

Mottram Evangelical Church

*"...Behold, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut. ..."* Revelation 3:8



Insight

November 2013

Hattersley
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Isaiah 43:19 *See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?...*





Mottram Evangelical Church
and

Hattersley Community Church

are interdependent churches who seek to be evangelical in their understanding and charismatic in their experience.

Together *we live to glorify God, serve his church and reach his world.*

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Jim Solomon

TIME to SHINE



Now that the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in we're aware that the world around us is getting darker.

That's true in more than one sense. Passages like Mark 13 and 2 Timothy 3 in the Bible paint a picture of a future of intensifying wars and conflict, persecution of the church, natural disasters, religious apostasy, Godlessness, lawlessness and breakdown of family and society. It is plain to see that our nation is also increasingly becoming a part of this downward spiral. But take courage it's not all doom and gloom!

Seasons change

Winter may be coming but we know that spring will follow and then summer. When you look at the history of the church there have been dark times in the past. Times when the church has been weak and ineffective, resulting in a Godless and morally rotten nation. Praise God that on many an occasion the Lord has brought renewal, reform and revival to the church, and healing to the nation.

Pastor, Hattersley Community Church

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

(1 Peter 4:7-10)

So here are 3 ways that we can be agents of light in an ever darkening world:

Pray – Jesus linked prayer with the coming of His kingdom. Our calling is to wake up and be watchful in prayer. Humbling ourselves and crying out to the Almighty to come and heal our lives, our churches, our families, our communities, our nation, our world.

Love – As we see selfishness increase our calling is to move in the opposite direction and love with a self-denying love. Jesus poured His life out for us. In response we are to pour out our lives for others.

Serve – the Holy Spirit has given every believer spiritual gifts. They are there to be used to build up the church to be effective in her task of seeing people move from darkness into the kingdom of light.

Don't be tempted to hide your light. As you see the days get darker, it's time for us to shine brighter with the light of Christ!

Jim

A new day is dawning

Jesus describes himself as the light of the world and promises that those who follow Him will not walk in darkness (John 8:12). His appearance two thousand years ago marked the start of the greatest dawn that our world has ever known. Despite the growing darkness those who have received the light of Christ have increased and increased. Christianity is now the largest and most widespread of all the world religions. Jesus identified the increasing chaos in the world as necessary birth pains before He comes again to establish His glorious kingdom in the world (Matthew 24).

We are agents of change

Jesus also describes us as the light of the world. We're agents of change. We are called to be the ones through whom Jesus shines his life changing light. So how can we do this? Well Peter wrote the following words about what we are to do as the world as we know it draws to a close:

The Message

He energises those who
get tired,
Gives fresh strength to
drop-outs.

For even young people
tire and drop out;
Young folk in their prime
stumble and fall.

But those who wait upon
God get fresh strength.

They spread their wings
and soar like eagles,
They run and don't get
tired,
They walk and don't lag
behind.

Isaiah 40 v29-31
Gwen Taylor

*"Take from me gentle Spirit of God, confusion, tiredness, distraction,
and help me focus on your renewing strength."*

David Blair writing in Scripture Union Notes.
Gwen Taylor



What's that ugly guy on the cover doing? His usual November activity, that's what. Through November the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal is in full swing.

Martyn Catterall and the team are geared up and trust that you will once again support us by donating a shoebox full of goodies to join the 100 million boxes donated and distributed over the last 21 years. These shoeboxes are given to children who wouldn't normally get any presents and it's all thanks to your generosity.

Making up a box is easy to do and starts by you picking up a leaflet from the MEC foyer and finding an empty shoebox and wrapping paper. It finishes with your box many miles away with at the very least a huge smile. Shoebox Sunday is November 24th.

There are also opportunities to help in the checking warehouse and to help the ugly guy gather in the boxes by joining one of the van crews. Just speak to Martyn Catterall or me if you are interested.

Stephen Winfield

Call to More Prayer and Fasting



Having recently completed a week of prayer and fasting as a church family together, our attention has continually been drawn to the well-known verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says: *"if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land"*.

We have been called to return to our first love, to come back to the Lord, to cling to Him in complete dependence and seek His face: this is an aspect of humbling ourselves. We have been reminded to pull up the weeds, to no longer tolerate lingering sin in our hearts, to turn from our wicked ways: this is an aspect of humbling ourselves. And we have been called to pray, perhaps the greatest sign that we are humbling ourselves

before God.

2 Chronicles 7:14 is a conditional promise. God promises forgiveness and restoration for the land if His people will humble themselves under His mighty hand. This principle is also found in the New Testament. It is found in James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:6 which say humble yourselves before the (mighty hand of the) Lord and (at the proper time) He will exalt you". Peter goes on to say in verse 10 that the God of all grace will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish us.

The principle is simple but paradoxical: to be lifted up, we must bow down. In the Kingdom, the way up is down!

And so the elders are calling the church to bow down again, that the Lord in His perfect time might lift us up and restore, confirm, strengthen and establish us in Christ! Let us do this by returning to prayer and fasting together for another week, from Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th November. We will arrange times for praying together in the mornings and evenings of that week and ask that each of us consider fasting for part or all of the week as well.

Martyn

Do you have a heart to see that our life together as God's people would build up "world Christians" with a world view that is God centred and biblical, inspiring increased prayer, giving, sending and going, so that God would be glorified both locally and in the nations of His world? Then come along to the:

MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

Inaugural Meeting
On Monday 18th November at 8pm
22a Stalybridge Road

The Northern Women's Convention



in style. Her face was a picture when Toni brought in a large birthday cake with a lit candle. The whole auditorium joined in with a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' and a beaming Gwen was displayed on the screen. No-one could believe her age perhaps they thought the digits had been transposed!

Our only hiccup was the lack of water to the building which meant the toilets were not working! This meant a visit to the local Sainsbury's, a hotel or the gymnasium. None of these distractions deterred us from the focus and enjoyment of the day. Our

prayers are with Audrey who could not be with us as she had broken her wrist – Get well soon Audrey.

As we look to Jesus we pray that we will be refreshed and equipped to serve Him more. 'And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith'. Hebrews12:1-2.

Alison Fewster

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

A party of twelve attended the Northern Women's Convention Saturday 12th November from MEC.

The emphasis was on Hebrews12 and Jodi Hinds helped us to understand what it really means that Jesus is the answer. We attended between us seminars on 'Going the Distance in Relationships', 'Living with Life's Disappointments', 'When Christians Disagree' and 'Our Struggle with Sin'.

We celebrated Gwen Taylor's 87th birthday



Prayer / Bible Study - Wednesdays 8:00pm

Hattersley Baptist Church, Melandra Crescent, Hattersley, SK14 3RB

Dates in November:

- 6th Whole church prayer gathering with fasting (7-8pm prayer for Israel)
- 13th Whole church Bible study
- 20th Whole church prayer gathering (7-8pm prayer for Tanzania)
- 27th Whole church Bible study

Doors open at 7pm

Come at 7pm and pray or receive prayer on those evenings when the meetings start at 8pm.

Godley to Compstall via Werneth Low



It might have been me advertising this last walk as 'up and down with mud' that reduced the numbers to 9. However, the weather was kind to us being warm and sunny. We covered 5 country miles over Werneth low into Compstall, returning to the cars on a circular route.

Our next walk will be in December and more family friendly! *Martyn Catterall*





Your Hands

Your hands created Heaven and Earth
Your hands created and gave us new birth;
Your hands made every bird and tree
And created such beauty for us to see.

Your hands are mighty to save;
Your hands deliverance gave;
Your hands gently comfort and heal;
Your hands are loving and real.

Your hands made tables and chairs;
Your hands take away our cares;
Your hands cleanse us from sin;
Your hands make us whole within.

Your hands touched the blind man's eyes;
He was able to see--a wonderful surprise;
Your hands and voice the Pharisees warned,
They rebelled. rejected You, and scorned.

Your hands endured agony and pain
As on the cross You were cruelly slain;
Your hands gave the disciples bread;
With God's power You rose from the dead.

Your hands have beckoned us to give
And reach out so that others may live;
Our hands we give to serve You
As we seek to be faithful and true.



Anne Gange

(inspired by a song that Stuart Townsend sang at a concert in Belper on September 19th, 2013.)

Recently I was staying at Carsington Water in our caravan, and my friend took me to see Stuart Townsend One of his songs talked of the Lord's hands. I was treating the holiday like a little retreat, and I wrote this poem.



Calling the Mighty Men

**Saturday 9th November @ 8.00 is
"MAN TIME AT MOTTRAM"**

The Mighty Men of Mottram & Longdendale are having another time of fellowship together over breakfast when we can increase our faith as well as our cholesterol levels.



Please let Peter Copestake know whether you're coming (or not) so we can prepare accordingly.



Catalogues for Created Crafts and cards will soon be available in the MEC foyer.

If you would like to support people from some of the worlds poorest communities, every purchase means that people in need have valuable employment, a fair price and a better future.

Orders placed through me will not incur any postage and packing costs. Please telephone or complete the order form in the catalogue, I hope to place regular orders up to Sunday 8th December.



Be a part in bringing transformation and hope to people living in poverty.

Shirley Brierley

tearfund

What, Where, When and Who

*What happens in and around our Churches,
When it happens,
Where it takes place and Who to contact for
more details and to volunteer.*

Sundays (see Diary Dates for full details)

10.30 am **Mottram Morning Worship**
MEC, Stalybridge Road
Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
martyn@mottramec.co.uk

10.30 am **Hattersley Morning Worship**
Pinfold Primary School,
Hattersley
Jim Solomon 07985 029115

6.30 pm **'Ish (18-25's)**
To 8.00 pm Debs F 07446 893445

Monday

2.00 pm **Mottram Monday Matinee**
To 4.00 pm MEC
Debs F 07446 893445

7.45 pm **Tearfund Prayer Meeting**
(2nd Mon of Month)
Venue varies.
Shirley Brierley 01457 764700

Tuesdays

10.30 am **Tuesday Café**
to 12.30 pm MEC
School term Linda Winson 01457 764225

4.30 pm **The Girlee Crew**
To 6.00 pm MEC
School Term Louise Lee 01457 762173

Wednesdays

9.30 am **HCC Prayer**
to 11.00 am 4 Worthington Close,
Hattersley.
Sylvia Garry 0161 368 0952

6.00 pm **MEC/HCC Lads Cell**
to 7.30 pm MEC (13 to 17's)
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

8.00 pm **Small Groups**
to 10.00 pm Various locations.
MEC Martyn Cooling
01457 238016

Thursdays

10.00 am **MEC Womans Prayer & Bible Group.**
to 12 noon MEC
School term Alison Fewster 01457 762676

6.30 pm **Kids 4 Christ**
to 8.00 pm MEC (Junior school age)
School term Jim Towell 0161 330 9058.
jim@towells.info

8.00 pm **MEC Worship Group**
MEC
Alan Kendrick 01457 853747

Fridays

7.30 pm **Young People's Group**
to 9.00 pm MEC (Secondary Age)
School Term Debs F 07446 893445

9.30 pm **Late Lounge**
To 11.00 pm MEC (16 to 21 years)
Debs F 07446 893445
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

Miscellany

I would like to thank the church family for all the love, support and extremely kind donations since my beloved and much missed dog, Corran, passed away.

Many of you will know that my boy was everything to me and I thank the Lord for eleven wonderful years with Corran. He was part of the reason I moved to Mottram, and two years after moving to the village I met with the Lord Jesus, so I believe Corran was a big part of God's salvation plan for me.

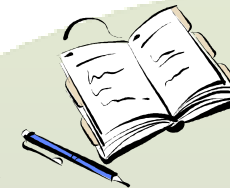
The love shown towards me has reminded me of Jesus's wonderful love for us all. Bless you.

Andrew Mansley

2014 Church Directory

Can you please check your contact details ahead of next year's directory and inform me or Martyn Catterall of any changes.

Thanks **Margaret H.**



We would like to thank everyone who helped us move house, your kindness and prayers was much appreciated.

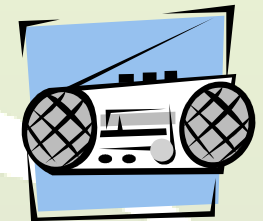
New address for the Murphy Family
80 West Drive Tintwistle
Glossop SK13 1NB

01457 239829

Sharon Murphy

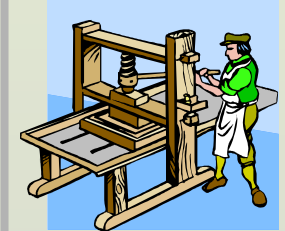


Gwen Taylor would like to thank everyone who offered her tape recorders following her appeal



last month.

She is now fixed up and enjoying her audio books once again.



The deadline for the December issue of Insight is Sunday 17th November



Articles for Insight—Sorry! We can't be everywhere!

If you have photos or reports on Mottram or Hattersley church events, please send them to us for including in *Insight*

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See the Diary Dates for the copy deadline.

Stephen & Margaret Winfield

November Diary Dates

Sun 3rd

HCC 9.45 am Hattersley Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.10 am Mottram Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.30 am Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
HCC 10.30 am Hattersley Morning Worship

Wed 6th

HCC 7.00 pm Whole Church Prayer Gathering with fasting

Fri 8th

MEC 7.00 pm Bonfire Party Bring and Share Supper at the Benn's

Sat 9th

MEC 8.00 am Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast

Sun 10th

HCC 9.45 am Hattersley Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.10 am Mottram Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.30 am Mottram Morning Worship
HCC 10.30 am Hattersley Morning Worship

Sun 10th to Sat 16th

MEC am & pm Week of Prayer and Fasting (Part 2)

Wed 13th

HCC 8.00 pm HCC Whole Church Bible Study

Sun 17th

HCC 9.45 am Hattersley Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.10 am Mottram Morning Prayer
MEC 10.30 am Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
HCC 10.30 am Hattersley Morning Worship and Lord's Supper

December Insight Deadline

Wed 20th

HCC 7.00 pm HCC Whole Church Prayer Gathering

Sun 24th

HCC 9.45 am Hattersley Sunday Prayer
MEC 10.10 am Mottram Morning Prayer
MEC 10.30 am Mottram Morning Worship
HCC 10.30 am Hattersley Morning Worship

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Wed 27th

HCC 8.00 pm HCC Whole Church Bible Study

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UTD = United Meetings (at MEC unless stated)