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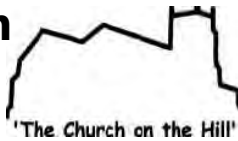
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A Letter from Allen Standeven

The Bible Encounter Trust

Many will remember with great affection Julie and Peter Fraser, who used their God-given skills to bring Bible Stories to life. Who can forget the Christmas Story Trail, the Easter Story Trail and the amazing depiction of the Bible message at many of our services?

As many will know, Peter sadly passed away last year and as he and Julie were the entire trust the future looked uncertain.

I have received the latest Prayer letter from Julie in which she tells of future plans. As Peter wished, the work is continuing. Whilst the Trustees are looking to expand the team Julie is being joined by Mark Tomlinson (who led some of our services during the vacancy) thus bringing together the work of the Trust and Primary Focus. The videos they have prepared have already been well received by various schools and they have a programme of school visits planned for when Covid rules permit.

Julie asks for our prayers focusing particularly as follows:

Give thanks for

- The warm response from so many schools to the renewed contact.
- The highly positive response to the first video, which was circulated earlier this year.
- Mark's support with this term's assemblies.
- The continued backing of so many during this time.

Please pray for

- The provisional assembly bookings for May, June and July to become "live".
- A real connection with the children and adults in the schools.
- The video currently in production, and for its use in the schools.
- The booking of further assembly visits to create a full diary for 2021/2022.
- Julie's involvement with the assembly presentation and faithful continuation of the high standards that schools have come to expect from Bible Encounter.
- Recruitment of additional story tellers to expand the opportunities for assembly presentation.
- Courage and strength to retrace the steps Peter and Julie would usually have taken together.

This will obviously be an emotional and difficult journey for Julie and I ask everyone to join me in prayer for her and the Bible Encounter Trust.

Allen Standeven

NOTICE BOARD

Community Groups and Charities

You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!
Contact the magazine editor - details inside the front cover.
Deadline for the July issue is Wednesday 23 June.
The magazine will be in church and online on Sunday 27 June.

JOINING THE TEAM



Come and join us!

The scaffolding is coming down soon, and the Government's roadmap may continue on schedule. So as the time draws closer to the date when we hope to open the church more fully....

Would you like to join the team?

We're looking for more cleaners to help get into all corners of the church.

Timing can be flexible - you don't have to sign up for ever, but if you can spare an hour or more from time to time,

please get in touch with **Jacky Smith**

or **Chris Kershaw 01457 765350**

or **chriskershaw@mottramparish.org.uk**



Youth Group

(Information - contact Alice on 07790765985
or email alice.litaba@yahoo.com)

Still no meetings at present. We hope that when covid restrictions are eased, we will be able to meet in person again - possibly outdoors.

NOTICES (CONTINUED)

Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank



**The Foodbank operates under the
Trussell Trust banner.**

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Wednesdays 2 - 3pm**

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**Donations of money can be made at
[https://www.givey.com/
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Susan Ayres, Foodbank Project Co-ordinator writes:

*'Thanks for your support during the last difficult year.
It has meant that we have been able to feed everyone who has
come to us in need.'*

*Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank
Hattersley Baptist Church
Melandra Crescent, Hattersley SK14 3RB*

More about the Foodbank and the Trussell Trust's latest
STATE OF HUNGER report at
<https://tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk>

Church News (1)

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY



Is this for you?

In the past the diocese have run these courses nearer to the centre of the diocese but have realised that this has been a great disadvantage to those living further out, such as those in Mottram and surrounding areas. They have decided to run a course here, but this can only run if they have enough of an uptake. So, please do contact Rev Cait if you are interested. These courses can take you on journeys with God that you may never have considered before and inspire lifelong friendships.

Who the course is for

Foundations is for lots of different lay people

People go on from Foundations for Ministry to support many different kinds of Christian ministry:

- Serving God at work or in the community;
- Roles within the church (children's work, pastoral work, etc.)
- Ordained ministry (Vicars, Chaplains etc);
- Licensed lay ministry (Readers, Pastoral Workers, Parish Nurse, Church Army and more).

The course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian ministry. It is not a basics course, so it is expected that students will have some background in Christian life and thinking. Often it is useful for people to do Foundations for Ministry after another course of Christian learning (e.g. Pilgrim Course, Emmaus, Alpha, Adult Confirmation etc.)

Foundations for Ministry is about applying the Bible and Christian thinking to ministry in the church and the world – it is not a course mainly about how the Bible fits together, so it is expected that people have some of that material under their belts before they come on the course.

All applicants will already be actively involved as Christians in serving God through the church and in their lives.

Foundations is the required "first-step" course for those going on to Reader and Pastoral Worker training.

We ask that anyone thinking of applying discuss it with their incumbent minister and get their approval first.

How the course runs

There are 24 evening sessions, spread over 3 terms from September to May (8 evenings per module, 7.30pm-9.30pm - this year these will be offered online as well as face-to-face where regulations allow). There is an induction day at the start of the course in September, and 2 days on ministry which are on Saturdays (how these operate this year will be dependent on Covid regulations).

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FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (continued)

The evening sessions are usually split into two:

Worship and a lively presentation from the front on the topic of the evening;

Small group time. This involves discussion, reflection, practical exercises, personal sharing and prayer. Students will be expected to take part in discussion and various exercises – come prepared to be involved and you will also be expected to do about an hour of linkwork between sessions, which feeds into the group discussion.

Pathways through the course

The course can be completed in one of three ways:

- By simply attending the sessions;
- By attendance plus written work; or
- By attendance plus assessed written work and registration for the University of Chester's CUC (Ministry) award.

Completion of the CUC Ministry is an essential requirement for those intending to become licensed Readers or Pastoral Workers.

What the assessed work involves

Most people choose to follow the assessed work pathway. There is a choice of different assignments, including reflections on what you are learning on the course, group based exercises, parish-based projects and more. There is a total of four pieces of written work to complete the assessed course. We offer study skills help for people who haven't done this sort of thing before, or haven't done it in a long while. Resources will be available via the Internet.

Internet access and basic competency in using Microsoft Office are needed to complete the course.

What do I get at the end of it?

Everybody who does the course gets a certificate of completion.

The assessed pathway is validated by the University of Chester. On successful completion of the course you will be awarded the Church Universities' Certificate in Ministry – a nationally recognized award – which allows you to take those credits on into further study.

How to apply

Application forms can be obtained from the Committee and Ministry (CfM) office at Church House. These need to be returned, with payment, by 31 August. Discuss the application with your incumbent, then contact the Course Administrator ministry@chester.anglican.org

The deadline for applications is 31 August, although all places may be filled well before then. We will always consider applications received after the deadline. If you are accepted by your parish and the Diocese to train as a Pastoral Worker or Reader, you will definitely be given a place on the course as it forms the first year of your training. Do note however, these ministries have a selection process in place.

Church News (2)

Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry) meeting held in St Michael & All Angels Church on Sunday 16/5/2021 10.00am before 'Worship For All'.

The Vicar, Rev'd Cait Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kate Best was elected as secretary for the meeting.

The sole purpose of this meeting was to elect the two Churchwardens.

Dejan Melovic and Christopher Kneen were unanimously elected as Churchwardens.



Dejan



Christopher

Chris Kneen was welcomed as a new Churchwarden and a presentation was made to David Russell, now able to retire after serving seven terms of office.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 16th May 2021.

The minutes of the APCM held on 25/10/2020 approved by all present.

Parochial Church Council members

The following five persons were elected unopposed:

Kate Best, Kevin Hall, Pat Hall, Polly Brown, Catherine Rogerson.

Sidespersons

At the moment we are not utilising the services of Sidespersons but if and when that changes we will ask people to put themselves forward and they will be appointed by the PCC.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Treasurer Brian Seaborn was not able to be with us but the accounts had already been approved by the PCC.

Appointment of External Examiner

We are in the process of having the accounts examined and the PCC hopes to be able to appoint an Independent Examiner in due course. Bill Jubb, after many years as our Independent Examiner has decided to retire and a presentation was made to him to thank him for his years of service.

Church Reports and Wardens' Reports - attached to minutes.

Vicar's Report - given verbally, followed by Worship For All.

Church News (3)



Full details of services can be found on page 13 and online Sunday School on page 14.



Music

We've enjoyed having the Choir and the Music Group in our worship recently, and we look forward to being able to join in with the singing.

Do you prefer the traditional sound of the choir and organ? We're especially short of men's voices, but the more members we have, of all shapes and sizes, the better we'll be able to lead the congregation in song.



Or would you like to join our more informal Music Group? Can you sing? Can you play an instrument - anything to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 100).

You don't have to sign up for every week, for ever, but whatever you can do, you'll be welcome.

If you'd like to 'give it a go', speak to someone in the choir or Rev Cait.

General information about Mottram parish Church can be found at www.mottramparish.org.uk

You can sign up for a regular e-news bulletin at <https://mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/mailling>

If you would like to donate to the work of the church please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/mottramparish>

Church News (4)

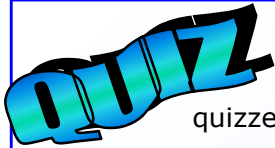
Gutter and plasterwork repairs

Hopefully the scaffolding will be down in the next two or three weeks, in time for the wedding season.

St Michael's wishes to express its gratitude for the £21K grant from Historic England, in partnership with Here For Culture.



Historic England



St Michael's Online Quiz

On Saturday 15th May a small but select group of quizzers pitted their wits against quiz master Kate Best.

We started off with "A Full English" - no - we weren't all at the vicarage enjoying Cait's cooking! All the questions in this round were about an item you would find in a full English Breakfast. One quizzier got 10 out of 10 even though she is a vegetarian. Well done Monica!

Next - Science - lots of groans here but Pat and Kevin surprised themselves!

Then - Authors - their birthdays and clues about their books - and one author shared a birthday with Rev Cait! (Not the year which was 1920 - that's the author not Cait!!!)

As lock down eases and thoughts turn to holidays - the next round was - "A list destinations" - cities and places beginning with the letter A.

The final round was a picture round and again Rev Cait worked her magic with the technology. You've heard of the "Who done it?" - well this round was "Who solved it" and it was a bonus round!

Ten pictures of British TV crime fighting duos - one point for the name of the series, and one point for one or both of the actors.

The winners were drum roll

Pat and Kevin!!!!!!



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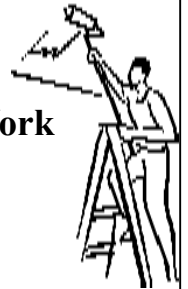
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News From Chester Diocese

Two new appointments will bring Chester diocese back to its full complement of bishops. The Ven. Julie Conalty and Canon Sam Corley will be consecrated as bishops of Birkenhead and Stockport respectively in July.

Revd Canon Sam Corley read theology at Durham and taught history in Surrey before training for the ministry at St John's College Nottingham.

In 2004 he was ordained in the Diocese of Blackburn, where he became a parish priest. Sam says he's comfortable in a wide range of worship contexts - including leading worship for 2000 scouts in a cowshed at the Great Yorkshire Showground.



The Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines thanked Sam for ten years of energetic service in the region: "Sam has served the Diocese of Leeds and the wider Church of England with great diligence, wisdom, and generosity. He has inspired many people to greater vision and ministry within and beyond the Church. His appointment to the See of Stockport is wonderful for the Church, the wider community in the Diocese of Chester, and the bishops nationally. I am very sorry to be losing him but very confident that his ministry will continue to grow in the future."

Sam is married to Claire, who is herself in ordained ministry in the Church of England, and they have three children. Having spent much of his childhood working on a farm, Sam also has a deep love of the countryside and nature.

The **Venerable Julie Conalty** grew up NW England but has spent the last 35 years "exiled" in the south.

She experienced a call to ordained ministry as a teenager and on leaving school she moved to Sheffield to study for a Biblical Studies degree. Upon graduation, as women could not train to become priests, Julie found work running a homeless shelter, trained as a social worker and began a career in the Probation Service. Eventually, she was accepted for ordination training and was ordained deacon in 1999 and priest in 2000. Her training parish was in Southwark Diocese where she was initially a self-supporting minister.



The Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff welcomed news of Julie's appointment: "Archdeacon Julie has given a huge amount to our diocese in a relatively short space of time, serving first as vicar of Christ Church Erith and Area Dean of Erith. Her passion to see safeguarding taken seriously has changed not just processes, but also culture within the diocese. She would agree there is still a long way to go, but her contribution in this area has been of huge importance. We assure her of our prayers as she takes on this new ministry."

Julie is married to Simon and they have two grown-up sons. Julie likes a beer and a takeaway curry on a Friday night and the family support Charlton Athletic.

News From the C of E



**Peace Doves seen from below
By Peter Walker**

A FLOCK of 18,000 paper doves have been strung together on fifteen-and-a half miles of ribbon for an art installation in Liverpool Cathedral.

The work, Peace Doves by the sculptor Peter Walker, is illuminated by a light show and accompanied by a soundtrack, "Ruah Qadeska", composed by David Harper.

Many of the doves carry prayers and messages of peace written by thousands of schoolchildren and others. The artwork should have gone on display a year ago, but was delayed by the lockdown.

The Dean of Liverpool, the Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, said that she had been moved by reading prayers and messages on the doves, "from people paying tribute to those they have lost, to those wishing for better times and, of course, many wishing for peace".

She invited people to "come and stand, sit, or lie under the installation, and look up at the doves and experience a sense of serenity and peace".

The installation continues until 31 August.

Because of continuing Covid restrictions, visits to the installation must be pre-booked at:

www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/home/visiting-us/a-great-place-to-visit.aspx

The tightening of the Government's coronavirus restrictions on singing, only 24 hours after the relaxation of rules covering the entertainment industry, has caused bewilderment in church congregations.

Pubs, theatres and sports grounds were all allowed to open up last week but new guidance, applicable to England only, has restricted gatherings of amateur singers to just six.

The assistant director of music at Ely Cathedral, Glen Dempsey, posted on Twitter: "10,000 football fans singing in football stadiums, dozens singing in pubs, yet only six non-professionals are allowed to sing in our cavernous cathedrals, churches, theatres and concert halls."

The director of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), Hugh Morris, said this week that the restriction had created "upheaval, not to say uproar", and he urged all singers to show solidarity in song by joining the Big Music Sunday Service, online, on 6 June from Lichfield Cathedral.

He said that, as choirs were so severely restricted again, the service was "a powerful way for singers to come together, even if that has to be online. The music is rich and varied, and comes from around the world, which seems especially appropriate at this time, as we all come together to support each other."

The service will be streamed live at 6 p.m. on the day, on the RSCM's YouTube channel, and will be broadcast on the BBC's *Songs of Praise*. Resources are available through the RSCM website.

An online parliamentary petition can be signed at

petition.parliament.uk/petitions/586559

asking the Government to allow choirs of any size to rehearse indoors, provided that social distancing is maintained and Covid-secure measures are in place.

The Dean of Lichfield, the Very Revd Adrian Dorber, who chairs the Association of English Cathedrals, said on Tuesday: "We appreciate public-health concerns, but now that sport stadiums, pubs and bars are open again, and more and more of us are vaccinated, it seems punitive of the authorities to stamp down on singing, especially on amateur choirs and church congregations.

"There is very little definite, published, and properly peer-reviewed evidence to support these draconian measures."

A huge number of amateur choirs in England - many thousands - are the church choirs of the various Christian denominations.

Not to be taken seriously

THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

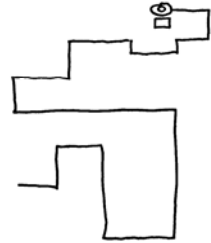
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WHEN THE READER HAS
A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING
JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE
OR ADVENT CANDLE
REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO
BEING THE PERSON DOWN
TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A
CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN NEXT

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This CartoonChurch.com cartoon originally appeared in the Church Times and is taken from 'The Dave Walker Guide to the Church', published by Canterbury Press.



Church Services

We are following all the usual covid-safe rules, including social distancing. Masks must be worn if entering the church building. You will need to book with Kate Best. You can contact Kate between Monday and Thursday to book for the following Sunday, on 01457 857248 or preferably, email her at kate-best@mottramparish.org.uk.

Please do not send texts to her landline, and leave only one message - she will get back to you!

Sunday 6th June

8:30am Early Communion in the Staveley Chapel.

10:30am Worship for all.

Sunday 13th June

8:30am Early Communion in the Staveley Chapel.

10:30am Worship for All with Communion.

Sunday 20th June

8:30am Early Communion in the Staveley Chapel.

10:30am Worship for All.

Sunday 27th June

8:30am Early Communion in the Staveley Chapel.

10:30am Worship for all with Holy Communion.

Wednesdays 10.30am at St Barnabas, Hattersley.
Holy Communion - a joint service with our friends and neighbours at St Barnabas, Hattersley Road East, SK14 3EQ

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

We are sorry that we are not yet able to provide a crèche for young children.



Registers and Records



Funerals

Wednesday
19 May 2021
**baby Lexi Winifred
Fletcher**

Friday
28 May 2021
Tom Finney

Sunday
30 May 2021
Interment of ashes of
John Walker
Reader emeritus



Contacts for arranging baptisms, thanksgivings, weddings, wedding blessings and funerals can be found inside the front cover.



Flying The Flag

Wednesday 19 May 2021
**81st birthday memories of
David Partridge**

Wednesday 16 June 2021
**Birthday memories of
Bernard Dowd**

Sunday 20 June 2021
**Loving birthday memories of
my Peter (Redfern)**

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Let's Pray

Parish Prayer Rota June 2021

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

Olive Terrace
St Ann's Street
Well Row
Mill Brow
Market Street
King Street
Gibble Gabble
Harewood Lodge
New Street
Mottram Road



Prayer for Encouragement in June

Father,

At this time of year, we remember Barnabas, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, who encouraged people to stay true to you - and others to trust you for the first time.

Lord, we have gone through difficult days. The pandemic has taught us that we are not in control. As we move into June and the hope of more normality after the restrictions of Lockdown, we too need encouragement.

Help us to have courage to step forward with confidence and common sense.

Most of all help us to stay true to you and to trust you, knowing that you are the security we need, knowing that you will never leave us or forsake us. Help us to be en-couraged! In Jesus name, Amen.

(St Barnabas' day is 11th June)



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group is now holding fortnightly 'virtual' meetings.

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

If you would like to send in a personal prayer - in complete confidence - send it to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

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

A prayer of *St Columba*

(c. 521 -97)

St Columba's day is 9th June.

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame
before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path
beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd
behind me,
Today and evermore.

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Broadbottom

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Coronavirus
crisis.**

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of this magazine for more
information and contact details.

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group activity?

Contact Mandy Pluck on 07967567420

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THE MAGDALENE CENTRE

The following statement from the PCC has gone out to all our regular users.

The PCC met on Thursday 20th May. A discussion on how and when to re-open the centre was on the agenda. We were not able to come to a definite decision during that meeting, but plan to hold a special PCC meeting in the next two or three weeks. At that point we hope to be able to make a decision and will let you all know. Thank you for your patience, which we hope will be rewarded soon.



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