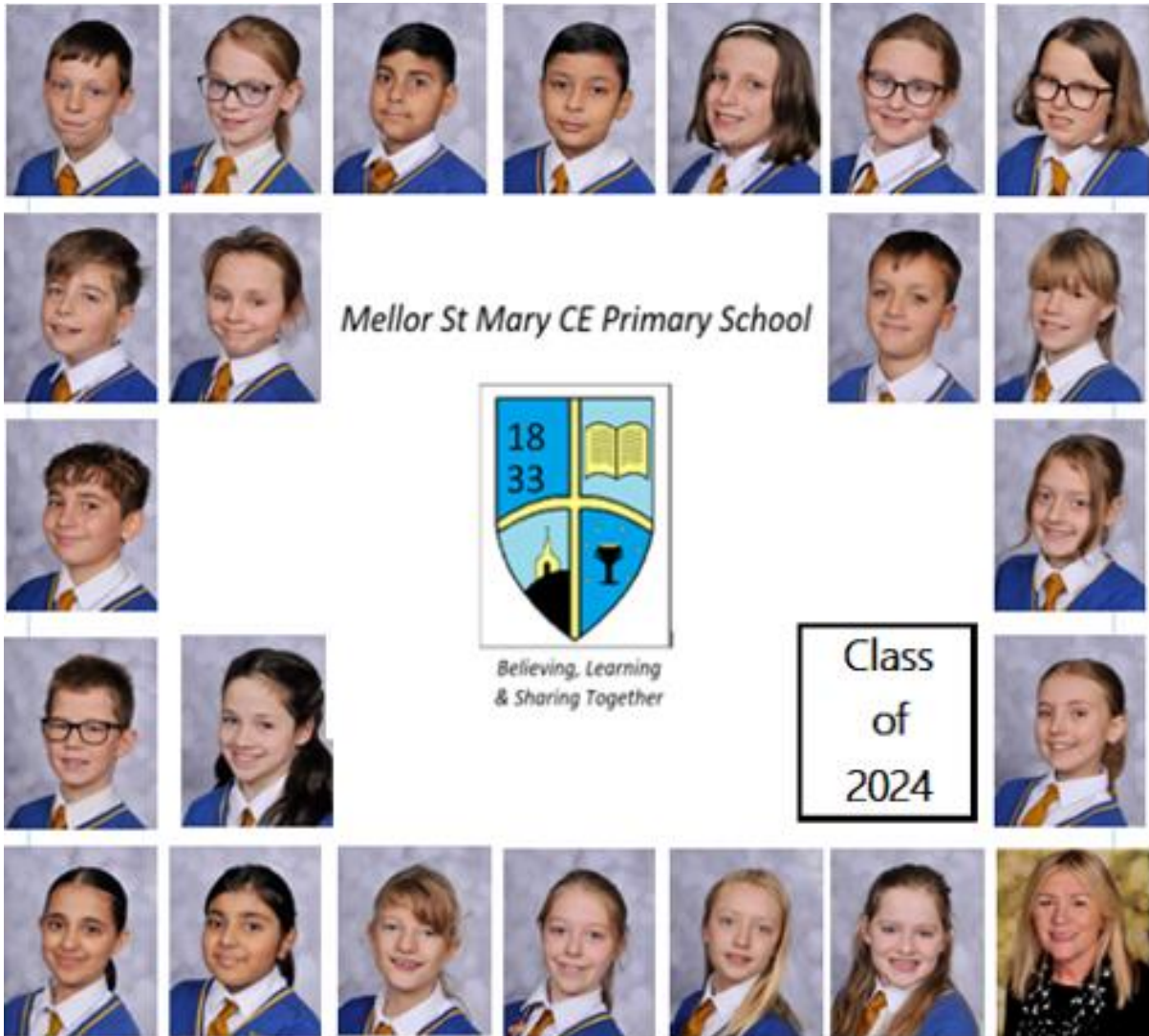


For with God nothing shall be impossible

We'll Meet Again...

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to Mrs Higgins and Year 6. Our school has been blessed by the presence of a fantastic teacher and 22 wonderful children, who have been amazing role models, as well as incredible living examples of our core Christian values. However, the time has come for them to move on. For the children, I hope that they will take with them all that they have learned and I hope they will always remember our guiding message: **'for with God, nothing shall be impossible.'** Luke 1:37.

As for Mrs Higgins, all I can say is that you have been the sunshine in our school each and every day and without your presence our school will feel a duller place. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your love and kindness to all our children, families and staff. You will be missed.



So, farewell Mrs Higgins and the Class of 2024.

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when,
but I know we'll meet again some sunny day.



Mellor Library Update

July / August 2024



Hello again and welcome to Summer! I'm hoping that the lovely few days we had in June won't be the last we see of the sunshine, especially as we're just coming up to the long school holidays! Talking of which, we're busy preparing for our Summer Reading Challenge



Attention! We need Reading Heroes, this Summer, in Lancashire's libraries!

Our **free Summer reading scheme** aimed at **children aged 4-11** will launch at the beginning of July, with children being challenged to read 5 books, complete technology tasks and become the heroes we need to save Lancashire from the mysterious UFO sightings and disappearances of books believed to be caused by a villainous alien known as "Blurb".

Become A Reading Superhero!

How do I become a Reading Superhero?

- Complete the reading part of the scheme
- Complete 3 tasks from a choice of 5 listed in the booklet.
- Complete **both** the reading section and the task section and be entered into a prize draw for one of 12 Lego kits up to a value of £50!

The tasks are:

- Join in with an event at your library this summer
- Create something great with an electronic device
- Use wind power to make a moving object
- Make something awesome that flies
- Visit a Lancashire museum or Lancashire Archives

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Please call into the library, with your children, to find out more, including how to sign up for the challenge. There are prizes to be won too!

****** I will also be visiting the local schools to launch this, once dates can be confirmed. ******



What's On in July and August?

No sooner has the Euro 2024 football championships come to an end (at the time of writing, England are still in it just!), we have Wimbledon, The Tour de France and The Olympic Games to look forward to! The library will have displays and fun activities on offer. I'm not sure we can set up a full-size tennis court, a cycle track or an athletics field, but I'll do my best!

We do have a wide range of non-sport books too and for those of you heading off on a summer break, why not pop in and choose some holiday reading!

Our next "Little Steps" monthly session will be held on 17th July in the library from 9.30am to 10.30am. *Please Note: Little Steps will not run in August.*

Our next "Lego Club" will be held on 6th July from 10.30am to 11.30am – adults are welcome too!

Finally, a request from me I'm hoping to put on a celebration to mark Mellor Library's birthday. The problem is I don't know much about its history or when it originally opened! I know the library was around in about 1970, as I used it (as a very small child!!) If anyone has any information or photographs, please let me know. Thanks 😊

July and August Books of the Month

Children

The way children's Book of the Month is delivered is being reviewed, so there are no designated titles for the month, however, we do have plenty of options available both as part of the Reading Heroes Challenge or simply for pleasure.

Adults



Adults



July

For over three hundred years, a curse has kept the Owens family from love – but all of that is about to change. The novel begins in a library, the best place for a story to be conjured, when beloved Aunt Jet Owens hears the deathwatch beetle and knows she has only seven days to live. Jet is not the only one in danger – the curse is already at work.

A frantic attempt to save a young man's life spurs three generations of the Owens women, and one long-lost brother, to use their unusual gifts to break the curse as they travel from Paris to London to the English countryside where their ancestor Maria Owens first practised the Unnamed Art. The younger generation discovers secrets that have been hidden from the in matters of both magic and love by Sally, their fiercely protective mother. As Kylie Owens uncovers the truth about who she is and what her own dark powers are, her Aunt Franny comes to understand that she is ready to sacrifice everything for her family, and Sally Owens realises that she is willing to give up everything for love.

August

When you're a kid, you imagine monsters to have horns and fangs. That they hide under the bed or in the wardrobe. And you believe they can only come after you when it's dark. You don't expect them to look like everyday people or that they may be someone you already know

The summer in question started out with fun-filled days and new friendships. We had just turned thirteen and had our whole lives ahead of us. But that was before her

Before we became known as the Hixton Five and our lives become defined by one night.

It's hard to believe twenty years have passed since she was locked away. But now she's free and strange things have started to happen.

When I close my eyes, the creeping anxiety and fear is overwhelming and all too real. Because the monster is back, and I know she has a score to settle with us.

[An Offer From Manchester Baroque](#)

A Summer Vivaldi Concert, including Vivaldi's Gloria, will be held at 7:30pm on Saturday 20th July at Manchester Cathedral. As a gesture of goodwill, Manchester Baroque are offering our parishioners a special offer of 50% off concert tickets (apart from the premium tickets). Please follow this link if you would like to book tickets.

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/706669376127/?discount=NWChurchesoffer>

[Events at Blackburn Cathedral](#)

A calendar of all services and events at Blackburn Cathedral can be found online at <https://blackburncathedral.com/events/>.

[Lunchtime Organ Concerts](#)

Blackburn Cathedral are continuing to host an international series of organ concerts on 10th and 17th July from 12:15pm – 1:00pm. The concerts are free, with a retiring collection. All are welcome.

[The Choristers Entertain](#)



The Choristers Entertain will take place from 7:00pm – 8:00pm on Friday 12th July in Blackburn Cathedral. This is an annual event which includes Blackburn Cathedral choristers playing and singing, perhaps in styles you wouldn't usually hear. Admission is free and a retiring collection will be taken in aid of the Lantern Music Trust.

[The National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain in Concert](#)



The National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain is the UK's leading brass band charity for children and young people. We exist to give the brightest young brass and percussion musicians the opportunity to develop their musicianship, play together and inspire others. Our Youth Band Summer Concert will be held in Blackburn Cathedral from 5:30pm – 8:00pm on Saturday 10th August.

[Events at Whalley Abbey](#)

Details of Whalley Abbey events can be found at <https://www.whalleyabbey.org/events> including:



A Walking Retreat, led by Mark and Gill Ireland, will be held from 4:00pm on Monday 12th August to 2:00pm on Thursday 15th August. Inspired by opportunities to walk each day in our beautiful surroundings, we shall reflect together on Moses' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Guests will need a reasonable level of everyday fitness, as we shall walk several miles each day.

FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY

Wednesday 28th August 2024
10.30 - 2.30

at Whalley Abbey

Come as a family for a day of games, storytelling and craft, as well as an opportunity to learn more about this incredible historical site.

All are welcome. Bring your own picnic lunch.



We're inviting you to bring your children to Whalley Abbey from 10:30am to 2:30pm on Wednesday 28th August for a day of games, storytelling and craft. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch. The day is organised by the Children's Work at the Diocese of Blackburn together with Whalley Abbey. In order to give us an idea of numbers for refreshments and crafts, please book beforehand.

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Quiz Nights at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

Quiz nights will resume again, in September, at the end of the school summer holidays. Please make a note of the following Samlesbury Memorial Hall quiz night dates for 2024: **7th September, 5th October, 9th November, 7th December.** Thank you, Caroline Coughlin



Samlesbury Area Civic Society News

Please put the following dates in your diary for our monthly litter picks:

Saturday 17th August

Saturday 14th September

Saturday 12th October

Saturday 16th November



On the above dates, please meet on Samlesbury War Memorial Hall car park at 10:00am, where all protective clothing will be provided. We try to send groups of at least two out together, for safety reasons. If you can come, for just an hour, we can really make a difference to our community.

Last year, we entered Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition, for the first time, attaining four certificates and, indeed, coming joint winner for The Memorial Hall. However, we have decided not to enter the competition, this year, as it was felt that to fully do our lovely village justice, we really do need a full team of residents to come on board. With that in mind, if anyone would like to help with entering the competition, in 2025, please do let us know, by contacting either John Evans at evansmob@yahoo.com or on 07962 121678 or by contacting myself at jcgreaves@btinternet.com or on 07910 235256.



Thank you, John Greaves

MELLOR BROOK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Whalley Road, Mellor Brook, BB2 7PR.

The Community Centre is the perfect venue for a variety of events such as private functions, children's parties, conferences and meetings. It offers excellent amenities including a fully equipped kitchen, conference room set-up, Wi-Fi and IT facilities, PA system and a brand new state of the art lighting rig. With excellent transport links, it's situated in a rural, yet central, location within the heart of the Ribble Valley.

Hire Costs Per Hour

For one off bookings: £15 Main Hall, £13 Front Room, £13 Foyer, £13 Upstairs Room, £4 Kitchen.

Regular weekly bookings: commercial organisations receive a one third discount and charitable organisations receive a two thirds discount off the standard hire rate.

Regular activities in Mellor Brook & District Community Centre, include:

- Parents and Toddlers on Mondays (09:45 - 11:45) during term time
- Brownies on Mondays (18:30 – 19:45) during term time
- Pilates on Mondays (20:00 – 21:00) see contact details below
- Palatine Fiddlers on Tuesdays (14:00 – 16:00)
- Cheryl's Dance Studios on Tuesdays (17:00 – 19:00) during term time
- Beavers on Wednesdays (18:15 - 19:45) during term time
- Little Voices BDRV on Thursdays (16:30 – 19:15) during term time
- Community Ukulele Group on Thursdays (19:30 – 21:30)
- Cheryl's Dance Studios on Fridays (17:00 – 19:00) during term time
- Film Club on Sundays – recommences in September

Pilates classes take place every Monday evening at 8:00pm. Come along and improve your core stability, enhancing posture, increase body strength and create leaner and stronger muscles. For further information, please phone Linda Walton on 07882 095449 or email lindawalton@live.com.

We now have a fully equipped training and meeting room upstairs with a projector, screen, flip chart and white board. To book this room, or for further information, please contact us using the details given below.

We continue in adhering to Covid 19 guidelines as issued by the government and Ribble Valley Halls Association.



Please check out our website www.mellorbrook.org, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064876410507> and X @MellorBrook for news and forthcoming events.

Contact Us

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Rachael Calvey

Mellor Library

<u>Opening Times</u>	
Day	Times
Monday	1pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9am - 1pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1pm - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

Mellor Library
6, St Mary's Gardens
Mellor
Blackburn
BB2 7JW

Librarian – Angela Preedy

All our libraries will be closed on bank and public holidays and some additional days.

About the Library

We are a warm and welcome space where you can access information, reading material, advice and spend time with others. During the winter months, hot drink supplies are available free of charge.

We have a wide range of books including fiction, non-fiction, large print and audio books. There is also a section on biographies, autobiographies and local history. We also have a dedicated children's area with appropriate reading material for all juniors.

The library has a Windows 10 desktop computer, a flatbed scanner, printing facilities and free Wi-Fi. (Printing charges apply.)

This offers access to the internet, word processing, spreadsheet, presentation and database applications and printing using the [People's Network](#) computers. Computers may be used for up to two hours a day, but may be restricted at peak periods, such as school holidays. You may be able to use a computer for longer, if demand allows.



Children under eight can use the computers, but they must be always accompanied by a responsible adult who logs in using their own library card number and PIN.

People's Network computers in libraries can be reserved, in advance. You will need your library card number and PIN. Just logon, select the library you want and book a session.

Please note that the computers are switched off ten minutes before the library closes.

An A4 photocopier is also available for public use (charges apply).

Events And Activities

<u>Get Online at Your Library</u>	<u>Little Steps Sessions</u>
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mellor Library, Ribbles Valley • Every Friday (2:00pm to 4:00pm) between 02/02/2024 and 31/01/2025 • Free event - no booking required. <p>Start your digital journey today. Free help to learn digital skills to apply for jobs, online forms, using email, find free entertainment, follow your hobbies and use public services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mellor Library, Ribbles Valley • 3rd Wednesday each month (9:30am to 10:30am) between 20/03/2024 and 29/01/2025 • Free event - no booking required. • Delivered in partnership with the Children and Family Wellbeing service. <p>Come along to this regular family session aimed at children aged 2 to 5. It's all about chatting, playing, reading, and learning.</p>

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For full contact details, of the businesses listed below, please view their adverts in our two advert supplements. To join our community of advertisers and place an advert, please contact Michael Oddie by emailing unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com. An advert costs just £25 for 12 months.

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Absolute Enigma Gallery	01254 820693
Andrew Ball Plumbing & Heating Ltd	07817 844002
Andy Brunnschweiler Car Servicing	07798 827224
AP Landscaping Limited	07845 177400
Balderstone Logs	07976 323221
Barton Grange	01995 642900
Ben Lewis Tree Services	07843 018973
Birch Health & Wellness	07987 036364
Booths The Good Grocers	01772 693800
Bowland IT Support Services	01254 947082
Bowland Vets	01254 311311
Canberra Fitness Centre	01254 765084
Community Ukes	01254 813210
C P Simm Fencing & Landscaping	07807 337717
Crochet Classes & Tuition with Keely Robertson	07904 590552
Deluxe Details (Vehicle Valeting & Paint Corrections)	07768 386747
D.J. Worcester Chimney Sweep	01772 616467
Elvey's Removals (Man & Van Service)	07568 067584
Evabel Sundecks	01254 813089
Fabric Box	07712 413904
Farleys Solicitors	01254 606000
Fired 4 U (Paint, Pottery and Clay Studio)	01772 203060
G.Cross Agricultural Engineering Ltd	07802 278525
GO Driver Training	07931 316109
Goose Foot Gin	07909 700311
Green Clean Upholstery & Stone Cleaning Services	07737 932607
Hair By Amy Campbell	07770 238258
Hatha Yoga – Live Yoga UK with Blair	07511 591880
Helping Hands Domestic & Commercial Cleaning	01254 812144
Heritage Café at Sablesbury Hall	01254 812010
Hoghton Contractors: David Devaney	07887 843085
Hoghton Village Vet	01254 782737
Home Care Mellor	01254 689981
Homewise Society: Home Improvements Handyperson – Small Repairs	01254 232249
Hoze-It Power Cleaning Services	07841 348290
Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors	01772 902345
James L Knowles Electrician	01772 877469
Jane's Hairstylist	01254 812677
Karina's Crafty Creations	07890 789138
Kerry Woods Photography	07894 878847
Let's Foster Carers (Mike Dixon)	07855 963740
Lilac Tree Interiors at Holland House Garden Centre	07714 794623
Little Roles Play Village	07746 135589
Mad Cow's Catering	07837 453497
Mellor Brook & District Community Centre	07436 271153
Mellor Plant UK	01254 812937
Mellor Pharmacy	01254 812999
M J Barton Contractors	07999 711926

M W Holdsworth Builder & Property Repairer	07970 200371
My Adventure Campers	07383 449449
N & T Construction	07503 053375
North West Autocare	01772 314873
NSS News	01772 455421
Old Oak Farm Nurseries Garden Centre	01254 852065
Osbaldeston Riding Centre	01254 813159
Pennine Service Station Ltd	01254 812715
Peter Whalley Plasterer	07709 673310
Pete's Sports Massage	07584 655855
Preston Garden Services Ltd	07855 974540
Progressive Wills Ltd	07543 238543
Promedica 24 Care At Home	01254 411004
Reform Health and Fitness (Pilates, Yoga and Barre)	07731 326014
Ribble Home Surveys	07764 490589
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