



St Leonard's Balderstone

St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less  
Samlesbury

**WELCOME** to the May 2024 edition of your United Benefice magazine. If you know anyone who would like to be added to the mailing list, please ask them to email [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com) or, for anyone who is not online, please phone 01254 814041.



## **Light Reflections...The Gospel**

**“Let your light shine...” (Matthew 5.16)**

***“A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity, all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:43-47, NLT)***

I love this description of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. Those first believers, living post resurrection and post ascension of Jesus into heaven, are living such a different and extraordinary life that others were drawn to them and became followers of Jesus themselves. This is a life in stark contrast to the world around them, a world dominated by the Roman Empire. We read it was a time of miracles and wonders, they shared everything they had with each other and with those in need, selling their own goods and possessions. They met together, worshipped in the Temple, met in each other’s homes and shared the Lord’s Supper. All of this was in response to the good news of Jesus Christ who they recognised as their Messiah. Their joy, praise and generosity must have been something to behold!

There is a simplicity to how the church was back then, which it seems we have lost somewhere along the way down through the ages. Those first believers’ priorities were simple and clear, their lives were ones of worship, prayer, teaching, of meeting together, of sharing, of looking out for each other, filled with the Holy Spirit they were set apart for what was for them an unknown future. There was no blueprint, nothing like this had happened before in such a way. It was a journey of faith that they were now on, and a journey of the church, as the body of Christ that we too, today, are also on, in our own faith and discipleship but also as the church.

I wonder sometimes whether we have lost our way? What would it look like if we truly emulated the early church as described in these verses? How would that speak of our witness to the saving power of Jesus? This is a real challenge to Christians today, in a world where the love of money and power, of greed, self-sufficiency and a sense of ‘I’m alright Jack’ seems to prevail. As Christians, and as a Church, we are called to live the Kingdom of God values and to grow the Fruit of the Spirit, of *“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* (Galatians 5:22) A healthy Christian community should attract others to Jesus Christ, and this is reflected in Blackburn Diocese Vision 2026 *Healthy Churches Transforming Communities*. As we continue to pray intentionally for growth in our United Benefice, a growth in faith, discipleship, numbers and finances, may we too be seen and known by the Fruit of the Spirit we produce, to be a healthy and loving church that attracts others to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Blessings, 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](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

## United Benefice Church Services: May 2024

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	19:30 United Benefice Ascension Day Service at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00 All Age Worship	09:30 Mothers' Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	16:00 Forest Church	09:30 Family Service	11:00 Book Of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	09:30 Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>	11:00 Holy Communion

## 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	29 <sup>th</sup> April & 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Samlesbury	8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Balderstone	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Mellor	22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Samlesbury	29 <sup>th</sup> May



Please note there will be no morning prayer on 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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.

	<b>Growing Leaders for Jesus Christ</b>
Week 1	Lord God, help us to discern in ourselves and others, your call on our lives and the gifts that you have given in service of the Gospel. Amen
Week 2	Jesus, may all leaders, lay and ordained, have a deep love of you and be grounded in prayer and the scriptures. Amen
Week 3	Father, we pray for healthy partnership working between lay and ordained within the Lay Majority Ministry Framework. Amen
Week 4	Lord Jesus, we pray that the vocations of deacons and priests will be encouraged, supported, and celebrated as they are deployed across this Diocese. Amen

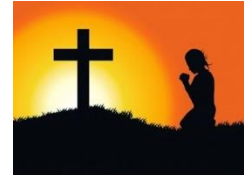
## Midweek United Benefice Services

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.



### Annual Meeting of Parishioners for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### St Mary's Church, Mellor

All Mellor parishioners are invited to attend the meetings, which will be held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7:00pm in St Mary's Church Mellor. If you would like to be a Church Warden or a PCC Member, can you please contact me on 07494 557219 or email [dcwain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dcwain@hotmail.co.uk).

Thank you,  
David Wain (PCC Secretary)

### Twenty Five Year Anniversary



I just wanted to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and gift card which I was presented with in Samlesbury Church because I'd completed 25 years as a reader - or LLM. It has been such a privilege to serve you all in this way, although it hasn't always been easy. I have bought a beautiful red acer and a pretty white clematis with the card and they will both grow in my garden reminding me of this lovely gift.

I have always been so grateful for the support I've been given, but I want to particularly thank Louise Morton for her

unceasing support. For twenty-five years, she has both encouraged me, when I've felt like giving up, and kept my feet on the ground, when I've got too full of myself. I think she needs a medal! I spent the anniversary day out with Louise and we went to see an exhibition in the cathedral called Threads Through Creation. The silk panels tell the story of creation and they were quite spectacular. This one was my favourite!



Thank you so much,  
Pam Daunton

## Dawn Service on Mill Hill



On Easter Sunday, parishioners gathered for our annual Dawn Service on Mill Hill. This was followed by hot cross buns at St Mary's Church, Mellor, to make a perfect start to Easter Day!



## Forest Church St Leonard's, Balderstone

*“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown” [Matthew 13]*

The theme of our service was being open to new ideas and new life coming from this. The parable of the Sower and the seed was the perfect choice as Jesus used it to show how we should be open to God's words. Just like a seed starting to grow, the word of God starts to deepen and grow within us, so that we have a



An illustration of the parable of the sower, published in 1877



strong faith living the way God wants us to live.

We thought about the way thorns and weeds are often used in the Bible to represent the bad things in life, which take over leaving little room for good things to grow. In Jesus' day, farmers sowing seed by hand would have understandably disliked anything that could ruin the chance of a good harvest.

Nowadays, of course, people are starting to think differently about weeds as some of them are incredibly good for wildlife and will increase biodiversity in the garden.



Looking through photos of weeds found in our churchyard gave us opportunity to learn about their value to butterflies, moths, caterpillars, birds, bees, beetles and so many more. Many provide an early source of pollen and nectar for key pollinators and are essential to garden ecosystems. Others play a vital role in the food chains that wildlife relies on.



Open to this new idea, we were encouraged to think more carefully about how we manage weeds, making sure they don't smother other plants but finding areas where they can be allowed to grow and bring new life to our gardens and churchyard.



Blessed with glorious sunshine, we set off on a Wonderful Weeds Wander. Our spotter sheets were soon completed and we gathered together in a moment of stillness to watch a Dandelion seed head send over 100 seeds into the breeze with a little help!

With our Wildflower area being "a work in progress", we moved swiftly on to "Plan Bee" which was to use the raised beds in the Worship area on the school field for the sowing of our Wildflower seedballs.



Having listened to the story of the sower and the seed, Rev'd Karen went on to explain how it can be interpreted in a new way. We do need to try to be open to God's word but it's not always easy with distractions, worries and different priorities. But the good news is that God is like the sower and he doesn't just carefully sow seeds on the good soil, he scatters it! He is so generous with his message. It isn't just for a few people – it's for everyone! God welcomes us, he loves us, he forgives us and he never stops trying to help us understand his message and live good lives.

If we can be open to this new idea and open to God's word, then not only will our lives be changed but we will understand how to spread God's message. Just like the Dandelion lifting its head high so that its seeds can be sure to catch the breeze, we can hold our heads high and share God's message of love and hope.

Our wonderful Ukulele group encouraged us to reflect on the theme of the service by performing another Fischy Music song entitled "Tiny Little Seed" – the lyrics "New life has begun, Beauty yet to come, Just one tiny seed can change the garden" being particularly poignant.



After decorating delicious flower shaped shortbread biscuits, the children and grown-ups enjoyed making Dandelion pictures and wildflower photo frames.



We look forward to more fun and fellowship at our next Forest Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

Please join us. Everyone welcome!

Rosemary Cummins

## Blackburn Cathedral



### 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, 6<sup>th</sup> June from 7:30pm – 9:30pm and is for men across our Diocese.

The evening will be co-hosted by the Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, Dean of Blackburn and Bishop Tony Porter. There will be an opportunity to find out more about developing work with men in your local church and community.

Mark Mitchell will be joining us for a conversation about men and faith in the workplace. He is founder and MD of the Mitchell Group, Cheshire Oaks. Driven by a passionate Christian faith, Mark has always been counter-cultural in terms of business leadership, having had to face some serious consequences when they decided not to conduct business on Sundays, because God mandates it and also because they felt responsible for their staff and their families getting to spend time together on Sundays. Despite the circumstances, they stood their ground and God came through for them in a miraculous way.



To find out more, and to book your free ticket, please visit

<https://blackburncathedral.com/event/man-alive/>



### Checks & Greys Café Blackburn Cathedral

Checks & Greys is a modern and relaxing space where you can meet for business or pleasure, enjoy a quick lunch or long relaxing afternoon with mouthwatering food and refreshing drinks. Situated in the peaceful setting of Blackburn Cathedral's modern cloisters and overlooking the new Cathedral Square development, it is the ideal place to catch up with friends. Whether on a Cathedral visit, a shopping trip, or a business meeting, Checks & Greys is the perfect stop for coffee or lunch.

Due to continued growth, Checks & Greys at Blackburn Cathedral are looking for food and beverage assistants, with part time and casual roles available. To find out more, please email: [hello@checksandgreys.co.uk](mailto:hello@checksandgreys.co.uk)

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## [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](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Whalley Deanery Festival at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury (Repeated Weekly)	7:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Balderstone Social Committee Meeting at Pickering Fold Farm	7:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	4:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Pop-Up Café at Mellor Village Hall	10:00am
7 <sup>th</sup> May	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's (Repeated Weekly)	9:30am
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiet Day: Day Retreat with Very Rev. Peter Howell-Jones at Whalley Abbey	10:00am
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Afternoon Tea with Preston Lady Farmers at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	2:00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mellor Mothers' Union Outing to Ewood Empire Theatre	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Class Three at Samlesbury CE Primary School	6:00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> May	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	6:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> May	United Benefice Ascension Day Service at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Balderstone St Leonard's Walking Day from Mellor Brook	2:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Churchwardens' Meeting via Zoom	6:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Class Four at Samlesbury CE Primary School	6:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Balderstone & District Women's Institute at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Little Steps Free Family Sessions for Children aged 2 – 5 at Mellor Library	9:30am
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Preston Lady Farmers' Annual General Meeting at Longridge Golf Club	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Litter Pick at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	10:00am
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Film Club at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Balderstone Mothers' Union Meeting at 11 Long Meadow	2:00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Little Angels at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2:15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Confirmation Class Five at Samlesbury CE Primary School	6:00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	St Mary's Annual Meeting of Parishioners at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Supper Club in The Great Hall at Whalley Abbey with Archdeacon Mark Ireland	7:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Night Of Mellor Proms at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest Church at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone	4:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Confirmation Class Six at Samlesbury CE Primary School	6:00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Man Alive 2024 at Blackburn Cathedral	7:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Samlesbury Lunch Club at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	12:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	St Leonard's Summer Afternoon Tea Party at Balderstone CE Primary School	2:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Confirmation Service Rehearsal at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	United Benefice Concurrent PCC Meeting at Mellor St Mary CE Primary School	7:00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	200 Year Anniversary Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre	2:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	United Benefice Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	3:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Little Angels at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2:15pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	FOSMS Summer Gala	3:00pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Samlesbury Garden Party at Samlesbury CE Primary School	12:00pm

## Balderstone Mothers' Union

Ruth Mather spoke to us in April about her family's experiences of fostering. It was a lovely talk and Ruth compared today's situations with Bible times and it was amazing how similar they were. Moses and Eli were two examples. A big thank you, Ruth.

In May, Janet Hindle is going to continue telling us about the history of hymns. She was so interesting last year, so we have asked her to do some more. All welcome, so please come along, as I know you will find it so informative and enjoyable, at the usual time of 2:00pm at 11 Long Meadow on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

We end again on a sad note, as Cherry Richardson recently passed away. Cherry was a loyal member of the branch and I'm sure we'll all remember her manning the MU raffle at the Summer and Christmas fairs. We send our love to her family. May she rest in peace.

Susan Baron

## Mellor Mothers' Union

We had a full narthex on April 9<sup>th</sup>, when Nick Burton came to talk to us about 'Blackburn Women.'

Our meeting was kindly led by Margaret Baldwin and we started with a favourite hymn 'One more step along the world I go.' Margaret led our service and Rev. Jane gave us the blessing at the end. We were asked to remember especially our Confirmation Candidates, in our prayers. Margaret commended the work of our holiday caravan and then reminded us that our next meeting will be here in Mellor, on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm, when we will host the Deanery Festival. Then, a week earlier than usual, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to The Thwaites Theatre to see 'Sunshine on Leith.'

We then settled down to listen to Nick Burton talk to us about the many memorable women of Blackburn and his talk was most interesting for us all. He had listed and researched ten women, in particular. These ranged from Elizabeth Ann Lewis, involved in the Temperance Movement, in the late nineteenth century, right through to the unforgettable Barbara Castle who did so much for road safety, introducing seat belts and breathalysers which must have saved thousands of lives over the years and which led to a complete change of attitude to road safety. Barbara is depicted in one of four women's statues in Blackburn and, fittingly, our Health Centre is named after her.

Nick also told us about various female novelists, some who had come up from the mill floor, and also some connected to the suffragette movement, including Adele Pankhurst, who was Emmeline Pankhurst's daughter. He told us about Elma Yerburch, who was a child of Daniel Thwaites. She was a generous benefactor, including building The Thwaites Theatre, and very kind to all her employees, passing away in 1946.

My personal favourite has to be Kathleen Ferrier, who died so young but had been given this most wonderful and unique singing voice. I have her biography here on my shelf and read it when I was very young. Space does not allow me to list all these wonderful women, but all of us were captivated by both Nick's stories about them and also his slides which brought the whole evening to life.

It seems to me that some blue plaques round the town to mark these women's remarkable lives would be appropriate. Some of our members were able to add their own personal insights into some of the people whom Nick talked about, but I am new to the area so found the whole evening most enlightening. Thank you so much, Nick, for an engaging and informative evening.

Now, I am looking forward to our Deanery Festival on May 1<sup>st</sup> and hope to see you there.

Sue Brown (Roving Reporter)

## Samlesbury Garden Party Competition

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 Church Events

**Final reminder that Walking Day is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm.** We'll be meeting adjacent to Mellor Brook Community Centre at around 2:15pm, ready to leave at 2:30pm for the walk to church. We are very pleased Rev'd Karen will be joining us and Balderstone Brass Band will accompany us as we walk and also during the afternoon. It is a very pleasant walk to church and school and let's pray the weather will be kind. Once we arrive, there will be short welcome in the playground and a collection taken to offset expenses for the day. Following this, there will be sports on the field for the children (and adults!) and refreshments available. It's always a great fun afternoon for all the family, so please do join us.

As a change from the Summer Fair this year, we are trying a **Summer Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm.** This will be held on the school playground / field. Entrance cost is £10 for adults and children will be free. The 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. We are also planning on having a plant stall and raffle. Please do come along and enjoy another afternoon with friends and family.

The Afternoon Tea Party on 15<sup>th</sup> June is the start of our **Open Garden Month** and will end sometime around Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet, chat and relax in lovely gardens, small, medium or large. If you would like to open your garden, during the month, you can choose a morning, afternoon or evening. Please provide whatever you wish, as regards refreshments, and you can decide on what to charge. It adds to the enjoyment to have a variety of everything. In the past, money raised has been shared between church and a chosen charity (still to be decided). Many thanks to those who have already offered to open their gardens. We do need more hosts, so please let me know if you feel you could do this or need more information.

Please note our other events for 2024

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

The next Social Committee meeting is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at Pickering Fold Farm, all welcome. We discuss upcoming and future events, so please join us with any ideas and suggestions, or just contact me.

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

Many thanks,

Catherine Dixon (01772 877289 / 07976 550882 / [catherinedixon13@icloud.com](mailto:catherinedixon13@icloud.com))

### Pop-Up Café

The pop up café will be open at Mellor Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, serving hot drinks and cakes from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please call in – everyone welcome!

### Last Night Of Mellor Proms

St Mary's Church Choir, friends and Kiddie Choir invite you to come along and join in the singing at The Last Night of Mellor Proms to be held on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May in Mellor Church at 7:00pm. Drinks and refreshments will be available. Money raised will go towards the Church Building Fund.



Tickets are available from Rita Gorman, Joan Moss, Littlers Butchers, Mellor St Mary CE Primary School and members of the church choir. Everyone welcome!

Margaret Baldwin

### Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

This month, we have donated £25 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, in memory of Robert Edge, and also £25 to East Lancashire Hospice, in memory of Barbara Jones.

Without your support we would not be able to make these worthwhile contributions so, as always, we thank you very much for your support.

*The Card Ladies*

### Little Angels

Three Little Angels spent a lovely afternoon with Sarah, who shared the story of 'The Lost Sheep'. The children listened and joined in with the story, made a picture of a sheep, went on a 'sheep hunt' and chased bubbles!



What a joyful afternoon!

Thank you, Sarah!

Next time, we meet on  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Please make a note of the  
date and come and join us.

Rita Gorman



*'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*

The start of the summer term must be one of the best times of the year – the field is almost ready to play on; the days are sunnier and warmer (we keep hoping!) and everyone can do more learning outside. It's also a time when we still think of the impact of Easter, as we look towards Pentecost. Our Christian value this half term is wisdom – we look at what is happening in the world and

through our worship, PSHE and wider curriculum, we help our children think about how Christian wisdom, based on what Jesus taught, can help everyone live well.

It's also a term when our Year 6 leavers start thinking about the next exciting step on their life journey - we know they are ready to take this step! We all feel super proud of how they have grown, developed and had so much fun, as they represent our wonderful school and live our Christian values every day!

Have a wonderful last term year 6!



## School Choir

We've started the term off with a brand new song to lead school in worship which is called "I've got my God Suit on" and we've been teaching new members of the choir "The Circle of Life" from the Lion King. We've now got over a third of the school in the choir and they sounded fabulous! We're really looking forward to seeing them perform later in the summer term at the summer concert and at other school events.





## Investment in Computing

We've also, with the help of FOSS (thank you), been able to invest in a full class set of Chrome books and a charging station. The children (and staff) have loved the upgrade and it's certainly made our computing learning even better, as well as giving the children more opportunities and skills to use across the rest of their learning.



## Science Club

As part of the Year 3 and 4 after school Science Club, they have recently been experimenting with paper spinners to see what impacts their flight through the air. They tried altering the type and weight of the paper, including changing the length and width of the spinner as well as adding different



amounts of paper clips or staples to change the weight. They even had a competition to see who had made the speediest spinner by using



their science knowledge the most effectively. Fabulous work Science Club! 😊

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### 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.





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**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

## Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary & Pre-School



Kayaking on the reservoir!



Rev Joe planting seeds in Forest Church



Toasting our marshmallows



Tree climbing – it was VERY high!

### Loving Learning Outdoors!

We love learning and worshipping in the outdoors here at Balderstone! Whether it is Forest School, outdoor and adventurous residential or Forest Church – learning in the great outdoors is our thing. This last half-term, our Year 2 and Year 5 children have enjoyed a range of activities filled with environmental learning, adventure and fun! Mrs Riddell and Mrs Burton, our trained Forest School staff, have been out with the children: den building, raft building on the brook, planting, gardening and baking apples on their own campfire.

These activities help develop our children's resilience, team work and confidence, whilst also building their understanding and knowledge of the world and God's amazing creation. There is a seamless link between our Forest School activities and our learning in Science, History and Geography. Our Year 3 and 4 children even used our brook to find fragments of pottery (like true archaeologists) and then they traced them to where they came from and what they were used for.

Our very own Mrs Riddell and Mrs Cummins (one of our governors) also make the incredible link to our Forest Church sessions. Forest Church has been one of the greatest blessings to our Balderstone Bridge (the link between our church and school). The incredible themes, always with a theological / Bible link, bring nature to life and help us to learn more about God from His creation. We loved showing our radical hospitality to the new Bishop of Burnley, Rev Joe Kennedy, who came to share a Forest Church taster session with us. The Easter themed treasure hunt saw us planting a host of seeds and cuttings to represent each day of Holy Week. We are thrilled that he is going to come again for a full session, in November, to see the real impact Forest church is having on our church and school family.

Last week, our Year 3/4 class went to the Anderton Centre, on residential, to try some adventurous activities – such as tethered kayaking, a high ropes course and tree climb. As a school, we commit to at least two residential, whilst our children are in the juniors: a one night stay for Year 3/4 and a three or four night stay for our Year 5/6. These opportunities are memory makers for our children and they build lasting relationships with our staff team. There is no better bonding and trust building experience than sitting on a giant paddleboard in the middle of Windermere with 13 children!

We are blessed with such amazing grounds and local area, in our school, and we truly feel that this is one of the greatest blessings God affords us – learning through creation.

***Mrs Gow and the Balderstone School Family***



## For with God nothing shall be impossible

This month's 'news from the classroom' is from our fabulous Faith Group, who meet each week with Mrs Marshall, to think about their faith journey, the impact this has on themselves and others within our school, as well as celebrating world faiths and festivals.

*So what have we been doing in Faith Group so far?*

This year we have been thinking about things that we are thankful for.

*What are you thankful for?*

As part of this work, we have made posters listing all the great things we love about our world, families and local school community. We have shared these with the whole school as part of our Faith Group Worship.

All the posters are stuck around different places in school to remind everyone of what we can be thankful for and how to thank God for them. Some of us thought about an adult, a creature, food and the world, and made a giant card to write down our thoughts, which was shared with everyone else.



After that, we thought about a child we know who needed our thoughts, help and care and as a group we prayed for them. We actually thought of so many different children, from our brothers and sisters, children in our classes and even our next door neighbours!



We found out that lots of children struggle for many different reasons and all of them need our love and care.

As part of these sessions, we made giant love hearts and wrote every child's name in each of them, and gave them to each class, to show them our love. They were then shared in worship and put on display in every classroom. It reminds us to show love to everyone and that we are all loved by God and that we love Him. Making these hearts was Bobbie's idea and it was so thoughtful!



Just before Easter, we made a very special card in the shape of a cross. This helped us to think about the events of Easter and how Jesus saved us by dying on the cross. After that, we enjoyed ourselves by icing and eating buns, which we decorated to look like spring gardens!



Faith Group lets us express ourselves in very individual ways, including singing Praise songs and dancing to them in the classroom. We all love coming and encouraging new members to join us, each term.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our Faith Group, this month, and hope it has inspired you to think about your own faith journey and how you celebrate your Faith at home.

Love from Poppy, Emmalene, Ameera, Aamina B, Isaac, Bobbie, Molly, Elsie, Maya and Charles.

## FOSMS (Friends of St Mary School)

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

## FOSMS Easter Raffle

Our highly popular Easter Raffle was drawn just before the end of term and we'd just like to thank our amazing school family and the wider community for being so supportive of this event. We had a record year - we'd never, ever sold so many tickets, which was wonderful - and with the help of our friends and supporters, we had some amazing prizes on offer and we really couldn't have done it without you all. Thank you for your support.

A full list of the prizes and winning tickets can be found at [www.fosms.net/raffle](http://www.fosms.net/raffle)



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> June. It's always a great occasion.

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 [www.fosms.net/gala](http://www.fosms.net/gala)

## PLEASE NOTE

The **Family Bingo Night** that we had planned for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May has unfortunately been postponed, due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience this may cause and we hope to run this event in the not too distant future. Please keep an eye out for more details.

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](http://fosms.net)

## Introduction – Our New Mellor Library Officer

Hello

I am Angela Preedy (Ange), the new permanent officer and I look forward to welcoming you to Mellor Library.

### **Who am I?**

I was brought up on Barker Lane and spent many happy hours in Mellor Library. I even told my Mum that I would work there some day!

It has taken me a few years; however, I finally made it. Having been away at University, I returned to the area and still live locally.

I spent 38 years working in the civil service in the unemployment office, the jobcentre and as a training officer delivering apprenticeships and NVQs.

For the last 10 years, I worked at Garth Prison as a Learning and Skills Manager and Head of Reducing Reoffending. This was a challenging role, which I thoroughly enjoyed. However, I felt it was time to move on.

I am an avid reader and I enjoy all genres, especially the classics. I also have a particular affinity with crime (true and fictional), thrillers and suspense.

My all-time favourite book is Wuthering Heights, which I re-read many times and always discover something new in it. I have been to Bronte country and have "wuthered" on the famous moors!

I also enjoy poetry, especially William Blake and Philip Larkin.

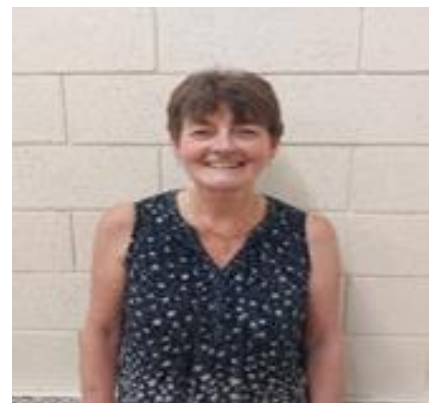
As well as reading, I spend a lot of time line dancing and have just qualified as an instructor. I enjoy spending my evenings doing this and spending weekends away at events.

I'm also keen on local history and would be interested to host events in the library.

I'm proud to be from this part of Lancashire and, as a long-standing Blackburn Rovers supporter, I have experienced the ups and downs of my hometown.

I look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to the library.

Ange



### 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, 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](mailto:me.britcliffe@btinternet.com).

Thank you,  
Maureen Britcliffe

A flyer for the Mellor Brook Parent &amp; Toddler Group. The background is light green with pink and blue wavy patterns. At the top, it says "Parent &amp; Toddler Group" in large, bold, black letters. Below that, it says "MELLOR BROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE" in smaller black letters. To the right, there is a circular photo of a smiling baby in a white bathtub. Below the photo, there is a list of activities: "Join us for" followed by "Crafts", "Singing", "Activities", "Messy time", "Creative play", and "Refreshments Included". At the bottom, it says "Mellor Brook Community Centre" in bold, "Every Monday Morning" in bold, "From 9.45 - 11.45 am" in bold, and "Term time only" in bold. At the very bottom, it says "Contact Maureen 07940709165 - 01254 812150 for more information." There is a small brown teddy bear illustration in the bottom left corner.

## Samlesbury Lunch Club

The next lunch club date is **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> June, please contact Grace Eastham on 01772 877076 or Gaynor Dockerill at [gaynor.dockerill@gmail.com](mailto:gaynor.dockerill@gmail.com).

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

Ros Slinger

## Community Ukes

Our next gig is at the Penwortham Live Music Festival, at Kingsfold Methodist Church, Penwortham, on the evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome. We are also looking forward to taking part in Mellor's Last Night of the Proms on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in church. If you would like the band to play at an event, or you would like to play the ukulele, please contact me on 01254 813210. Janet Hindle



## Balderstone and District Women's Institute

We celebrated our 105<sup>th</sup> year in March and we now have more than fifty full members, most of whom regularly attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month meetings. In April, we had a very informative talk from Jack Spees of the Ribble Rivers Trust, telling us all about the state of our local River Ribble and its tributaries.

Our strollers had a warm, dry walk round Whalley and were lucky enough to get a glimpse inside the monks dormitory (no monks of course). We visited the church of the English martyrs and we were amazed by how wonderfully the grounds were kept. We continued onwards to walk round Whalley Abbey, but unfortunately the cafe was closed. We did however have lunch at the Dog inn - excellent food and good value.



Our walkers went to Gawthorpe Hall and learnt all about the family and its connections to the Lancashire cotton industry.

We also visited Astley Hall, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, where there is currently a needlework exhibition, which runs until 19<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://astleypark.co.uk/events/the-rhythm-of-life-exhibition/>



Our May meeting will be entitled "Rosemary and Thyme".

Janet Edmondson

## 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"> <li>• Mellor Library, Ribble Valley</li> <li>• Every Friday (2:00pm to 4:00pm) between 02/02/2024 and 31/01/2025</li> <li>• Free event - no booking required.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Mellor Library, Ribble Valley</li> <li>• 3rd Wednesday each month (9:30am to 10:30am) between 20/03/2024 and 29/01/2025</li> <li>• Free event - no booking required.</li> <li>• Delivered in partnership with the Children and Family Wellbeing service.</li> </ul> <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>

## [Preston Lady Farmers](#)

Preston Lady Farmers meet at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, on a fortnightly basis. Here are our upcoming meetings and events for May.

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm – Afternoon Tea for £10 at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – AGM with 3 Course Dinner at Longridge Golf Club

If you would like more details of any of these events, or are interested in joining the lady farmers, please contact me on 07532 770900 or at [Cllarner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Cllarner@yahoo.co.uk).

Catherine Chadwick

## **200 Year Anniversary Celebration of Mellor Brook Community Centre**



**Saturday 22nd June, 2pm - 7pm**

**Licensed bar, tea & cakes, exhibitions, memorabilia, entertainment & much more**

As The Community Centre prepares to celebrate its two hundredth year anniversary, we are looking for donations for tombola and raffle prizes, such as any unwanted Christmas gifts that can be used for a good cause, please. We have had a great response to the memorabilia articles and thank those who have contributed, so far. Any further memorabilia about the centre and the surrounding area, stories and photographs from the last two hundred years are very welcome and will be great to share with everyone on the day of the celebration. The celebrations will take place at Mellor Brook Community Centre on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** from 2:00pm – 7:00pm. Please save the date. If you have anything to donate, tombola and raffle prizes or memorabilia, please contact me at [julie.caton@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.caton@btinternet.com) or on 07542 909677. I will happily come to you to collect donations.

Thank you, Julie Caton

### **United Benefice Contacts**

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Treasurer: Mary Brown - 07832 625646  
Headteacher: Jo Embley-Peers - 01254 812581

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John Eastham - 01772 877076  
PCC Secretary: Dr Nick Buckley – [nickb2505@gmail.com](mailto:nickb2505@gmail.com) 07542 762941  
Treasurer: Gaynor Dockerill - 07563 262784  
Co-Headteachers: Lucy Sutton & Louise Quayle - 01772 877200

United Benefice Administrators: Michael Oddie & Sam Metcalfe [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com)

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:evansmob@yahoo.com) or on 07962 121678 or by contacting myself at [jcgreaves@btinternet.com](mailto: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: **7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December.** Thank you, Caroline Coughlin



## Regular Activities at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

Activity	Timings	Contact Details
Young Farmers	Monday (8:00pm)	<a href="mailto:samlesburyyoungfarmers@outlook.com">samlesburyyoungfarmers@outlook.com</a>
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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month (7:30pm)	Joanne 07981 970843
The Memorial Modellers Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month (7:30pm – 10pm) Last Wednesday of the Month (10am - 2pm)	Matthew 07751 881091
Lancashire Badger Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month (7:30pm)	<a href="mailto:enquiries@lancashirebadgergroup.org.uk">enquiries@lancashirebadgergroup.org.uk</a>
ToddlerSense	Thursday mornings during term time	<a href="mailto:preston@toddlersense.co.uk">preston@toddlersense.co.uk</a>
Chain Reaction Square Dance	Twice monthly	<a href="mailto:val8@talktalk.net">val8@talktalk.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:fran.m@rhythmtime.org">fran.m@rhythmtime.org</a>

## 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
- Film Club 19<sup>th</sup> May (19:30 - 22:30)

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](mailto: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](http://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**

**Email: [rachael@mellorbrook.org](mailto:rachael@mellorbrook.org)**

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)

## 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](mailto: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
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
Poochie Paradise Doggy Daycare	07930 925014
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
Ribble Valley Botanist	07999 908441
Right At Home Carers	01254 658899
Samlesbury Secure Dog Run	07798 575750
SG Animal Feeds	01254 261866
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