

United Benefice Magazine – June 2024

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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)

APCM Vicar Report

United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury, 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank you all, the Church Wardens, PCC, Church Officers and all involved in the many different areas of church life and in the various leadership roles. My heartfelt thanks also go to Rev'd Barbara and Canon Pam, who do so much and whose skills, gifts, and passion for the mission of God, in this place, is very much appreciated. I also want to thank every single person who is part of our church family. I really do regard you as family, as we have journeyed together over the nearly three years since I have been Vicar here with our United Benefice. I also want to thank Michael and Sam, our church administrators, who take up so much of the admin slack, who produce a fabulous Benefice Magazine and communicate all that we do through social media. I simply could not do what I do without them.

I can't believe how quickly 2023 came and went! It was a very busy year, and much progress has been made. I believe that we are seeing an upturn in growth, as the average attendance at our Sunday Services is slowly seeing an increase, which is wonderful. As you know, in October, we started saying BCP Evening Prayer, every Friday at 4pm, at Mellor to pray for growth in our faith, discipleship, numbers and finances and I believe that God is honouring those prayers. Even our numbers at Evening Prayer are regularly between 8 – 11 people each Friday, which is really encouraging. Our Mid-week United Benefice Holy Communion Service, on a Tuesday, has easily doubled since I came here and we regularly get around 20-24 people from across our United Benefice attending, with more coming for the coffee morning afterwards. This is a source of joy.

As ever, our Life Events have kept us all busy in this important part of our ministry and mission across the Benefice. In 2023, there were a total of 17 Baptisms (3, 4, 10 for BMS respectively), 3 Weddings (1, 0, 2), 18 Funerals (4, 11, 3), 11 Interment of ashes (6, 5, 0) and one Thanksgiving / Memorial Service for Samlesbury. We sadly lost some very cherished members of our church families and communities and our prayers are with those who love and miss them. The Magazine has grown in content and readership, with it now being emailed to 569 email addresses, with business adverts raising a total of £2475, split across our three parishes. As well as the 'normal' ministry and mission that happens, we have also been looking at new ways of engaging. Our Golden Opportunity Services has led to Festivals of Hope and Light, Pizza and Praise and Pet Blessings. Forest Church has also continued to grow and encourage families, children and young people. We have crowned not only one Rose Queen, but two Rose Queens for Mellor, our wonderful Bethany and Ruby, and also Oscar, our very first Rose King in Samlesbury. Finally, we kick started our Vision Action Plan, in September, with a PCC Away Day, and consultations have been ongoing since with our congregations, schools and communities. This was part of my message, last year, that we need to appraise what we do and why we do it, so that we can grow and have a shared vision across our United Benefice, which will mean change but will also bring exciting opportunities. I will leave you again, as last year, with this verse, as we look ahead to what God has got in store for us and give thanks for His blessings. **“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”** (Joshua 1:9)

With my prayers and God's blessing I present my report, **Rev'd Karen**

Christ Centered...Kingdom Focused

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 21 of this magazine. The Vicarage office phone number is 01254 814041 and the email address is unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

United Benefice Church Services: June 2024

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 2 nd June	09:30 Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th June	11:00 All Age Worship	09:30 Mothers' Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Sunday 16 th June	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd June	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Service	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday 23 rd June	18:30 United Benefice Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor		
Sunday 30 th June	09:30 United Benefice Joint Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor		

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.


Balderstone 3rd, 5th June
 Mellor 10th, 12th, 13th June
 Samlesbury 17th, 19th, 20th June
 Balderstone 24th, 26th, 27th June
 Mellor 1st, 3rd, 4th July



Please note there will be no morning prayer on Thursday 6th June.

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.

	Inspiring Children and Young People to raise up a new generation for Christ
Week 1	Lord God, help us to disciple and nurture children and young people in their Faith. Amen
Week 2	Jesus, continue to inspire us to hold regular worship that is accessible and appealing to children and young people and their families. Amen
Week 3	Father, we pray for growth in the numbers of leaders of children and young people. Amen
Week 4	Lord Jesus, we thank you for our excellent relationships with our Benefice schools, we pray for even closer partnership working and a vision for our 11-16 year olds. Amen.

Peter Hobkirk

Christine and her family would like to say a huge "Thank you" to Rev'd Karen and her church support team for their help and guidance in preparing the church for Peter's funeral. The service went ahead beautifully and the feeding back from the attendees has been heartwarming.



Special thanks to Margaret Baldwin and to George and Mark Smith, all of whom helped to make it such a special service. Thank you also for the messages of sympathy and support, for the kind donations to Dementia UK and for the continuing support of friends and neighbours at this difficult and very sad time.

Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

This month, we have been able to support Dementia UK by donating £25 in memory of Peter Hobkirk. We have also donated £25 to Marie Curie Charity in memory of Pat Webster.

If you are likely to be involved in any activity that is being sponsored for a charity then please let us know how you get on - we may be able to help. We thank you very much for your support, as always.

The Card Ladies

United Benefice Confirmations 2024

Please note that, sadly, as Right Rev Bishop Cyril Ashton is unwell, the time of this year's United Benefice Confirmation Service has changed. Our Confirmation Service will now take place at the slightly later time of 6:30pm on Sunday, 23rd June, at St Mary's Church, Mellor, with Bishop Philip North.

Our confirmation candidates have been enjoying their preparation classes, with Rev'd Barbara and Canon Pam, and everyone is invited to celebrate this special service with our candidates on 23rd June.



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.





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.



Mothers' Union Whalley Deanery Festival

Margaret Ashton, Mellor Mothers' Union Branch Leader, invited members from all Mothers' Union branches in the Whalley Deanery to a Festival Service, which was held in St Mary's Church on May 1st, where a parade of representational banners opened the service to more than a hundred attendees.



Rev'd Karen, assisted by Margaret Ashton and Rita Gorman, administered Holy Communion, whilst Members of Mellor Choir sang, led by our choirmaster, Margaret Baldwin, and everyone enjoyed and appreciated the music.

Long service awards were presented by Gill Ireland, Diocesan President, with some for as long as sixty-five years, which included one for Janet Hartley for forty-five years, which was received by Canon John on Janet's behalf.



The service concluded with the withdrawal of the banners and everyone was invited to remain for tea and an array of home baked cakes.

Frances Jackson (Deputy Roving Reporter)

Forest Church at St Leonard's, Balderstone

Our Forest Church service focussed on the wonderful ways we are helped to navigate life by God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit.

As always, we turned to nature to help us appreciate the theme of the service. Our special guest was Gail the Snail from Clayton le dale. We learned how snails have three great features which help them navigate life as smoothly as possible.



We admired Gail's super shell and discovered that, not only does it protect her from predators, from cold winters and hot summers, but it is with her all her life. We were amazed by Gail's fabulous foot which has the strength to grip a surface so well that she can travel up, down and even upside down. We were mesmerised by Gail's marvellous mucus which gives her the ability to show other snails the path to follow.

Aware that not everyone likes snails in their gardens, we decided to give Gail a wonderful welcome and take her to live in the Bug Hotel on the school field. Although in need of a little refurbishment, Gail was very pleased with her new home. By the time the children had completed the renovation work using a fabulous array of items brought from home, the Bug Hotel was transformed into a Minibeast Mansion!



Rev'd Karen reflected on what we had learned about snails and linked this to the Trinity Sunday prayer which reminds us that we have one God who is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is with us now and for ever. This perfect unity of love helps us navigate life. God created the universe, he cares for it and wants to protect it. God made his love known in the world offering us a way of life that gives us the strength we need to cope with all the ups and downs. God is always with us, guiding us and encouraging us to show others the way.

A Prayer for Trinity Sunday

*Almighty and eternal God,
You have revealed yourself as Father, Son and
Holy Spirit,
And live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
Hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you
in all your ways
And evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
Who are three Persons, yet one God, now and
for ever.*

Amen

Our fabulous ukulele group accompanied us singing "I've found the Spirit" and the children used the actions they use in school worship for God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit.

After creating snail cakes using a selection of delicious chocolatey treats, the children and grown-ups enjoyed weaving wool to make beautiful snail shells.



We look forward to more fun and fellowship at Holiday Church on Sunday 28th July. More details will follow, next month. Please join us. Everyone welcome!

Rosemary Cummins

Walking Day at St Leonard's, Balderstone



We were blessed with blue skies and glorious sunshine for our 2024 Walking Day at St Leonard's, Balderstone. Many thanks to everyone involved in organising and contributing to such a lovely



afternoon: to Catherine and the Social Committee, to Balderstone Brass Band, to all who prepared the delicious cakes, to those who served drinks and ice cream and to those who kept the children thoroughly entertained by organising the variety of races, giving out sweets and writing certificates. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all!



United Benefice (Balderstone, Mellor & Sablesbury) Churchwardens' Meeting

13th May 2024

Present: Karen Herschell, Sarah Lees, Ryan Dixon, John Eastham, and Paul Daunton.
Peter Singleton and Mary Shorthouse sent their apologies.

The meeting opened with a prayer and a warm welcome to one of our new Church Warden for Balderstone, Ryan Dixon. Lloyd Brown (new Church Warden for Mellor) was unable to make the meeting.

1. We discussed and considered all the feedback that Karen has had regarding the Mission Action Plan – the Away Day output, questionnaire from the parishes, family services feedback and the Benefice schools' children's joint council discussion. Karen had also produced some notes helping to bring all these strands together under some general bullet points to aid future discussion at the PCCs – this will be included in the next Newsletter and covers Services of Worship; People; Committees; Social & Fundraising Events / Initiatives; Churchyards, Buildings and Energy Usage; Finance and External Liaison / Communications. The church wardens' thoughts were that all the feedback could loosely be grouped under the headings of 'Young People', 'Technology' and 'Outreach' and that perhaps these three areas could form the basis of any Action Plan. This obviously needs further discussion and agreement at PCC level.
2. The Confirmation date will still be Sunday 23rd of June, but the time has had to be moved to 18:30 to accommodate Bishop Philip taking the service instead of Bishop Cyril, who is ill. Please pray for Bishop Cyril and his recovery.
3. The annual swearing in service of the Whalley Deanery Church Wardens will be held at St Bartholomew's Church in Chipping on Wednesday 5th June, starting promptly at 19:00. All the Benefice church wardens are encouraged to attend, but there are other dates / venues available, if necessary.
4. The next Concurrent United Benefice PCC meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th June, starting at 19:00 and it is planned for this to take place at Mellor School.
5. We discussed how often we should hold the church wardens' meetings, now that Karen has been in post for a while and things have settled down across the Benefice. We decided to move to holding meetings every other month, but would use the church wardens' 'Whats App' group to keep in touch for any urgent business.

The meeting closed with The Grace.

The next meeting will be on Zoom and is planned for 8th July 2024.

Thank you!

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with and attended The Last Night of Mellor Proms. Fantastic teamwork helped to raise £2055 towards Mellor Church Building Fund.

Thank you,
Margaret Baldwin



The Last Night Of Mellor Proms

On Friday evening, May 24th at 7:00pm, we assembled in Mellor Church for a musical evening, organised by Margaret Baldwin, so we knew we were in for a good night! All were given a programme at the door, after we bought Raffle Tickets – which I think is compulsory at a church fund raising event!!

The evening started with a wonderful rendering of "Thine Be The Glory" and the audience really gave it all they could. It was great to hear such a sound. We then settled down to hear Helen Holroyd being "serenaded" by David, her husband. Please note I did not say "sung" by him!! This was followed by our Church Choir singing a Musical Medley from shows and films for us. There was a quiz to go with this, but I was enjoying the singing so much that I forgot to write the answers down, so I didn't win!

Ann Minoprio and Barbara Bibby won the Musical Medley Quiz, which had eight songs from seven musicals.

The next item was quieter with Christine Walker on the violin and Ken Moulden on the flute, playing a calming piece called Tourdion, accompanied by Julie McGurty on keyboard and George Smith on drum.



After such a varied start to the evening, we then enjoyed Kiddie Choir singing a selection of songs from children's films, which was fantastic. It was just wonderful to see them get their mouths round **SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS** from Mary Poppins!

It said on the programme a "Special Guest Artist", so everyone was on the edge of their seats wondering who this might be!! Then, out came "ELVIS" all dressed in silver, with sunglasses, and what a performance he gave us all. I must admit he looked a lot like Bill Shaw, from the church choir, but I could have been mistaken!!



We thought after all that singing, from various groups, we would have to sit quietly to listen to music played by "The Community Ukes", but oh no, not tonight, as Janet Hindle, the Community Ukes leader, had other ideas for us! The songs came from 1925 to 2000 and we all joined in, especially with the songs from our youth! This all finished with our church choir joining in singing "Thank You For The Music" by ABBA.



At the end of all this great music, Peter Singleton, from Balderstone Church, played the organ, as Margaret was conducting the audience to sing Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia and The National Anthem. Flags of all sizes were waved and there was much clapping to round off a wonderful evening of song and music.

There was also a stall, where wine and soft drinks, plus snacks, were available to purchase.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed, in any way, to make this evening of music such a great success, raising over £2000 for Mellor Church Roof Building Fund.

Joan Moss

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
1 st Jun	Crochet Summer Flower Wreath Workshop at Whalley Abbey	9:30am
1 st Jun	Pop-Up Café at Mellor Village Hall	10:00am
1 st Jun	Lego Club at Mellor Library	10:30am
4 th Jun	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's (Repeated Weekly)	9:30am
4 th Jun	Spiritual Encounter Day with Bishop Jill at Whalley Abbey	10:00am
4 th Jun	Confirmation Class Six at Samlesbury CE Primary School	6:00pm
5 th Jun	Organ Concert with John Robinson at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
5 th Jun	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	6:30pm
5 th Jun	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury (Repeated Weekly)	7:00pm
5 th Jun	Swearing in Service of Church Wardens at St Bartholomew's, Chipping	7:00pm
6 th Jun	Man Alive 2024 at Blackburn Cathedral	7:30pm
7 th Jun	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	4:00pm
9 th Jun	County Service for the 80 th Anniversary of D-Day at Blackburn Cathedral	4:00pm
10 th Jun	Quiet Day: I am the Potter with Wendy Foot at Whalley Abbey	10:00am
11 th Jun	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
11 th Jun	Balderstone & District Women's Institute at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
12 th Jun	Organ Concert with Timara Easter at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
12 th Jun	St Mary's Choir Dinner at The Millstone, Mellor	6:00pm
14 th Jun	Samlesbury Lunch Club at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	12:30pm
14 th Jun	Chapterhouse – Beauty and The Beast at Blackburn Cathedral	6:30pm
15 th Jun	Community Litter Pick at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	10:00am
15 th Jun	St Leonard's Summer Afternoon Tea Party at Balderstone CE Primary School	2:30pm
15 th Jun	An Evening with Radiohead at Blackburn Cathedral	7:30pm
18 th Jun	Confirmation Service Rehearsal at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:00pm
18 th Jun	United Benefice Concurrent PCC Meeting at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School	7:00pm
19 th Jun	Little Steps Free Family Sessions for Children aged 2 – 5 at Mellor Library	9:30am
19 th Jun	Organ Concert with Margaret Harper at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
22 nd Jun	Bicentenary Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre	2:00pm
23 rd Jun	Toddler Group Day of Prayer at Whalley Abbey	2:00pm
23 rd Jun	United Benefice Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
25 th Jun	Balderstone Mothers' Union Lunch at The Millstone, Mellor	12:30pm
25 th Jun	Little Angels at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2:15pm
26 th Jun	Organ Concert with Victoria Ulriksen at Blackburn Cathedral	12:15pm
28 th Jun	FOSMS Summer Gala at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School	3:00pm
29 th Jun	Samlesbury Garden Party at Samlesbury CE Primary School	12:00pm
29 th Jun	St Leonard's Summer Fun Night at Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary School	5:00pm
1 st July	Quiet Day: Look at the Birds with Simon Skidmore at Whalley Abbey	9:30am
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

Samlesbury Garden Party

Samlesbury's Annual Garden Party is being held on Saturday 29th June, starting at 12 noon, with the crowning of our new Rose Queen, Emily Metcalfe. There will be a BBQ and refreshments, throughout the day, along with games, competitions, tombola, a raffle and much more. There is a competition to create an image of the church, explained in more detail below, which is open for all ages - so let's get creative!

Gaynor Dockerill

This year, at our Garden party, we are running a competition 'Our Church in any Medium'. This is open for all ages and we'd like you to be as creative as possible. Paint, collage, draw or you could even make a 3D model from cake or clay! The possibilities are endless. Please bring your entry to the school field, when the garden party opens at 12:00pm. There will be prizes for the winners in each class: pre-school, infants, juniors, high school and adults. We are looking forward to seeing your creative interpretations of our church!

Joanne Eastham

Balderstone Mothers' Union

Janet Hindle was our speaker in May. She looks at the writers of hymns and their lives. It is fascinating to learn about these people and how they came to write and also compose tunes for the hymns. We sang a few verses of each, accompanied by Janet on the ukulele. I hope we weren't too out of tune!! They were all from our hymn book, which we use in church, so we were familiar with most of them. A big thank you goes to Janet, as I know how much time and effort it takes in her busy schedule.

A couple of us attended Whalley Deanery Festival hosted by Mellor Mothers' Union, which was a lovely service. Thanks to Mellor, their choir and Karen for a very uplifting evening.

We meet again for lunch at The Millstone in Mellor on June 25th at 12:30pm. If anyone would like to join us, please do contact me on 01254 814019.

We then close for the summer, so our next meeting will be in September. Whatever you are planning, I hope you all have a very relaxing time, with some good weather.

Susan Baron

Little Angels

We were delighted to welcome Angela, from Mellor Library, to our meeting in May. The children listened, as Angela read a favourite story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. Then we all had lots of fun blowing bubbles!

Thank you, Angela, for bringing smiles and so much fun to our afternoon!

We meet again on 25th June, when Sarah will be bringing her colleague, Heather, from the Diocesan Digital Media Team, in support of and encouraging the National Month of Prayer for church toddler groups. We hope to have a good turnout for our last session before the Summer holiday break.

Rita Gorman



Balderstone Church Events

Summer Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 15th June at 2:30pm.

As mentioned last month, this event will be a change from the Summer Fair. It will be held on the school playground / field, weather permitting. However, we are able to hold it in school, if the weather isn't good. The entrance cost is £10 for adults, please, while children will be free. This cost includes the afternoon tea. The wonderful Ukulele group will be playing during the afternoon and there will be games on the field for the children, or in school. There will be a plant stall, quiz and raffle, with three food and drink hampers in the raffle. If you are able to donate anything suitable, we would be extremely grateful. These donations can be left in school, church, or passed on to me. If you have time, they could also be dropped off at Pickering Fold Farm, Bezza Lane, BB2 7LQ.

Open Garden Month

The Afternoon Tea Party is the start of our **Open Garden Month**, which will end sometime around Saturday 13th July, or possibly beyond. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet, chat and relax in lovely gardens: small, medium or large. In the past money, raised has been shared between church and a chosen charity. This year, the charity will be The Brain Tumour Charity, and possibly one other, depending on the amount raised. Many thanks to those who have already offered to open their gardens. Programmes should be available sometime next week.

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 or just contact me.

Please keep supporting our events, with family and friends, as they are such an important part of our church and community.

Many thanks,

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

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





Together Through 'Testing' Times!

May is always a phenomenally eventful time of year in all primary schools, Balderstone included! It is the start of the busiest assessment period, with our Year 6 pupils sitting their SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) and also our younger pupils preparing for their Multiplication tables test and the infant children getting ready for their phonics test. With so much testing going on in the Summer term you would think that was all that was going on.....but no!

This is a time of year when community and a sense of family comes to its fruition, as the Bible verse from which our mission statement derives clearly states, "to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," and we certainly need God's love when times are at their most 'testing'. The SATS (testing week) in school, this year, really opened my eyes afresh to the loving community that surrounds our children at Balderstone. Not only had our class teachers been giving up their own time and expertise, over the previous weeks and months, to support the children on an individual level, making sure that those children who were unsure about certain topics went into the testing period the most confident and comfortable they could be, but our governing body team also rallied around our children and staff, coming into school EVERY day of the tests to support, reassure and encourage our school family. Every testing day began with a Balderstone Brekkie – with some delicious treats provided by Mrs Burton and the school council – we had toast, waffles, pancakes and brioche. Then Mrs Heyworth and Mrs Cast led a full-on Just Dance session, with all the children and staff dancing away any nerves in a high-energy workout! It was a joy to hear raucous laughter, see teachers (and headteachers) being silly and having fun with the children, to remind them that life can be testing, but you can still face it with a smile. Then the children were prayed over, as they sat completing some mindfulness colouring, getting themselves calmed and in the spirit for doing the very best they could. What heartened us the most during SATS week, was the tangible love that was evident in that school hall – that no child felt the need to be upset or stressed, but could flourish and do their best, surrounded by a school community who knew them well and would support them through the 'testing times'.

We finished the testing period off with an amazing city trip to thank all the children in Year 5 and 6, as we spent a long and exciting day in York. We went back in time to chart the history of the area – exploring the Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Victorian periods, through some hands-on archaeology at 'Dig' and then on to Jorvik to travel through the streets of this bustling trading post. We finished a busy day with a walk through the Shambles (the staff looked rather enviously into the window at Betty's Tea Room) and then went to explore the history of rail travel at the Railway Museum. Through one of the busiest couple of weeks in our school, we give thanks for the fact that through the most testing of times, it is our school family that keeps us 'rooted and grounded in God's love'.

Mrs Gow and the Balderstone School Family

FOBS (Friends of Balderstone School)



The Friends of Balderstone School are hosting a Summer Fun Night on Saturday 29th June from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary School. Fun activities on the evening will include: a climbing wall, inflatables, a barbecue (with halal options available), a band, DJ, face painting, soak the teacher, a raffle, toy tombola and much more. Tickets are just £5 per family and free parking is available. Please note this is a cash only event. Everyone welcome!



'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

Our Christian value this half term has been wisdom, and our bible verse has been: 'Search for wisdom like silver. Search for it like hidden treasure.' We have



certainly been doing lots of searching for wisdom in both our learning and in growing to be people who live more and more by our Christian values. Read on to find out more about some of the learning and activities we have been doing this half term.

Our wonderful Infants have worked so hard on their Values homework this half term, linked to our 'Wisdom' Bible verse - '**Look for wisdom like silver. Search for it like hidden treasure.**' (Proverbs 2:4).



We are so proud of how creative they have been! A huge thank you to the amazing families who have supported their children with their learning at home.



Year 1 and 2 have also been making smoothies in DT this half term! First, they needed to taste test the ingredients - the lemon had mixed reviews! After they had created their smoothies, they sat in the gorgeous sunshine to enjoy them – let's hope for more sun this summer, after some very wet weather!



Year 3 and 4 have been having so much fun in science, this half term, and have worked really hard to identify and group rocks based on their appearance and properties. They've also investigated how fossils are formed using sweets and bread to represent the different layers of sediment



and the organic objects that become covered over time.



Year 3 & 4 are learning about places of worship in RE, so as part of their studies, they had a morning to explore our own church: St Leonard-the-Less. They had a fabulous time and found out so much new information about our church that they didn't know before!



It's been a super busy half term for year 5 and 6 (but especially for year 6) with lots of SATs preparation! Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved day where they got to choose their learning at the end



of SATs week and sport was a very big part of their day! A huge well done to year 6 for all their hard work for SATS – we are so proud of them all and how they



have supported each other! In Art and Design, they've also been working on their weaving skills as well as learning about sheep products.



Samlesbury
Church of England
Primary School

Learning, Growing and Inspiring others through God's Love and Grace.

Drop in during our open day to see for yourself what makes Samlesbury such a successful, happy and welcoming community.

- Strong Christian Ethos, inclusive of all.
- A family feel where everyone knows each other.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club run by school staff.
- Forest School for all year groups.
- Excellent results.
- Enrichment activities, clubs and trips.
- Fantastic grounds.
- High staff to pupil ratio.

VISIT US!

Get in touch to arrange a time to come and see our amazing school in action.




For more information:
Web: samlesburyprimary.co.uk
Facebook: [Samlesbury CE Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/Samlesbury-CE-Primary-School/)
Email: info@samlesburyprimary.co.uk
Phone: 01772 877200




If you have a child who is starting reception in September 2024 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



For with God nothing shall be impossible

This month's 'news from the classroom' is from the infants, who had a fantastic trip, last month, to Fleetwood's Maritime Museum, as part of their Summer term theme: 'Why do we love to be beside the seaside?'

As part of this trip, the children tried on traditional Victorian costumes, learnt all about Victorian schooling and how to behave in a Victorian guesthouse – no elbows on the table! They also learnt about how people traditionally travelled to the coast by steam train and finished the day off with a good old Punch and Judy show. Needless to say, much fun was had by all. The children then wrote thank you letters back to the museum staff to say a huge thank you for making it a brilliant day.



Tuesday 14th May 2024 ☺

LO: To write a letter to record learning experiences of Fleetwood museum.

S.C.: Orally compose each sentence ✓
P./? : L : spelling / spaces / handwriting ✓
write a letter to museum staff to record experiences from our visit to Fleetwood ✓

Dear school master.

Thank you for doing the
petle pichs ^{pictures}. When I was on
the coach my head
was bursting with excitement.
It was so good. I liked
every little bit of it.
It was the best trip I
have ever been on.
It was so good my
hed was going to
burst with happiness.
I rearly like it.
Thank you for evry
thing. The day was so
goods. Love from Osiana

FOSMS (Friends of St Mary School)

As we head into the last few weeks of the school year, there's no sign of things slowing down for FOSMS. We have been hard at work planning events and working on exciting plans for the coming months and into the next academic year. We'd like to thank everybody that helps support all we do as we work towards our goal of making a genuine difference to the children in our small village school.



Summer Gala

Friday 28th June, 3-5pm - **EVERYBODY WELCOME**

Our next big community fundraising event is our famous Summer Gala which will be held straight after school on the 28th June. It's always a great occasion and everybody is welcome to join us. There's fun for everyone including:

- Raffle and Tombolas
- Prize Games and Class Stalls
- Hair braiding and Face Painting
- Sweet Treats and Popcorn
- Ice Lollies and Cakes
- Hot and Cold Drinks
- Plus loads of fun activities!

Free entry - Donations Welcomed

Please see the poster for full details. This fun event is open to all and is not to be missed.

We're keen to welcome as many of the local community as possible to come and join us and you can find out more at fosms.net/gala

As always, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful community for their ongoing support of our school charity and for their commitment to our goal of enhancing school life by funding special projects and purchasing items for children that the school budget doesn't stretch to.

Daniel James

FOSMS Chairman

fosms.net

Samlesbury Lunch Club

The next lunch club date is **Friday, 14th June** 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 14th June, please contact Grace Eastham on 01772 877076 or Gaynor Dockerill at gaynor.dockerill@gmail.com.

Please also make a note of the date of **Friday, 9th August** for our August lunch club.

Pop-Up Café

The pop up café will be open at Mellor Village Hall on Saturday 1st June, serving hot drinks and cakes from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please call in – everyone welcome!

Community Ukes

May saw the band take part in The Penwortham Live Music Festival and The Last Night of Mellor Proms. Thank you to Margaret and Rita for inviting us to take part in this successful event.

We look forward to playing at the Balderstone Summer Tea Party on 15th June and to be part of the 200 Years Celebration of the Community Centre at Mellor Brook on the 22nd June.

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

Janet Hindle (01254 813210)



Balderstone and District Women's Institute

Another busy month has just passed. In May, twenty of our members visited the Empire Theatre in Blackburn to see The Blackburn Musical Theatre Society's production of Sunshine On Leith, which included a tremendous finale, with everyone joining in "I would walk five hundred miles". The show was extremely professional and enjoyed by all.

The speakers at our meeting, this month, were two ladies who specialise in stress relief and wellbeing "Rosemary and Thyme". The work they have done in the community was outstanding, including getting people involved in inner city gardening projects. On 11th June, our next speakers will be talking about 'Tops and Bottoms'. I'm not really sure what that will entail, but I'm sure we will all be captivated.

Our strollers took the bus to Skipton and enjoyed the market. Some of the group went treasure hunting in the charity shops, while five members enjoyed a half hour cruise on the canal, before getting the bus back and all sitting on the back seat!! Unfortunately, our walkers had to postpone their outing but hope to do a good walk around Balderstone and Osbaldeston, next month.

Our craft groups have been decorating plant pots as an entry to the Clitheroe Area WI Show which takes place on 6th July. Please keep the date free to visit the show at Brave Church, Oswaldtwistle.

Janet Edmondson



Bicentenary Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre



Everyone is invited to a free family day out from 2:00pm to 7:00pm on Saturday 22nd June at Mellor Brook Community Centre to celebrate two hundred years of our local community venue. There will be displays on show, including local historical artefacts and displays from Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary School.

Entertainment will be provided by local groups, such as Community Ukes and local fiddlers, while there will be refreshments for all, including 'Mellow Brook', a 3.8% Amber Ale made especially for the occasion. If you have any donations of tombola or raffle prizes or memorabilia to give to this special event, please contact Julie Caton on 07542 909677, as all donations would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.



Mellor Library Update - June 2024

Hello again. Thank you to everyone who has visited the library, it's so lovely to meet you all and your families and welcome you in.



I've just returned from a week away in Malmo, Sweden – not the usual holiday destination but it was the only place to be in May because of course, it was The Eurovision Song Contest!

I know it's not everyone's cup of tea, but I've always been a huge fan and it did not disappoint, apart from the UK not winning of course! (Despite my patriotic attire!)

What's On in June?

As the nights get longer and our thoughts turn to spending more time outside (weather permitting!), why not have a look at some of our gardening books or our travel books for those of you wanting to explore our lovely countryside and beyond.

In June, we are celebrating Empathy Day (6th June) which is a little reminder to us all. We have a selection of children's books available to read in the library or at home.

June also brings us "Big Green Week" a chance for us all to think how we can recycle better and "Go Green". For further information, why not call in!

We are also celebrating "Libraries Week" at the end of June and will be showcasing all that your library has to offer.

If you're a football fan, you will know that the European Championships start in June, so why not come in and check out our displays. If you're a football "widow" or just not a fan, we have plenty of non-sport books for you too!

Our next "Little Steps" monthly session will be held on 19th June in the library from 9:30am to 10:30am.

We also have "Lego Club" starting, in June, on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:30am to 11:30am – adults are welcome too!

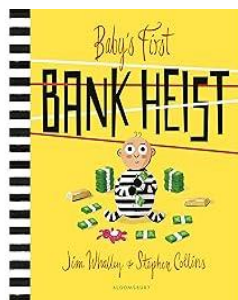
Finally, a request from me

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, Ange 😊

June Books of the Month

Children

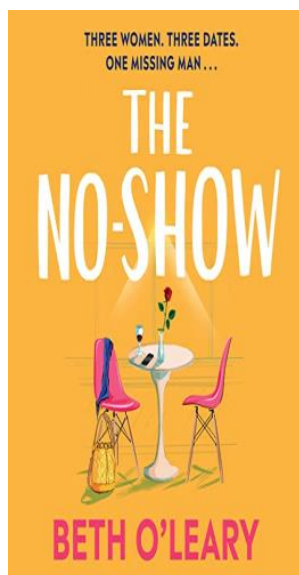


Move over, Bonnie and Clyde, because there's a new criminal mastermind in town ... Baby Frank!

Baby Frank's parents say that he can't have a pet - 'Pets are for older kids', 'Be happy with your teddy', 'They cost too much to keep' - which leaves Baby Frank with a BIG problem because he REALLY wants a pet.

What's a baby to do...? Rob a bank, of course! But will money buy Baby Frank the fluffy pet he so desperately wants?

Adults



Three women. Three dates. One missing man....

8:52 Siobhan's been looking forward to her breakfast date with Joseph. She was surprised when he suggested it - she normally sees him late at night in her hotel room. Breakfast with Joseph on Valentine's Day surely means something...so where is he?

14:43 Miranda's hoping that a Valentine's Day lunch with Carter will be the perfect way to celebrate her new job. It's a fresh start and a sign that her grown-up life is finally falling into place: she's been dating Carter for five months now, and things are getting serious. But why hasn't he shown up?

18:30 Joseph Carter agreed to be Jane's fake boyfriend at a colleague's engagement party. They've not known each other long, but their friendship is fast becoming the brightest part of her new life in Winchester. Joseph promised to save Jane tonight. But he's not here....

Meet Joseph Carter. That is, if you can find him.

Events at Blackburn Cathedral

A calendar of all services and events at Blackburn Cathedral can be found online at <https://blackburncathedral.com/events/>. On Sunday 9th June, a special County Service will be held from 4:00pm to 5:00pm to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Lunchtime Organ Concerts

Blackburn Cathedral are also hosting an international series of organ concerts. During June, each concert will be held from 12:15pm – 1:00pm on Tuesday lunchtimes. The concerts are free, with a retiring collection. All are welcome.



Man Alive

Now in its second year, 'Man Alive' is an event purposely designed to celebrate and encourage men in their walk of faith and exploring faith and how it relates to daily life.

It will take place at Blackburn Cathedral on Thursday, 6th June from 7:30pm – 9:30pm and is for men across our Diocese.

To find out more, and to book your free ticket, please visit <https://blackburncathedral.com/event/man-alive/>

Events at Whalley Abbey

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



A quiet day called 'I am The Potter' will be held from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Monday 10th June. During the day, you will be invited to join in with meditation and mindfulness helping us to focus on God the creator. Exploring the gardens at the Abbey, you will make and decorate a clay bird feeder that will be taken away for firing, ready to be collected at a later date.



On Sunday 23rd June, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, as part of the National Toddler Group Month of Prayer we're inviting you to bring your toddler group's families to Whalley Abbey for an informal afternoon of creative prayer, active worship and celebration. Everyone is invited to stay for a picnic at 4:00pm. The day is organised by the Children's Work at the Diocese of Blackburn together with Whalley Abbey.



Look at the Birds, on Monday 1st July from 9:30am to 4:00pm is a day retreat exploring links between birds in the Bible, our own faith as Christians and the birds around us. There will be an opportunity to spend some time outdoors in the grounds and surrounding area of Whalley Abbey. The day retreat will include times for reflection, reading, and connecting with some of the everyday birds we see or sometimes don't see.

United Benefice Contacts

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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>

Samlesbury Area Civic Society News

At our AGM, it was agreed that we should do monthly litter picks, throughout the summer months. Please put the following dates in your diary:

Saturday 15th June

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 people can please come, for just one hour, we can make such 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

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



Regular Activities at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

Activity	Timings	Contact Details
Young Farmers	Monday (8:00pm)	samlesburyyoungfarmers@outlook.com
Zumba Gold	Tuesdays (10am – 11am)	Lucy 07983 979402
Argentine Tango	Tuesdays (7:30pm – 10:30pm)	Richard 07780 867363
Sweet Salsa	Thursday (8:00pm)	Julia 07931 721697
Hardy Plant Society	September - May 3 rd Monday of the Month (7:30pm)	Joanne 07981 970843
The Memorial Modellers Group	2 nd Tuesday of the Month (7:30pm – 10pm) Last Wednesday of the Month (10am - 2pm)	Matthew 07751 881091
Lancashire Badger Group	1 st Wednesday of the Month (7:30pm)	enquiries@lancashirebadgergroup.org.uk
ToddlerSense	Thursday mornings during term time	preston@toddlersense.co.uk
Chain Reaction Square Dance	Twice monthly	val8@talktalk.net
Title Phonograph & Gramophone Group	Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm in January, March, May, June, July, September and November	Dave 01617 479150 Gavin 01904 653193
Rhythm Time for Toddlers & Babies	Wednesday mornings	Fran 07725 734882 fran.m@rhythmtime.org

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 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
- Precision Dance Academy on Tuesdays (7:15pm)
- 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
- Bicentenary Celebration on Saturday 22nd June

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

Tel: 07436 271153

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Rachael Calvey

Mellor Village Hall

Mellor Lane Mellor BB2 7EW

Regular Events

The village hall has an action packed weekly schedule with a variety of different groups available for people to join in. Our calendar is updated regularly on our website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall/>. Please take a look.

We do also have some availability throughout the week for new groups to use the excellent facilities, which include our newly refurbished kitchen!

The hall does also have outside courts available to use, at any time, for sports, with small football nets and a tennis net accessible at all times.

Mellor Tots

A new parent and toddler group has started up at the village hall on a **Friday 9:30am - 11:30am**. It is open to all children up to school age, a large space for children to play with a variety of different toys, books and activities available. Refreshments available for both adults and children. No need to book just turn up! A great place to chat with other mums/dads/grandparents/carers.

Please contact Roxy on 07714742259 if you need any more information.

Mums' Club

We now have a group for Mums of small children from birth to three years to meet up, have a chat and a drink and just enjoy some time whilst their children play with the toys provided. This is run upstairs in the hall on Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:00am. Please enter via the top entrance. A small donation of £1.50 is requested to cover the cost of drinks and snacks.

Lullababy Classes

Baby and toddler development classes from birth to 2 years – please contact Natalie on 07508769656.

Pop Up Café

On the first Saturday of the month, the village hall usually hosts a pop up cafe serving delicious cakes and other refreshments from 10am – 12pm. This is open for anyone to visit and is definitely worth it! Access to the cafe is via the door on the main car park.

Knit and Natter

Our fun Knit and Natter group meet on Thursdays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the balcony area.

Hall Hire

The hall is available to book for a range of different events, with a capacity of 150 people, and with access to a kitchen area, as well as a separate viewing area, it is the perfect place for children's parties as well as many other functions.

Please contact me on 07385240017. If there is no answer, please send a text.

Thank you,
Alex (Hall Manager)

Mellor Brook Parent & Toddler Group



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, which includes crafts, music, free play, stories and songs with musical movement, and everyone receives a drink and a biscuit.

To request to join our Facebook group or for further information about our activities, please email me.britcliffe@btinternet.com.

Maureen Britcliffe (07940 709165)

Magazine Adverts – Working Together in our United Benefice

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
Forest Electrical	01200 405016
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 Samlesbury 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
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Pennine Service Station Ltd	01254 812715
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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
Ribble Valley Botanist	07999 908441
Right At Home Carers	01254 658899
Samlesbury Secure Dog Run	07798 575750
SG Animal Feeds	01254 261866
Stevenson Memorials	01254 202019
St Mary's Court Community Hall	01254 812333
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Stove Installer	07787 858585
Stuart Taylor International Ground Care & Trailers	01254 813175
Taylor's Chippy	07999 192884
T.Forrest Pet Food	01254 852873
The Flooring & Carpets Studio	07743 192833
The Garage at Mellor Brook (Beauty Treatments with Zara Booth)	07398 711578
The Mellor Beauty Studio	01254 813302
The Old Coach House Antiques and Interiors	07598 878498
The Retro Bungalow	01254 852723
The Spread Eagle, Mellor	01254 813528
The Wilpshire Clinic	01254 246144
Tiggis Italian Restaurant	01254 769133
Wherry Gardens – Bespoke Garden Maintenance	07508 455694
Wilpshire Dental Clinic	01254 205529
W.M.Alty & Sons Ltd: The Alty Funeral Service	01254 503240
X-Press Ironing Services	07712 413904