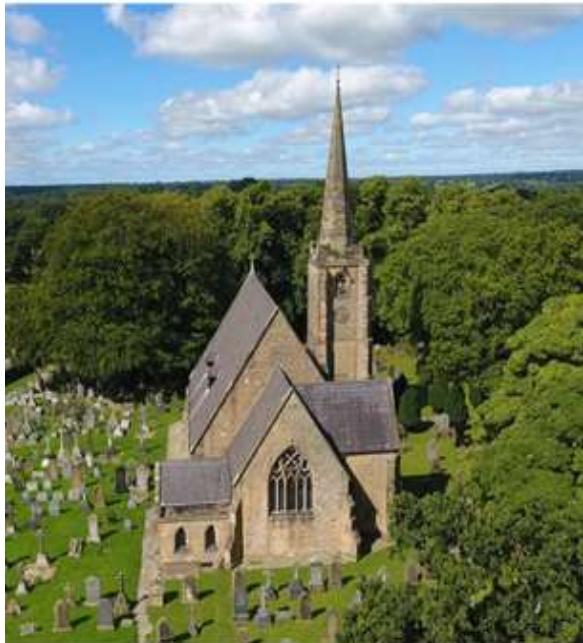


## United Benefice Magazine – February 2026

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St Leonard's Balderstone

St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less  
Samlesbury



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

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

January is finally over. It is one of those odd months that both seems to fly by too quickly, with never enough days to do everything needed to start the new year, and a month that drags for ever, with rain and cold and wind. But January is over, and the first signs of spring are appearing. The days are getting longer, some flowers are coming through. Snow drops are in bloom and the shoots of daffodils are poking through.

We began February with Candlemas. The feast of Christ’s Presentation in the Temple. The feast of Christ’s light revealed to Simeon and Anna, a light to be shared with all. We begin February with God’s hope freshly reminded to us. Seeing light return after winter and the life return as spring approaches. February begins with hope, with looking to life. But in this, we will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.

In Lent we prepare for the joy of Easter, and the sacrifice Christ made, by joining in his time in the wilderness. The things we give up, or take up, for Lent are more than just a second chance at New Year’s resolutions we failed to properly keep. It is a time of joining Christ in resisting the Temptations of our world. Of putting aside time for prayer, for reflection, for drawing closer to God.

Rev Nathaniel Gilmour

### **United Benefice Church Services: January 2026**

	<b><u>Balderstone</u></b>	<b><u>Mellor</u></b>	<b><u>Samlesbury</u></b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Mission Praise
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February		7.30pm Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	4.00pm Café Church	9.30am MU Holy Communion	11.00am BCP Holy Communion

## New Rota:

A reminder that we have a new rota system for 2026. Under this the pattern of services will be the same for each Sunday of the month. For example the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month will always be the same, the 2<sup>nd</sup> always the same and so on. There will be slight variations in this for major feasts. For example, this month Ash Wednesday as a United Benefice service (this year at Mellor) next month Mothering Sunday as well as times like Christmas. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, when this occurs, will continue to be a United Benefice Service that will rotate location between our three Churches.

The pattern of Services can be seen in the table above. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rev Nathaniel

<u>PRAYER DIARY</u>	
<b>Let's Pray!</b>	Each month, as a United Benefice, we will be focusing our prayers on a strand of the Diocesan Vision 2026. Every week, we will pray an aspect of that strand, as we seek God's face and will for our Benefice.
<b>September</b>	<b>Making Disciples of Jesus Christ</b>
Week 1	Lord God, help us to disciple and nurture children and young people in their Faith. Amen
Week 2	Jesus, continue to inspire us to hold regular worship that is accessible and appealing to children and young people and their families. Amen
Week 3	Father, we pray for growth in the numbers of leaders of children and young people. Amen
Week 4	Lord Jesus, we thank you for our excellent relationships with our Benefice schools, we pray for even closer partnership working and a vision for our 11-16 year olds. Amen.

Rev Nathaniel has asked that Mondays be respected as his day off. If you feel you have a genuine emergency, on a Monday, that requires help, please contact a Church Warden first and they will help to advise you. Please find their contact details on page 14 of this magazine. The United Benefice admin email address is [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

## *Midweek United Benefice Services*

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our weekly, midweek United Benefice services.



Our midweek United Benefice Holy Communion Services are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Mellor. These services are open to all from Balderstone, Mellor, Samlesbury and beyond and are followed by coffee and friendly chat. Please do come along for worship & fellowship.

Midweek United Benefice services are also held every Friday, at 4:00pm, when we will be saying Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor. All are invited to join us as we pray for Church Growth across our parishes of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury.



## United Benefice Diary Dates

For further details of any of these diary events, please see our event posters, read through the articles in our magazines or email [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church Mellor	6.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bell Ringing Practice joint at Horton	7.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mellor Mother's Union AGM at St Mary's Mellor	
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church Mellor	6.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bell Ringing Practice joint at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury	7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church Mellor	6.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bell Ringing Practice joint at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service, at St Mary's Mellor	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Little Angels, at St Mary's Mellor	2.15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church Mellor	6.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bell Ringing Practice joint at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Lent Corse, location TBD	7.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The Great Village Quiz, at Mellor School	7.30pm

## **United Benefice (Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury) Churchwarden's meeting**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Present: Nathaniel Gilmour, John Eastham, Paul Daunton, Mary Shorthouse, Lloyd Brown, Ryan Dixon and Sarah Lees joined online

Apologies: None

The meeting opened with a prayer and thanks to Mary for hosting.

1. We reviewed the Advent services that had taken place and it was generally felt that these were very successful, well attended and that people had enjoyed the format and times. Balderstone felt that their Carol service could revert to a traditional nine lessons & carols format in the future.
2. We looked ahead at the services and other events taking place over Easter/Lent – Nathaniel advised that we would be following the Diocese Lent study course this time. It was also agreed that there would be one nominated person having their feet washed at the Maundy Thursday service rather than trying to cover the whole congregation. We would also ask parishioners about doing a pilgrimage next year between the churches on Good Friday.
3. We discussed the upcoming APCM's and when these should take place – in the evenings as previously or after a Sunday service to encourage greater attendance – it was felt that people would be unlikely to remain behind after a morning service but may well do so after the 4pm ones. This is to be discussed further.
4. Nathaniel advised that we have had two applications for the administrator role and that he would arrange interviews as soon as practicable.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

The next meeting will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February and John Eastham kindly agreed to host this.

## St Leonards Church, Balderstone – News and Events

### Forest Church at ST Leonard's Balderstone



The theme of our service was transformation – when something or someone changes, not just a little, but completely. As always, we turned to nature to help us get a better understanding.

We learned lots of fascinating facts about moths. Did you know there are more than 2,500 species of moths in the UK? The Hummingbird hawk-moth, which visits the UK in the summer, hovers as it feeds from flowers and makes a

humming sound. They use the light of the moon to help them know which way to fly – they use it as a fixed point to assess their position and direction.



We looked at a PowerPoint showing the amazing transformation from egg to caterpillar to pupa to moth and learned that this gradual process is called metamorphosis. We found out that moth numbers have decreased dramatically but that we can help these important pollinators by planting night flowering plants and by leaving parts of our garden untidy to provide shelter. Another problem for these nighttime



navigators is light pollution. Moths are confused by artificial lights ending up continually circling them leaving them too exhausted to find food. Armed with trowels, peat free compost and moth friendly plants, the children hurried excitedly to our Butterfly garden where they planted a “Moon Meadow” placing it carefully so, most of the night, the only

light would come from the moon.



Our Bible reading was the story of Saul, a cruel persecutor of Jesus' followers, who began a gradual transformation after encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul changed, not just a little, but completely. Having been stopped by a blinding light, his life took a different direction. Rev'd Nathaniel explained that, just like the light of the moon helps the moth fly in a straight line, the light of Christ helped Saul take a different path and to make good

choices. He encouraged everyone to think about the choices we make and the direction our lives are going. If we all make little changes for the better, we will make a big difference to our world.

Accompanied by our brilliant Ukulele group, we sang “Make a difference” by Fischy Music. Our moth themed pancakes and craft activities were enjoyed by everyone. Our next Forest Church service will be on Sunday 26th April at 4pm. Everyone welcome!



## **St Leonard's Balderstone Annual Candle-Lit Band Concert**

A big "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Annual Event. It was great once again to see a good attendance, and without an audience, there wouldn't be the event. I sense that we never tire of old favourites, the Bavarian Schneewalzer with its 'side-to-side and up-and- down' movements, and of course the Twelve Days of Christmas, both with audience participation.

It's always a pleasure to have the very talented Coppull and Standish Band, and I think their members enjoy the evening just as much as we do.

The school children performed not only with wonderful enthusiasm, but also with good voice. Thank you to them and to parents for supporting the youngsters.

The Balderstone Pop-Up Choir, under Sian's musical directorship, again treated us to choral music of extremely high quality.

Thank you to Balderstone School and thank you to the Pop-Up Choir and particularly to Sian, who coordinates both of these inputs to the concert.

The evening weather was kind to us and the flickering lights continued to flicker from beginning to end.

It was lovely also to see so many wrap up the evening in the school hall, socialising with mulled wine and mince pies.

We hope you all really enjoyed the evening, and if you weren't able to attend this year, we look forward to seeing you next year.

Best wishes from the Social Committee for the Festive Season and for 2026.

John Mather (on behalf of the Social Committee)

## **St Leonard's Balderstone – Christmas Fair**

A big 'Thank you' to all who supported our annual event on 13 December.

This lovely event each year could not exist without people coming along to enjoy the occasion, and many people working together in a great team to prepare for the event and do all the things that need to be done on the day, both morning and afternoon.

The additional feature this year of 'turkey sandwiches', an initiative taken by our friends from the school, proved to be extremely popular and welcomed by all present. We look forward to being able to continue with this, and even greater collaboration in the future. The excellent working relationship which continues to exist between the church and the school is something which we are so fortunate to have, in this our small rural community.

Father Christmas reported that he'd had a good journey, and we hope to see him again next year.

We look forward to our 2026 programme of events, and we send our best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

John Mather (on behalf of the Social Committee)

## United Benefice School News



### BALDERSTONE ST LEONARD'S CE PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

*'rooted and grounded in love...' Ephesians 3:17.*



Is it too late to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR from all the family at Balderstone St Leonard's? We hope 2026 has started well and we wish you peace, health and happiness.

## Wonders of Winter

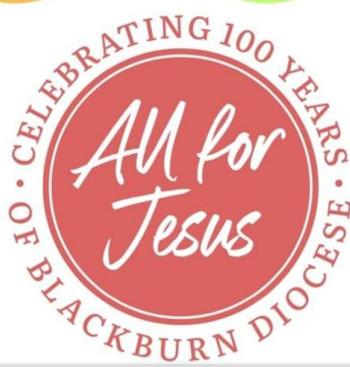
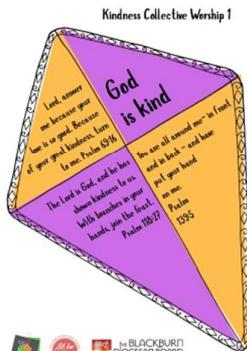
I know lots of us are looking forward to the start of Spring but we are embracing winter here at Balderstone and have made the most of the snow we have had so far. It is such a joy when we are able to enjoy God's creation in this way! In our Forest School sessions, children explore the outdoors whatever the weather. Hot chocolate is always a popular way to warm up afterwards!



Our winter wreath making workshop was a huge success and a lovely opportunity for our school community to gather together. Once a term we hold our Coffee Creative sessions in which parents and grandparents are invited in to school to create something with their child and share together with a cuppa and chat. For some, this was their first time at wreath making and the results were pretty impressive.



At the start of the new year, we joined with schools across Blackburn Diocese in worship as Bishop Philip launched the Centenary celebrations "All for Jesus". He talked to us about the fact that everything we do should be for Jesus and our worship in school for the term is linked to this. We have started exploring ways in which God is kind and how we need to share that kindn with others.



We love welcoming visitors into our school and when Harold the giraffe visits, we know we will learn lots about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. Our PSHE curriculum is based on the adventures of Harold the giraffe and his friends and children are encouraged to help them make the right decisions. They also help us to keep safe online.

## In other news....

The BATS (our toddler group) and Brambles (our new 2 year old group) have been having lots of fun together every Tuesday with special winter craft activities and are now turning into mini chefs, making tasty treats. Pre school and Reception are preparing to have a Tiger Tea party as they have been finding out lots about animals. We are excited to have the 3D printer back in school and children in EYFS are going to be designing and printing some marvelous creations.

Our Year 3 and 4 class are busy learning songs for the Let's Go Sing concert which is taking part at Blackburn ice skating arena in March. Their enthusiasm can not be rivalled and it is such a joy to hear them sing. During our Christmas celebrations, children in Year 5 and 6 class made their debut playing the ukuleles. They performed to a hall full of friends of the school and volunteers.

Best wishes

Nicola Draycott on behalf of the Balderstone Team

## St Mary's Church, Mellor – News and Events

### Little Angles



At our meeting in January we focused on LIGHT.... reminding us all that we can shine brightly ☺ to make the world 🌎 a happier place ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺.

We played with torches and battery candles to make light...then used our lights to search for chocolate coins....



After collecting the coins together we shared them all out..... Some lovely learning going on during another happy afternoon .... and still time to play with toys...



### Mothers Union

Margaret Ashton opened our first meeting of 2026 on Tuesday 13th January and following on from wishing all members a Happy New Year introduced Les and Jean for a talk on their Africa travels and who are old friends of Mother's Union having been kind enough to previously have given a few presentations.

Les explained his first trip out to Pretoria, Africa, was many years ago with the Teachers Leadership Development to assist with educational needs for orphans of the Aids crisis. However, the photographs we were about to see was of their third, more leisurely trip, to Namibia, on the south western coast, taking in Cape Town and Kruger National Park.

The national flower of South Africa is the Protea, also known as the Sugarbush and a number of the photos displayed were of this species. It grows in abundance, is mainly different shades of pink and red with a distinctive artichoke - like appearance. The superb clarity and vibrancy of the flowers was visible on the photographs enabling us to see close up their beauty. Les told us that 70% of all plants imported into the UK are from South Africa.

We were then shown stunning wildlife photographs of charming "tuxedo-clad" penguins, graceful cheetahs, a Rhino, antelope and incredibly colourful birds.

We moved on to the amazing discovered Caveman drawings in Namaqualand which are purported to be 5000 years old and are associated with the earliest inhabitants of the region. Many of the drawings depict hunters with small bow and arrows chasing antelope.

This amazing collection of digital photographs ended with evening scenes of a tranquil sunset.

Our thanks was given by Rita Gorman with a gift of wine to show our appreciation.

Frances Jackson  
Deputy Roving Reporter.

## Festive Lunch



34 members of our local community were welcomed into the Narthex of Mellor St Mary's Church for lunch and a quiz on Thursday 8th January.

It may have been cold and miserable outside but there was a warm ambiance in the church as guests tucked into a light lunch served by members of St Mary's Mothers' Union.



Rita Gorman and Margaret Baldwin



## Mellor Card Ladies – recycled Cards

This month we have been able to donate £25 to Parkinsons UK, in memory of Peter Corbett, who was a member of the Ukulele Group of Mellor. We were also able to give £25 to English Heritage in memory of Elizabeth Best. As always we are very grateful to you all for buying our cards and giving us your cards for recycling. As we always say "We couldn't do it without you"! Thank you all again, **The Card Ladies**.

## World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30a.m.

This year the World Day of Prayer Service will take place in St. Mary's Church Mellor. Coffee will be served before the service at 10a.m.

The service has been prepared by the Christian women from Nigeria---"I will give you rest, come."

Please contact Margaret Baldwin (01254 812360) if you would like to join us for lunch at the Millstone after the service.

## St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury – News and Events

### Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, PR5 0UY.

#### **Quiz Night's at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall**

Saturdays 7.30pm.

Chase away those winter blues ! Everyone welcome.

Teams of up to 6. Join a team when you get there if you're not in one.

Supper: Lancashire Hot Pot or Cheese Bake (V, GF) £8.50. Under 11s £3.50.

Without supper £3.50.

Unlimited tea & coffee is included.

Bring your own nibbles, alcohol or soft drinks.

Please contact Clare Lewis on 07739 585860 or [info@samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:info@samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk)

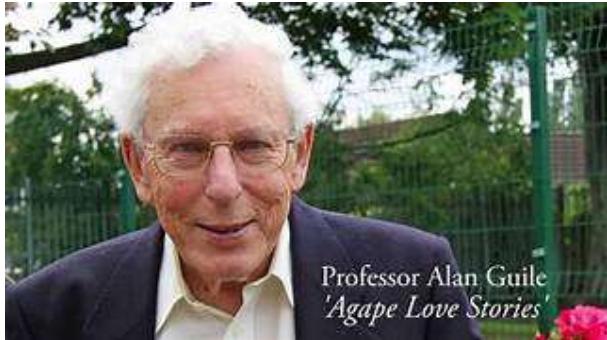
with the number in your team, your team name & whether you're having supper or not by the Wednesday before.

Next Quiz Dates :-

Sat 7th Feb 2026

Sat 7th March 2026

## Love Stories: Real people whose love of God enables them to make a significant difference to other people's lives.



### **Professor Alan Guile**

Sometimes people do spectacular things for God, which has come out of a painful disaster in their own lives, but Alan's story is different. He has done something which is actually very simple but very important. He has a ministry of listening to those who are damaged by past hurts so that they can heal and become the people God wants them to be.

He considers himself to be an unlikely person for this role as he wasn't naturally good at listening and

didn't really have a deep faith. He never paid attention to the other person he was talking to, always with his mind on what he was about to say next. Then he went to a retreat with his wife and while he was there, he had an encounter with God. At first, he felt out of place on the retreat where others seemed to have a much deeper faith than he did so all he thought about was being able to go home. Just before the end, they were asked to pray for an hour alone and during that hour he had an amazing conversion experience.

Slowly over time, Alan and his wife Betty learnt how to listen and pray for people who find themselves trapped within the pain of a situation in their lives. It isn't counselling, and it doesn't replace medical help or treatment, but runs alongside both, inviting the Holy Spirit to bring healing for a person. Over the years it has become a substantial healing ministry, helping over 350 people. So simple yet extremely important.

Alan thinks that God chose him for this work because he wasn't naturally good at it. So, no-one is in any doubt where the help comes from; it isn't him but the Holy Spirit at work within the other person's life. He says, "Truly God picks the most unlikely people."

*When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3: 4-5)*

### **Pam Daunton**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znY4mGFE5fc> This link will take you to a short clip of Alan talking about himself.

## United Benefice Community News and Events

### 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:** £20 Main Hall, weekend/party rate up to 5pm £20 (minimum charge £100), 5pm to 10pm £30. Front Room £15, Foyer £15, Upstairs Room £15, Kitchen £5. **Regular weekly/fortnightly bookings:** commercial organisations receive a one third discount and charitable organisations receive a two thirds discount off the standard hire rate.

**Regular groups and upcoming events:** **Monday** – Pilates, Women's Institute Craft Sessions (last Monday of the month). **Tuesday** – Palatine Fiddlers, Women's Institute. **Thursday** – Little Voices BDRV (term-time), Community Ukulele. **Friday** – Cheryl's Dance Studios (term-time). **Saturday - Sunday** – Film Club resuming in September

Check out the website [www.mellorbrook.org](http://www.mellorbrook.org), Facebook and Twitter @MellorBrook for news and forthcoming events. Tel: 07436 271153, email: [rachael@mellorbrook.org](mailto:rachael@mellorbrook.org).

Rachael Calvey

### Raising the Roof at Mellor Brook Community Centre.

Many of you will know that Mellor Brook Community Centre is a well used and much loved space at the heart of our village. Unfortunately, the roof is now in need of replacement, and we are raising funds to help cover the cost of this essential work.

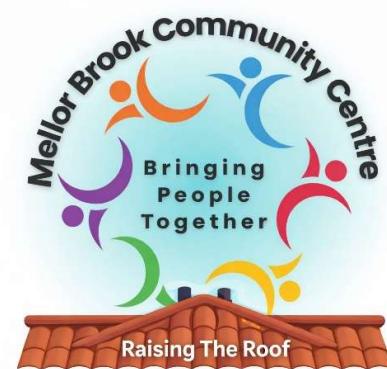
To help with this, we are launching a "Raise the Roof" fundraising campaign where everyone can get involved by adopting a roof tile. Each tile costs just £1, and every single one helps keep the centre warm, dry, and open for the many groups who use it and events that are held there.

You'll soon see our roof posters appearing in the centre, local shops and on our new, @mellor brook.com web site, where there is a go fund me link. Hopefully, the roof will fill up as our community comes together to support this project.

Whether you adopt one tile or several, every contribution helps and really makes a difference.

On behalf of the committee , thank you for getting behind the 'Raise the Roof for Mellor Brook Community Centre Campaign!'

The Committee.



## Mellor Village Hall

### Regular Classes and Groups at Mellor Village Hall

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please click on the link below to find out more about the regular classes and groups at Mellor Village Hall.

Girl Guides Knit and Natter Line Dancing Singing Indoor Bowls Walking Netball Walking Football  
Dog Ways Genjitsu Badminton Mellor Tots Aerobics Gaming Night Yoga  
Ukulele Lessons Arts and Crafts Balderstone Brass Band Saturday Café Pickle Ball

<https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/classes-groups>

### Samlesbury Area Civic Society

The Civic Society would like to confirm that the society will again be selling our home grown tomatoes from the little table next to the Memorial Hall. This year we have extended our range of tomatoes and also confirm that they will be sold at the same price as last year, ( only £1.50 per plant.) As last year all the sales of these plants will go to help us run the community garden and make the hanging baskets around the Hall. It is only with your help that we can continue to do this.

Should anyone want to come and help us, please contact John Evans 07962121678 or John Greaves 07910235256, when you would be made very welcome.

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Blackburn Cathedral	<a href="https://blackburncathedral.com/">https://blackburncathedral.com/</a>
Mellor Brook Community Centre	<a href="https://mellorbrook.org/">https://mellorbrook.org/</a>
Mellor Village Hall	<a href="https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/">https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/</a>
Samlesbury War Memorial Hall	<a href="https://www.samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk/">https://www.samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk/</a>
Whalley Abbey	<a href="https://www.whalleyabbey.org/">https://www.whalleyabbey.org/</a>

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A&G Chimney Sweeps	07944 099871
Absolute Enigma Studio	07817 398494
Andrew Ball Plumbing & Heating Ltd	07817 844002
Balderstone Logs	07976 323221
Ben Lewis Tree Services	07843 018973
Bowland IT Support Services	01254 947082
Bowland Vets	01254 311311
Canberra Fitness Centre	01254 765084
Community Ukes	01254 813210
C P Simm Fencing & Landscaping	07807 337717
Creations Gardening Services	07950242171
Crochet Classes & Tuition with Keely Robertson	07904 590552
D.J. Worcester Chimney Sweep	01772 616467
Evabel Sundecks	01254 813089
Fabric Box	07712 413904
Fired 4 U (Paint, Pottery and Clay Studio)	01772 203060
G.Cross Agricultural Engineering Ltd	07802 278525

GO Driver Training	07931 316109
Hair By Amy Campbell	07770 238258
Hatha Yoga – Live Yoga UK with Blair	07511 591880
Heritage Café at Samlesbury Hall	01254 812010
Hoghton Contractors: David Devaney	07887 843085
Hoghton Village Vet	01254 782737
Home Care Mellor	01254 689981
Homewise Society: Home Improvements Handyperson – Small Repairs	01254 232249
Hoze-It Power Cleaning Services	07841 348290
Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors	01772 902345
James L Knowles Electrician	01772 877469
Jane's Hairstylist	01254 812677
Let's Foster Carers (Mike Dixon)	07855 963740
Lilac Tree Interiors at Holland House Garden Centre	07714 794623
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
Pennine Service Station Ltd	01254 812715
Peter Whalley Plasterer	07709 673310
Pete's Sports Massage	07584 655855
Preston Garden Services Ltd	07855 974540
Promedica 24 Care At Home	01254 411004
Red Rose Insurance Solutions	01254 790796
Ribble Home Surveys	07764 490589
Right At Home Carers	01254 658899
Samlesbury Secure Dog Run	07798 575750
Stones Young Estate Agents	01254 682470
Stove Installer	07787 858585
Stuart Taylor International Ground Care & Trailers	01254 813175
Taylors Chippy	07999 192884
T.Forrest Pet Food	01254 852873
The Old Coach House Antiques and Interiors	07598 878498
The Retro Bungalow	01254 852723
The Wilpshire Clinic	01254 246144
Tiggis Italian Restaurant	01254 769133
Wherry Gardens – Bespoke Garden Maintenance	07508 455694
Wilpshire Dental Clinic	01254 205529
W.M.Altý & Sons Ltd: The Altý Funeral Service	01254 503240
X-Press Ironing Services	07712 413904