



St Leonard's Balderstone

St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less
Samlesbury

WELCOME to the March 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 or, for anyone who is not online, please phone 01254 814041.



Light Reflections...The Gospel

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

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’ (Matthew 11:28-30)

Welcome to the March edition of our United Benefice Magazine. Firstly, I would like to say thank you for the responses that we have received following our survey questions on your thoughts about what we can do to improve our churches and it was encouraging to hear about what you like! I shall be collating this information and addressing the results in April’s magazine.

In the meantime, as I write this, we have entered the second week of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation, often through fasting or giving something up; or spending more time in devotions and prayer for the 40 days before Easter is celebrated. However, as clergy, I am already thinking ahead to the Holy Week and Easter Services across three churches and all the work and planning that needs to be done. As I reflected on this, I was conscious that sometimes in life we are looking so far ahead that we miss the experience of truly living for ‘today’, for this time, now. It is very easy to get caught up in the busyness of business; the preparation, in the work that needs doing, that we lose a little of our perspective. It is a busy time of year for church and clergy, and I think that it is all too easy for the ‘to-do’ list to take over. Don’t get me wrong, things need doing, but we must prioritise and not let the list of jobs get in the way of our time spent with God in the present moment.

I felt strongly God saying to me this week “slow down”, after (confession time!) a particular error I made because I was in a rush to get ticked off the many competing priorities. It is easy to make a mistake when you are distracted or overburdened or feel that you need to address an issue ‘right this minute’ rather than pausing, taking your time, and waiting till later. This reminded me of a book I read some time ago, called the *Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer, with the tagline of *How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world*. It is a book that resonates, and Comer offers the practices of Silence and Solitude, Sabbath, Simplicity and Slowing as solutions to the problem of hurry and speed. I need reminding of this when I begin getting caught up in busyness, when I start slipping back into hurry rather than slowing down, especially during this Lenten season. Comer offers what he calls a little mantra that he repeats when he needs to be present to God, to others and in the moment. And I share this with you now:

- Slow down
- Breathe
- Come back to the moment
- Receive the good as gift
- Accept the hard as a pathway to peace
- Abide.

And as Jesus said, if you feel weary or burdened, he will give you rest because his yoke is easy and his burden is light. When we get there, have a wonderful, joyful Easter, but in the meantime, be present with Jesus and abide in him.

Blessings, Rev'd Karen

Christ Centered...Kingdom Focused

United Benefice Church Services: March 2024

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 3 rd Mar	09:30 Holy Communion	16:00 Pick and Praise	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th Mar	Mothering Sunday		
	11:00 All Age Worship	09:30 Family Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Sunday 17 th Mar	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th Mar	Palm Sunday		
	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Service	11:00 Holy Communion
Monday 25 th Mar	19:30 United Benefice Service at St Leonard's, Balderstone (Compline with Reflection on Journey to Freedom)		
Tuesday 26 th Mar	19:30 United Benefice Service at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury (Compline with Reflection on Journey to Freedom)		
Wednesday 27 th Mar	19:30 United Benefice Service at St Mary's, Mellor (Compline with Reflection on Journey to Freedom)		
Thursday 28 th Mar	19:30 United Benefice Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury		
Friday 29 th Mar	11:00 United Benefice Good Friday Reflections at St Leonard's, Balderstone		
Sunday 31 st Mar	06:30 Easter Sunday United Benefice Dawn Service at St Mary's, Mellor		
Sunday 31 st Mar	Easter Sunday		
	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th Apr	09:30 Holy Communion	16:00 Evensong	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.

Samlesbury 4th, 6th, 7th March
 Balderstone 11th, 14th March
 Mellor 18th, 20th, 21st March
 Samlesbury 25th, 27th, 28th March

Please note that there will be no morning prayer on Wednesday 13th March or during week beginning Monday 1st April.



Lent Devotional and Lent Course 2024

This year the Diocese' Lent Devotional booklet will walk us through the Book of Exodus and is called 'Journey to Freedom'. They will be available to pick up in church or can be downloaded here:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/storage/general-files/shares/Resources/Making%20Disciples/Seasonal%20Devotionals/Journey%20to%20Freedom%20Lent%202024.pdf>

Bishop Philip writes in the preface:

"Has a greater story ever been told? Exodus has all the ingredients. A flawed hero in Moses. An arch-baddie in Pharaoh. The appalling injustice of slavery. The vivid horrors of the plagues. The jeopardy of a last minute escape. The hyper-real psychodrama of the wilderness. The promise of a glorious freedom. What more could you want? Well there's much more!"

As a Benefice, we will also be using Bishop Philip's Lent Course based on 'Journey to Freedom'. You can join us on Zoom, on the dates shown below, during Lent, at 7:00pm,

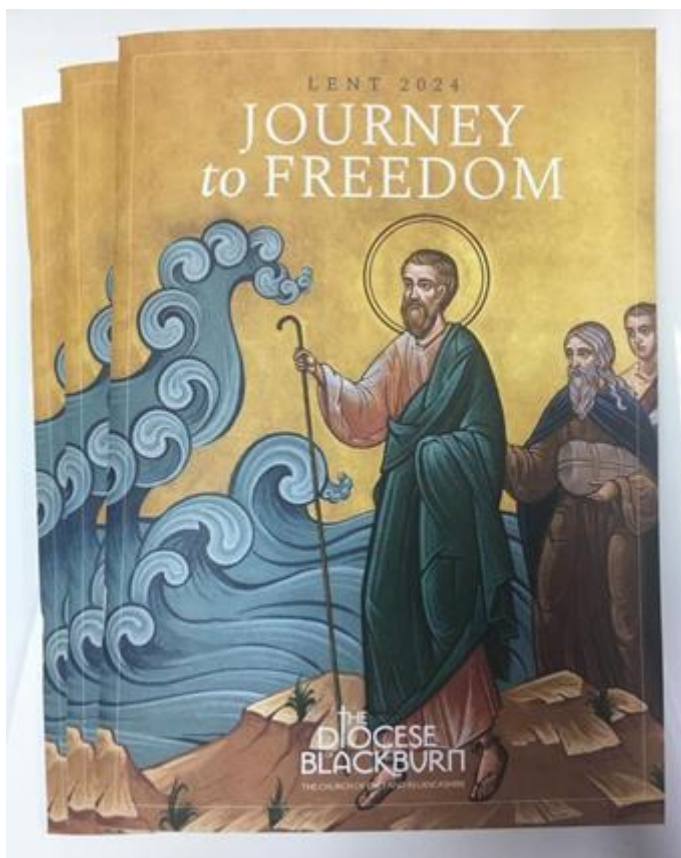
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or join us every Tuesday morning at the UB Mid-Week Holy Communion Service, at St Mary's Mellor, at 9:30am, where the following themes will cover:

- 5th Mar Rescue (The Crossing of The Red Sea)
- 12th Mar Hunger (Bread in The Wilderness)
- 20th Mar Mountain (Mount Sinai)

We'd love to see you there, Rev'd Karen



Friday Evening Prayer Service for Church Growth

Every Friday at 4:00pm, 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.




Midweek Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our midweek United Benefice Holy Communion Services, which are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Mellor. These United Benefice services are open to all and are followed by coffee and friendly chat, so please do come along for worship & fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

	<h2>Making Disciples of Jesus Christ</h2>
<p>Week 1</p>	<p>Dear Lord, help us to know the Scriptures better through reading, teaching, preaching and study. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to your word. Amen</p>
<p>Week 2</p>	<p>Father, we long for your Kingdom to come, may we pray with greater depth and urgency for you to be known in our Benefice and in the world. Amen</p>
<p>Week 3</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, we ask that you fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit as we worship you and seek your truth. Amen</p>
<p>Week 4</p>	<p>Dear God, as you have given us so much through your Son Jesus, may you help us to give generously of our time, talents, and money to the cause of Christ. Amen</p>

Forty Ideas For Children During Lent



The lovely image, above, designed by Rosemary Cummins, can be found on The Blackburn Diocesan website and has some wonderful ideas to share and do with children. To view the website, which also contains many other Lent and Easter resources, please follow this link:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/lent-add-year-resources-dormant-page-for#heading-h2-9>

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

19th February 2024

Present: Karen Herschell, Peter Singleton, John Eastham, Sarah Lees & Paul Daunton.
Mary Shorthouse sent her apologies.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. We discussed the last concurrent PCC meeting and what should be on the agenda for the next one planned for 19th March 2024. To begin with, we thought this should include Safeguarding (making churches a safe place), the Mission Action Plan for our Benefice and further discussions on concurrent PCCs.

We also talked about when the individual parish APCMs should be held and these are planned for 9th April (Samlesbury), 18th April (Balderstone) and 21st May (Mellor).

Future concurrent PCC meetings will aim to be held in early June, mid-September, and late November – dates to be confirmed.

2. The planned service rota for April to June 2024 was discussed and we agreed that it should be as Karen, Barbara and Pam had proposed.
3. The date for the next confirmations was discussed, as there had been a mix up with organising this by the Diocese. The Rev Sam Cheesman will let Karen know, by the end of the month, which bishop is available and some proposed dates in June.
4. Karen has had a few responses to the questions put forward in January's Newsletter, in support of the Mission Action Plan, and she will collate these, with a view to discussing the next steps at the concurrent PCC on 19th March.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

The next meeting will be on Zoom and is planned for 11th March 2024.

Fruitful: The Diocese of Blackburn

In an exciting new development, The Church of England in Lancashire (Blackburn Diocese) has launched a brand-new discipleship app – 'Fruitful' – available to download free NOW from Apple's App Store and Google Play.

The Fruitful app will support people of all backgrounds and all ages in our Diocese to grow in confidence in their faith through providing a digital space available 24/7 to read the Bible; inspire prayer and encourage response in worship.



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For more details on this new free app, please follow the link below:

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Spring Working Day

At St Leonard's Church, Balderstone, on Saturday, 23rd March, a working day is being held from 9:00am - 12:30pm to carry out a variety of tasks at church. We will be providing coffee for the workers. If you feel you are unable to help with jobs but would like to come and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends, please do come along.



There will be jobs for everyone from church cleaning, repairs, raking leaves, branch removal, weeding, mowing lawns and tree maintenance. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Kathy Evans

St Mary's Church Cleaning Team

There are currently twelve teams of volunteers who clean the church on a weekly rota. Many have been active since the rota was initiated by Eileen Peake in 2000.

We are pleased and encouraged that some parents of the children in our Kiddie Choir have responded to the appeal for younger volunteers to share this important role in the church.

Thank you to everyone who helps, in any way, to keep our church 'spick and span'.

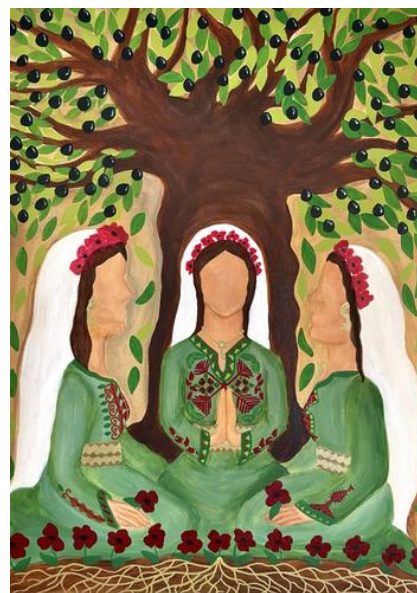
Rita Gorman



World Day Of Prayer Service Mellor Methodist Church Friday, 1st March

This ecumenical service brings together all our local churches - St Mary's, Mellor; St Mary's, Osbaldeston; St Leonard's, Balderstone, Mellor Methodist Church and St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury. The service is being hosted by Mellor Methodist Church and will be held at 11.00am in the morning. The Day has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women in Palestine, and will be shared around the world on the 1st March. A warm welcome to everyone to share in this act of worship together.

Sheila Parker



Pick & Praise

On 3rd March, we will be holding a 'Pick and Praise' Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor, at 4:00pm. We will be inviting a number of school children and members of our church to pick a favourite hymn. They will, hopefully, introduce their chosen hymn, with a few words, to say what they like about it. There will be a goody bag for the children and a hot drink to conclude the service. Everyone welcome – please join us.

Geoff Gill



February's Mission Praise



Down in Samlesbury, we love using films to help us understand our scripture, so in February we used the Transformers films to think about Jesus' transfiguration; in particular the film about Bumblebee. The transformers hide in plain sight, as cars and trucks, only transforming into their true self when they need to defend themselves. They try to save the world but they always use fighting, which only ever works in a film. In reality, war hurts everyone involved and nothing is ever improved by aggression.

Jesus too hides his true nature. We meet him in The Bible as a man, with the divine side of his nature popping up only when it is necessary to heal or help others. When he goes up on the mountain, with Peter and John, Jesus changes into his divine self and they're amazed, seeing him as he truly is.

Aggression is never part of the deal with Jesus. When we try to save the world with him, we use prayer and action, not weapons. But by spending time with him, we can be part of his quiet revolution, which actually changes things for the better.

We also looked at this rather lovely icon of the transfiguration. Here the disciples are drawn like dolls, flopped about on the floor, with Jesus reaching out to them along the geometric lines. It reminds us of that connection between us and him, that our prayers and worship actually changes the situation we are in. Jesus is joined together with us in our struggles.



At the end of the service, we got to play god ourselves by helping our remote control cars through the obstacles to get the prize out of the very old Tonka truck. It was great fun! We had wheel spins and flips, even a dancing ice-skater!

Life can be hard but, with God's help, we can make our world a better place; we can transform it!

God once said, "Let the light shine out of the darkness!" And this is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts. He gave us light by letting us know the glory of God that is in the face of Christ.2 Corinthians

Pam Daunton

Forest Church at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone

"Everyone needs to get involved in protecting nature. We inherited a garden – we must not leave those who come after us with a desert." (Rt Rev'd Graham Usher, Lead Bishop on The Environment for The Church of England)

The theme of our service was our relationship with God's world, with our wildlife and with our neighbours both nearby and far away. We began, as always, by looking at what nature can teach us.

Studying a PowerPoint of beautiful photos from our churchyard revealed the many symbiotic relationships to be found there – the incredible way different species both benefit from working together. Examples included hungry birds feeding on Holly berries which are then dispersed as they pass through the bird's digestive system, causing more trees to grow.



Butterflies and bees gain energy from the nectar provided by flowers and in turn take with them pollen which fertilises other flowers. Lichen on our old stone gravestones, walls and trees are amazing organisms made up of a fungus and algae working together – the fungus forming the structure and the alga providing energy for them both through photosynthesis. These fantastic examples of symbiosis are all win-win relationships!

Reading the Church of England's 5 marks of mission made us realise that, as Christians, we should "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." We all agreed that we benefit so much from enjoying the beauty and tranquillity of our churchyard. Inspired by the symbiotic relationships in nature, we felt we must find new ways to protect the wildlife in our churchyard and help it to flourish, especially as we are working towards our silver Eco church award.

The Five Anglican Marks of Mission



Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.



Teach, nurture, and baptize new believers.



Respond to human need by loving service.



Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.



Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Firstly, Rev'd Karen led us to a tree in the churchyard and said a blessing over our new RSPB nesting box (right). We will be looking out for inhabitants over the coming months!

Next, we walked down to the wall near the school gardening area.

Here we learned that churchyards are the perfect place to find and grow wildflowers and grasses.



We discussed how we can help create and protect a much needed sanctuary for wildlife and how we will benefit as well from a wonderful space where we can delight in what we see, smell and hear – a perfect symbiotic relationship!

Huddled in the shelter, we listened to the story of the good Samaritan. Rev'd Karen went on to explain that Jesus told this parable to answer the question, "Who is my neighbour?" He was making the point that everyone is our neighbour. Even if they are different to us, we must love and care for them. This links well to the symbiotic relationships in nature and the way different species work together.



Interpreting this parable in a new way helps us to think about our relationship with God's world. Just like the man who was attacked, our Earth is being mistreated. We benefit so much from God's creation but are we like the robbers taking more than our fair share? Are we like the Priest and the man who served God in the Temple – too busy and not prepared to put ourselves out to help? Or are we like the good Samaritan – prepared to stop, to think of ideas that will help to heal our planet and turn these ideas into actions which will benefit our neighbours across the globe?

Our fabulous ukulele group encouraged us to reflect on the theme of the service by performing another Fischy Music song entitled, "What kind of world are we passing on?"



After decorating delicious chocolate buns to look like wildflower gardens, the children and adults enjoyed planting Sunflower seeds and making Willow hearts.



We look forward to more fun and fellowship at our next Forest Church on Sunday 28th April at 4pm.

Please join us. Everyone welcome!

Rosemary Cummins

[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 Mar	World Day Of Prayer Service at Mellor Methodist Church	11:00am
1 st Mar	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	4:00pm
1 st Mar	Pop Up Choir Practice at Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary School	7:30pm
2 nd Mar	Pop-Up Café at Mellor Village Hall	10:00am
3 rd Mar	Pick and Praise Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
5 th Mar	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's (Repeated Weekly)	9:30am
5 th Mar	United Benefice Lent Course via Zoom (ID: 815 6081 0275, Password: 597948)	7:00pm
5 th Mar	FOSMS Committee Meeting at Mellor St Mary School Hall	7:00pm
6 th Mar	Quiet Day: Women's Retreat – The Still, Small Voice at Whalley Abbey	10:00am
6 th Mar	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor (Repeated Weekly)	6:30pm
6 th Mar	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury (Repeated Weekly)	7:00pm
6 th Mar	Preston Lady Farmers' Meeting at Samlesbury Memorial Hall	7:00pm
8 th Mar	Pop Up Choir Practice at Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary School	7:30pm
9 th Mar	Quiz Night at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	7:30pm
11 th Mar	Churchwardens' Meeting via Zoom	6:00pm
11 th Mar	Preston Lady Farmers' Annual Trip begins to Scotland	
12 th Mar	United Benefice Lent Course via Zoom (ID: 815 6081 0275, Password: 597948)	7:00pm
12 th Mar	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
12 th Mar	Balderstone & District Women's Institute at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
19 th Mar	Balderstone Mothers' Union Meeting at 11 Long Meadow	2:00pm
19 th Mar	United Benefice Concurrent PCC Meeting	7:00pm
19 th Mar	United Benefice Lent Course via Zoom (ID: 815 6081 0275, Password: 597948)	7:00pm
20 th Mar	Preston Lady Farmers' Open Night (History Of Clogging) at Barton Village Hall	7:00pm
21 st Mar	Supper Club in The Great Hall at Whalley Abbey	7:00pm
23 rd Mar	Spring Workday at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone	9:00am
23 rd Mar	United Benefice Ceilidh at Samlesbury Memorial Hall	7:00pm
24 th Mar	Film Club at Mellor Brook Community Centre	7:30pm
26 th Mar	Little Angels at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2:15pm
27 th Mar	Samlesbury School End of Term Easter Service at St Leonard the Less Church	9:00am
28 th Mar	FOSMS Easter Raffle Draw	
3 rd Apr	Preston Lady Farmers' Cheese & Wine Charity Night at Samlesbury Memorial Hall	7:00pm
9 th Apr	Quiet Day: Sacred Chanting Music Retreat at Whalley Abbey	10:00am
9 th Apr	Balderstone Mothers' Union Meeting at 11 Long Meadow	2:00pm
9 th Apr	St Leonard the Less Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Samlesbury School Hall	7:00pm
9 th Apr	Mellor Mothers' Union Meeting at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
12 th Apr	Samlesbury Lunch Club at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	12:30pm
18 th Apr	St Leonard's Annual Meeting of Parishioners at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone	7:30pm
28 th Apr	Forest Church at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone	4:00pm
30 th Apr	Little Angels at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2:15pm

Balderstone Mothers' Union

Our February meeting was a quiz afternoon. We had a really enjoyable and fun half hour, after which we had our cuppa and chat. Maureen brought the quiz and, at first glance, we all thought we'd never be able to answer any questions! All the answers were high street shops and, once we started working out the clues, the answers seemed so obvious. There was a lot of laughter as it dawned on us which shops they were.

Our next meeting is on March 19th at the usual time of 2:00pm at 11 Long Meadow. Mary Shorthouse is coming to tell us about Norland Nannies. Everyone is welcome, so please come along. I'm sure Mary will be very interesting.

We end on a sad note, as three former members Ella Driver, Christine Jackson and Pam Martin recently passed away. We send our love and prayers to their families. May they rest in peace.

Susan Baron

Mellor Mothers' Union

Our Branch met on February 13th in The Narthex at Church to participate in our Annual General Meeting and to share a lovely hot pot supper together. We also had our usual raffle, £1 mystery parcels and Bric-a-Brac stall, which all added to the vibrant atmosphere.

Our leader, Margaret A, had taken the sensible decision for us to eat our meal first, before we went on to business matters. Margaret had pressed her family into service and they helped to get the meal given out, which was no small task when there were about 36 members and guests who each were given a tasty plate of hot pot and a sweet to follow. The tables were brightly dressed in red, for St. Valentine's Day, and with a beautiful red rose for each of us, such a kind thought.



We then started our Service, which included the MU Prayer and one of my most favourite hymns, 'Brother Sister, let me serve you'. Margaret then gave us a brief talk about Claudia, who was Pilate's wife and who was only mentioned once in The Bible [Matthew 27, verse 19], and then we moved on to the business part of the evening. The balance sheet was in good shape and we agreed to thank the accountant and then Margaret B gave us a comprehensive resume of the past year, complete with brilliant photographs for us to match the photo to the month. Our table was somewhat mediocre at this, I'm afraid! Our subscription for this year is £30, of which £23 goes straight to Mary Sumner House to be used in many areas, both at home and abroad. Speakers are quite hard to find, but I have to say that I think that our Branch is in VERY GOOD HEART with 35 members and so much kindness to each other and service to the community as a whole.

Sadly, this morning, I attended the funeral of one of our dear longstanding members, Barbara Bridge, and we formed a guard of honour for her, as the procession left the Church.

The World Day of Prayer will be marked at the Methodist Church on Friday, 1st March, and our next meeting is on 12th March with Gill Ireland, our Diocesan President, as our speaker, so I am sure that will be an interesting evening for us all. I feel so blessed to belong to such an active and caring branch and certainly the friendship which I have been offered since I arrived in Mellor, over ten years ago, has helped me so much to settle down happily up here, so thank you all very much.

Sue Brown (Roving Reporter)



Tickets are now available for what promises to be a fantastic social evening, with dancing to Frolicking Pete and The Fumbling Fingers Band. Tickets, costing £15, include a potato pie or cheese and onion pie supper, courtesy of Sandersons Bakery, but please bring your own drinks. Our United Benefice Ceilidh will be held on Saturday 23rd March at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm.

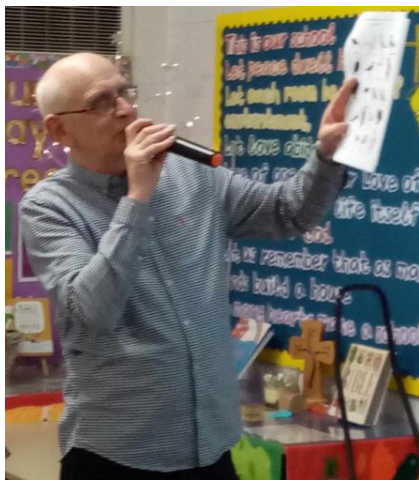
To buy your tickets, please contact any of the following: Corinne Seedall (07483 212328 / 01254 812920), Gaynor Dockerill (07563 262784), Grace Eastham (01772 877076) or Rita Gorman (01254 812566). Everyone welcome!

Corinne Seedall

The Great Village Quiz

Friday 23rd February saw the Annual Village Quiz organised by the social committee of St Mary's CE Church in the day school.

We were greeted with the sounds of laughter and chatter as 'Eager Beavers' had begun to gather to catch up with each other, well before the start time. There was a lull at 7:30pm when a 'down to business' air was assumed and a picture round on Birds was handed out as a 'warmer up'.



Next, followed several rounds on varying topics, the questions of which you felt you either should know or you used to know, but have since forgotten. So irritating!

Half way through, there was a buzz of anticipation when a sheet full of flags was handed out. The glee from avid international football fans soon turned to disdain upon realising that these were actually English County flags. Heck! Who knew these?? Several holiday makers to Cornwall recognised the Cornish Black flag but, other than that, it was anyone's guess. We were left looking at an array of crowns, roses and stags. It did, however, give individual dogged team members a particular focus during the wonderfully prepared supper.

One really has to commend the makers of the pies, the kitchen staff, Helen and Debbie for their sterling efforts. The Lancashire hotpot really was very delicious and lead the way nicely to one of our final rounds upon the Lancashire Dialect and 'Reet gradely it were, too'.

The event was rounded off at ten o'clock with a hamper full of chocolate goodies awarded to the lucky winners. It was well-organised and included a clapping tribute to Roland, who started this annual event, several years ago, but sadly passed away last year.



Congratulations to Mick as Quiz Master, Jo as scorer and the countless other helpers of the evening.

Julie McGurty

Samlesbury Lunch Club

Thank you to everyone who came along to our lunch club on Friday 16th February. It was lovely to see Samlesbury War Memorial Hall so busy with seventy people from Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury enjoying lunch, good company and a quiz together.

The next lunch club date is **Friday, 12th April** 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 12th April, please contact Grace Eastham on 01772 877076 or Gaynor Dockerill at gaynor.dockerill@gmail.com.

Please also make a note of the following 2024 lunch club dates:-

Friday, 14th June

Friday, 9th August

Ros Slinger

Balderstone Church Events

Walking Day is on Saturday 11th May starting at 2:30pm from Mellor Brook with Balderstone Brass Band accompanying us, both as we walk and during the afternoon. There will be sports held on the field for the children. It's a great afternoon for all the family.

The Summer Afternoon Tea Party is on Saturday 15th June at 2:30pm and will be held on the school playground / field. There will be games for the children and other attractions, which include the Ukulele group playing during the afternoon. This should be another very enjoyable event.

The Afternoon Tea Party on the 15th June will also be the start of our **Open Garden Month** and will end on Saturday 13th 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. You can provide whatever you wish, as regards refreshments, and 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) Please do contact me if you would like to open your garden or would like more information.

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 meeting of the Social Committee will be on Thursday 2nd May at Pickering Fold Farm, all welcome. 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)



Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

During the last month we have donated £20 to Pulmonary Fibrosis Charity in memory of Ernie Redwood, and also £20 to Pendle Dogs in Need.

Our friend, Joan Hak, has been very busy using her creative talents. Her beautiful cross stitched greetings cards are for sale on the Card Stall and the knitted chickens, each sitting on a Cadbury's Crème Egg, are available from church. Thank you, Joan!



Thank you all again for your support.

The Card Ladies

Little Angels

In February, we thought about something that we can't get enough of need to share and we are happy to say are very contagious! Yes SMILES!!!

The children enjoyed making cards of smiley faces to take home.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th March at 2:15pm in the Narthex at St Mary's Church, Mellor. All United Benefice pre-school children, toddlers and babies are invited to join us, along with those who love and care for them.

We also look forward to Sarah Earnshaw joining us again at our April meeting on Tuesday, 30th April. Everyone welcome!

Rita Gorman and Margaret Baldwin



Pop Up Choir

Our choir will be popping up again at the Mothering Sunday service at Balderstone Church on Sunday 10th March. Our rehearsals will be in School at 7:30pm on 1st March and 8th March. Any ladies who love to sing will be very welcome!

Rosemary Cummins

Community Ukes

During February, we were delighted to be asked to play at a 50th birthday party, in Clitheroe, and at St Katharine's Church Blackrod's 'Teatime Delights' event.

If you would like a bit of live music at a parish event, charity fundraiser, care home, family occasion or group meeting, please contact me on 01254 813210.

If you would like to play the ukulele, we have instruments you can borrow and one to one help to 'get you going' can be arranged.

Janet Hindle



'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



What a busy month we have had! All the usual curriculum learning has been taking place, but there is always so much more happening in school to enrich and broaden our children's learning. We hope you enjoy reading about this snapshot of all the wonderful things our amazing children have been doing this month. It is a longer article than usual, but our children are so fantastic that we couldn't leave out any of the things they wanted to share!



What an incredibly busy month it's been for years 5 and 6! They have been engrossed learning Jabberwocky in English and performing it from memory to the whole school, creating their own narrative retellings, then reimagining the poem as the Bandersnatch.

They've explored the book of Exodus and the Passover, along with tasting some of the food. They discovered what life was like for children in the Victorian era: they were very surprised to discover children had to stand up to say anything or when an adult came into the room and they weren't allowed to ask questions unless the teacher



gave them permission! They also had a visit from Steve and Harold, from SCARF, to support their PSHE learning in exploring



peer pressure and how they can help their friends by not being a by-stander and how peer pressure can lead children into trying things they are not comfortable with.



February has also been jam packed for Y3/4. They participated in an exciting Dodgeball tournament at Lostock Hall Academy with other schools in our Sports Partnership group. The children were amazing ambassadors for school. We were very proud of them all!



In English, they've been studying poetry, particularly shape poetry, also creating and performing their own. In Geography, they've looked at how our food choices impact our world, using atlases to investigate where chocolate comes from

and looking at packaging to see how many miles their food had travelled. They were amazed at how far it does and thought that we should all be buying more from our local farmers and growers! They even interviewed me (Mrs Sutton) to find out where



school sources our food. They have worked extremely hard and have grown together as a team.



Our year 3/4 children have also been out on a visit to The Olive School in Fulwood for a morning of football skills and games. Despite the torrential rain, and having to stay inside, we had a fabulous morning learning lots more about football, how to work well in teams with people we don't know, as well as making lots of new friends! A fantastic time was had! We've invited them to come to Samlesbury in the summer term to take part in a Forest School session with our year 3/4 class who are already looking forward to sharing our wonderful school and grounds with them.





Our infants have had a very special visitor over the last six weeks. Heather Burns has been teaching our infant children a street dance linked to the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris. They performed their dance to school and they were absolutely brilliant!



Year R and Year 1 have also been learning about playground games in PE - it's been lots of fun developing



their PE skills through these games, as well as learning some history. They learnt that if they time travelled 2500 years ago, Roman children would have played hopscotch too! In science, they've been exploring wind using bubbles; creating their own wind turbines, exploring the strength of the wind and learning about wind direction and compass points.



We're looking forward to singing in church for Mother's Day and all that the Easter season brings, including our end of term Easter service on the 27th March at 9am; our school Easter Egg hunt; our Easter film night (FOSS) and our annual, legendary egg decorating competition!





Samlesbury
Church of England
Primary School

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

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such a successful, happy and
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- High staff to pupil ratio.





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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



History Heroes – Golden Moment for Balderstone

We have some wonderful 'golden' news to share with our school / church family....we have been awarded the Gold Quality Mark for History. The Historical Association Quality Mark is an award that recognises the excellence of history provision in a school. The Quality Mark assesses and values the history provision of the teachers, the curriculum in the school and what is being offered to young people outside of the classroom. Find out more at [History Heroes at Balderstone webpage](#) (click the link).

We had our formal, very thorough assessment day last month and we had a visit from our independent Historical Association appointed assessor. Mrs Turner, our History champion and our astounding History Heroes pupil action team have been working hard over the past few years to make our history teaching and learning irresistible! The assessor was amazed by the enthusiasm and subject knowledge from our heroes team – they could have kept her chatting all day about the Great Fire of London, The Pendle Witches, our Balderstone chronology timeline and the local lads who fought in the World Wars.

The assessor watched a range of History lessons across school and was thrilled to see Mrs Riddell's archaeology session where the children had found fragments of pottery in the brook during Forest School and they were tracing (through historical enquiry and sources) where they may have been from or what they might have been used for. They found fragments of Hartley's jam stoneware jars and Symington's Coffee essence glass bottles! Over the next two months, we are completing a whole-school historical enquiry into our local area, focusing on the history of Mellor Brook, ready to present our findings as part of the upcoming Mellor Brook bicentenary celebration in June.

This half-term, as we journey towards Easter, we are following a Bible study in school called 'Watch and Pray.' It reminds us of the words of Jesus to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to sit and pray with him for a while (and they all promptly napped!). In such frantic, digital and fast-paced times, as a school we wanted to make time to just 'be' in God's presence, to pray, to listen to God's Word and to think about Jesus' journey to the cross and what that means to us. Therefore, we are trying every day to learn to be still and to notice more of God's amazing creation around us – whether that is the beauty of a snowdrop or the returning songbirds. As a school family, we pray that your Lent is filled with chances to wait with, and in, God's presence and that you learn more about God's big story HIS-STORY!

Mrs Gow and The Balderstone School Family



For with God nothing shall be impossible

This month's 'news from the classroom' has kindly been put together by Class 4. They have been enthusiastically discussing, acting and writing about the narrative poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. They have used various drama techniques, including freeze frame and hot seating, in order to understand the various characters of the poem.



Tim, the Ostler, was a particular favourite with Reuben, who created a great descriptive piece which we would like to share with you.



*What am I?
Glancing into the mirror,
I am faced with my reflection.
Hair with straw in pale white dead skin
With a rotten heart.
It's not like Bess could ever love me.
I am nothing.
I am just an Ostler.
I have no purpose to exit,*

*As spiteful as can be for killing Bess's one love,
I have destroyed myself day by day.
All because of my love for Bess.
Soon my time will go,
And my life will fade away.
I have been so obsessed with Bess.
I cannot think of anything else.
I am meaningless.
By Reuben (Y5)*

As part of their work the children wrote short poetic phrases to try and understand a character's inner feelings.

Here is one from Noah (Y5):

*Firey obsession rushed within his heart,
With sprinkles of love.
Mischieff was crackling as his throat twisted and
churned.
Enemy was taking over,
wanting more and more.*

Following on from this, they then turned their poems into prose using verb tenses to distinguish between characters. Finally, they turned their poems in to dance in PE!

Here is one from Olivia (Y5):

*It was only last night, when my love
came to visit me. He told me to spot
him by moonlight but I never saw him at
moonlight. It was him who guided me so I
waited, waited and waited. The last thing I
wanted to happen was that he would declare
the love that we shared but the last thing
that happened was my death. And at that moment
I questioned myself, did he love me? He has got
to love me.*

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our Literacy work this month and hope it has inspired you to read The Highwayman poem yourself.

Thank you on behalf of Mrs Pickup and everyone in Class 4.

FOSMS (Friends of St Mary School)

We have had a busy start to the new year, following two very successful events. Our first ever National Popcorn Day celebration was great success and we thank all those pupils, parents and friends who braved the cold to wait patiently for delicious, hot popcorn straight after school. Then, just before the half-term break, we had a brilliant night at the school disco parties and we'd like to thank everybody that helped make the night so much fun.



FOSMS Easter Raffle

It's time for the famous and highly popular FOSMS Easter Raffle and with some amazing prizes, make sure you're in the draw. This year, we're trying something new - and because everybody is feeling the pinch at the moment - the first prize is a whopping £250 in cash! The second prize is £100 in cash and the third prize is a voucher for an amazing dining experience at Northcote. There are a number of other great prizes too and tickets are just £1.00 each. The draw takes place at school on Thursday 28th March 2024 and you can see full details at: fosms.net/raffle

Upcoming FOSMS Events

We have more fundraising events planned for the coming months - and these are open to everybody in the school family and our wider community too. Please put the dates in your diaries and look out for further information which will be released closer to the time of each event.



Family Bingo Night

Saturday 18th May, 6pm - **EVERYBODY WELCOME**



Summer Gala

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

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

News From Mellor Brook & District Community Centre

What a fantastic presentation by the Prince's Trust Volunteers, who have just completed a community project at the Centre.



The volunteers, all aged between sixteen and twenty-four years old, planned, organised materials, risk assessed and completed the brief to decorate areas, which had recently had remedial works by a contractor, including damp proofing and re-plastering. The brief also included redecoration of the office room in the Centre.

The volunteers were all presented, in turn, to members of the Mellor Brook Community Centre managing committee, representatives of the Prince's Trust, Lancashire Fire & Rescue (who oversee the scheme), Women's Institute members, plus parents and relatives. Thank you to all these young teenagers for choosing Mellor Brook Community Centre for their community project and for their commitment and new found skills during the project. Good luck and best wishes in everything you do and achieve in the future. Thank you also to three Women's Institute members who helped.



As The Community Centre prepares to celebrate its two hundredth year anniversary, we are looking for donations for tombola prizes, please, such as any unwanted Christmas gifts that can be used for a good cause. If you have anything to donate, please contact Julie Caton on 07542 909677. Julie will happily come to you to collect donations. Memorabilia about the centre and the surrounding area, stories and photographs from the last two hundred years are also all welcome and will be great to share with everyone on the day of the celebration. Please send any memories to Julie Caton at julie.caton@btinternet.com or to Seamus Heffernan on 01254 812131. Thank you.

Please note that The Community Centre now also hosts Adults Ballroom and Latin Classes for Beginners, every Tuesday, from 7:15pm! These new classes are pre-book only with Precision Dance Academy.

Pop-Up Café

The pop up café will be open at Mellor Village Hall on Saturday 2nd March, serving hot drinks and cakes from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Please call in – everyone welcome!

Balderstone and District Women's Institute

The weather has been atrocious this February. It meant that our strollers had yet again to abandon their walk to see the snowdrops at Pleasington Old Hall, but they all met at the Butlers Arms, in Pleasington, for a chat and lunch. The snowdrops will have to wait for another year! Our "longer" distance walkers went to Ramsbottom, near Bury, for an exploratory walk up to The Peel Monument, then had a well-earned lunch at Owens Restaurant.

Our speaker, this month, was Angela Fletcher, who many will know, if you follow The Great British Sewing Bee. It was a fascinating talk, especially when she let us into the secrets of filming the series and the "lies" she had to tell, even to her grandchildren, so no one would know the final results.

March will see our 105th anniversary. We will be having a Jacob's join, quizzes and lots of entertainment!!! We have already planned all of our speakers for the next season and are looking forward to another interesting year.

The WI Clitheroe Show, which will be held at Brave Church, in Oswaldtwistle, on 6th July, need to raise money, to keep this expensive event running. They are having a fund raising day on 9th March at the Methodist Church at the top of Moor Lane, in Clitheroe, near the castle. Please come along and enjoy all the stalls. Bacon butties will be on sale too!

Janet Edmondson

Mellor Brook Parent & Toddler Group

During March, Parents and Toddlers have lots of special themes coming up, such as our Mothering Sunday craft and then, of course, our Easter activities, with chocolate nests and gingerbread chicks for icing.

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.

Thank you, Maureen Britcliffe



Preston Lady Farmers

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

- Wednesday 6th March – Real Life Of The Police with Paul Cook at Samlesbury Memorial Hall
- Mon 11th March – Fri 15th March – Annual Trip including Loch Lomond Cruise, Stirling and Oban
- Wednesday 20th March – Open Night: The History Of Clogging at Barton Village Hall

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.

Catherine Chadwick

Quiz Nights at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

The next Samlesbury War Memorial Hall Quiz Night is on Saturday 9th March at 7:30pm, when our quizmaster will be Ibbey Winterbottom. Please book your team of up to six people, indicating your team name and supper preferences by phone / text to 01254 814926 or 07739 585860 or by emailing rclarelewis@aol.com.



Supper choices are Lancashire Hot Pot or Cheese Bake (V, GF). Unlimited tea & coffee is included. Adults £8.50 & under 11s £3.50. Please bring your own alcohol, soft drinks & snacks. Hope to see you there for a fun and friendly evening.

We had originally planned a quiz night planned for April but this has now been cancelled, due to the Easter holidays. Therefore, our March quiz is the last monthly quiz before our summer break. The quiz nights will resume again in September. 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

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
Young Farmers	Monday (8:00pm)	samlesburyyoungfarmers@outlook.com
Zumba Gold	Tuesdays (10am – 11am)	Lucy 07983 979402 wishartlucy@gmail.com
Argentine Tango	Tuesdays (7:30pm – 10:30pm)	Richard 07780 867363 40byes@gmail.com
Sweet Salsa	Thursday (8:00pm)	Julia 07931 721697 www.sweetsalsa.co.uk
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	Ellie 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 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 & 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)
- Community Ukulele Group on Thursdays (19:30 – 21:30)
- Cheryl's Dance Studios on Fridays (17:00 – 19:00) during term time
- Public Christian Meetings on Fridays (19:00 – 20:30)
- Film Club 24th March (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.

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 Twitter @MellorBrook for news and forthcoming events.

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Rachael Calvey

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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 above. The Vicarage office phone number is 01254 814041 and the email address is unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com.

Whalley Abbey

The vision for Whalley Abbey is to be a place of encounter, spiritual refreshment and growth for all.

To book a place at any of the events, please visit www.whalleyabbey.org, email bookings@whalleyabbey.org or phone 01254 828400.



St Leonard the Less Bell Ringers

If anyone (10 years of age or over) is interested in joining our ringing team at Samlesbury, you would be most welcome. We welcome anyone interested to come along, whether they are experienced ringers or just want to find out more about bellringing. We practise on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury. Please contact Glen Clayton on 01254 813330 or janet@frankharrington.com for more information.



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Bowland Vets	01254 311311
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Hair By Amy Campbell	07770 238258
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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
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The Garage at Mellor Brook (Beauty Treatments with Zara Booth)	07398 711578
The Mellor Beauty Studio	01254 813302
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