

Magdalene Centre Update

As you can see from the photo below, the new, welcoming entrance is taking shape, and for the first time in years, is visible from the road below!

Inside, walls are going up, heating, toilets and kitchens going in. A new sewer pipe runs behind the next-door houses, and the disabled ramp can be seen giving access to the road below. A new fire exit opens onto the path to the rear (just by the old pulpit). All the nave pews have now been sold, happily, to local people.

The *Magdalene Centre* working group have been busy discussing a range of topics: levelling the floor and heating in our half of the building; re-ordering of the chancel; use of the vestry; conservation of the organ; letting policy and caretaking arrangements.



With the sale of the pews, donations, and the proceeds from Rohan's Wine Tasting evening, over £3,000 has now been raised. What a good start to our summer programme of fund-raising events!

Do please support us in all the events listed opposite, by coming along or by spreading the word to friends, family and neighbours.

Meanwhile, at Mottram...

The *Fit For Purpose* working group have met twice since the last PCC meeting. Working from the responses summarised in our last report, we have produced a list of topics that need to be considered.

The topics are (in no particular order):

- *The Porch*
- *The Baptistry*
- *The Staveleigh Chapel*
- *Heritage*
- *Disabled access inside the church*
- *Disabled access outside the church*
- *Sunday School and young people*
- *Social / Café area*
- *Display area*
- *Bookstall*
- *Notice boards*
- *Storage*
- *Heating*
- *Lighting*
- *Presentation equipment*

After Kath Holden's unfortunate accident the other Sunday, we have added one more topic:

- *Protection from Captain Whitle's wind*

Eventually, we will report back to the PCC and recommend a long term plan of action for further consultation with congregation members.

We aim to raise £25,000, to make The Magdalene Centre into a truly 'Fit For Purpose' parish hall, worship space and community resource.

A Summer of Fun(d) raising Events

NOT THE WEAKEST LINK

Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm
at Mottram Community Centre
featuring Mottram's answer to Anne Robinson: You-Know-Who!
 £5 including refreshments and post-quiz entertainment
tickets from Mottram Church, or phone 0161 338 7546

ARNFIELD BRASS BAND IN CONCERT

Friday 10th July
7.30pm
In Mottram Parish Church
Tickets £6 (£4 concessions) including refreshments
tickets from Mottram Church, or phone 0161 338 7546

BROADBOTTOM'S GOT TALENT

Saturday 19th September
at Broadbottom School
Look out for more information in your Parish Magazine

**TOURS OF THE
MAGDALENE CENTRE**
 end of September onwards
Look out for more information in your Parish Magazine

PLEGGED GIVING DAY

Sunday 18th October
in Mottram Parish Church
"LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!"

THE BIG WHITE DRESS SHOW

a display of Wedding dresses and mementos
 and flowers and music
Fri 11th – Sun 13th September
(Heritage Open Days weekend)
 in Mottram Church

Is Mottram Church your church?
 Or were you married there?
 Do you still have your dress?
 (it doesn't have to be big or white!)
 – or even the groom or bridesmaids' outfits?
 Did you have your dress made into a Christening outfit?
 Chris and Tony Kershaw would love to hear from you: 01457 765350