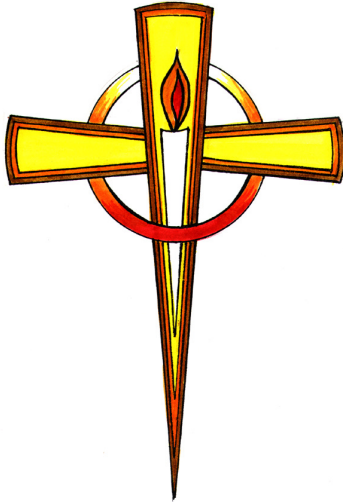


Christ Church
Walmersley



Magazine

Spreading the Word

May 2010

Thought for the month

I can take pleasure in telling you that we have a spring tide of baptisms. They`re coming in thick and fast. Is it the weather or just a sheer coincidence that so many families want to have a child christened right now? Business is booming.... Sunday afternoon vacancies in my diary are a rarity. On the other hand, we have very few marriages booked in for this year. Lots of banns to call, but these are for away matches at other venues.

It is also pleasing to be able to announce that the annual business of good work has been going on to prepare candidates for Confirmation. This year is different because not only do we have our usual batch of youngsters but we have several adults too. Wonderful news! It has been good fun to be involved and encourage learning at different levels. Remember these candidates in your prayers. The Confirmation Service at St. John with St. Mark is imminent.

I reflect on the large numbers of people who come through our doors for occasional services (baptisms, weddings, funerals, socials) and the volume of friends and relatives they bring with them. If only we had that magic formula to captivate and retain their interest. We sow seeds and let go and let God do the rest.

The calendar contains a good number of special open events in the near future. Music is a major feature, as always, but don't forget the Open House day and the Summer Garden Party. Keep your eyes and ears open for news of things taking shape as our Parish faces changes for the future with our neighbours at St. John with St. Mark. Pentecost should be a time of the Spirit to break open new vistas and reveal fresh horizons in our journey of faith.

Our Hall has been receiving some very welcome attention in the last few weeks. The middle room, the kitchen and the bottom room have been re-decorated. The work is really appreciated, and the donations that have made this possible! The smell of paint is lessening...thankfully. The enhanced appearance will be more permanent.

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Notice for Wardens, Sidesmen and Sideswomen and Members of the PCC

The Archdeacon's Visitation will be held on Wednesday, 5 May 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at Bury Parish Church.

If you are unable to attend on this date the details of visitations in other Deaneries are available from Church.

**Rt Revd Chris Edmondson
Bishop of Bolton**

will address an Open Meeting of
Bury Deanery Synod

to which all are invited.

After light refreshments there will be an open discussion – this is your opportunity to submit relevant questions about church matters and to hear Bishop Chris's replies.

Bury Church High School
Monday, 10 May 2010
7.30 p.m.

SERVICES AND READINGS FOR MAY



- May 2nd **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35
- May 9th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Revelation 21: 10,22 – 22:5; John 14:23-29
10.30 a.m. Family Service
 John 14:23-29
- May 13th **Ascension Day**
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24: 44-53
- May 16th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26
- May 23rd **Pentecost**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17,25-27
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17,25-27

May 30th **Trinity Sunday**
 9.00 a.m Holy Communion
 Romans 5: 1-5; John 16:12-15
 10.30 a.m Holy Communion
 Romans 5: 1-5; John 16:12-15

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

If you are unavailable, please arrange to exchange with someone else.

READINGS

May 2nd Jean Slater
 May 9th Guides
 May 16th Ian Riddick
 May 23rd Shelagh Beetson
 May 30th Bill Noble

INTERCESSIONS

Barbara Taylor
 Brownies
 Joe McDermott
 Bob Taylor
 Margaret Schofield

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

May 2 nd	Jean Slater	Alison Fewtrell	Alan Spencer
May 9 th	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer
May 16 th	Bill Noble	Bob Taylor	David Thew
May 23 rd	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Standing
May 30 th	Nigel Silvester	George Fryer	David Peters

LAY ASSISTANTS

May 2 nd	Cath Hilton	Jean Slater
May 16 th	Jennifer Wood	Tricia Stokes
May 23 rd	Jean Slater	Gill Pilkington
May 30 th	Barbara Silvester	Nigel Silvester

FLOWERS

May 2 nd	In memory of Norman and Bertha Meadowcroft
May 9 th	Mrs. M Booth (In memory of Simpson Family)
May 16 th	Mr J. Clegg
May 23 rd	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dutton
May 30 th	In memory of the Falshaw family



Interment of Ashes

April 11th Gerald Barrett

Baptism

April 18th Denise Ramsden
Phoebe Florence Prudham

Please pray for all, adults and young people, who are preparing for Confirmation at this time.

Emma Holt, Lauren Keyworth, Denise Ramsden
Alison Standing, Christine Storey

Jake Greaves, Katie Jones, Erin Storey,
Ben Thornton, Leah Walker

The confirmation will take place at St. John with St. Mark
on Sunday May 2nd at 6.30 p.m.



We hope that members of the congregation will support
the confirmation candidates at this service.

Situation Vacant

Required: someone to deliver 11 magazines each month in the
Palatine Drive and New Inn areas. If you can help, please contact
Margaret Peters



Thank You from Pat Mongey

Thank you very much for all the cards, flowers
and kind messages I have received. I am
halfway through the treatment and hope and
pray that everything will go well. Please keep
me and my family in your prayers.
Love Pat.



During the week leading up to Holy Week we presented Experience Easter in the church. It was a resounding success and much appreciated by all who came – and all who took part in the presentations.

Around fifty children from Springside and St. John with St. Mark Primary Schools were in church on the Tuesday. You will have seen the comments they made on return to school in last month's magazine.

The Head Teachers from both schools reported back to us that the children really enjoyed their visit and hoped that we would be repeating the event next year! One boy was overheard to say "That was fun!" showing that even serious matters can be presented in a relevant and friendly way. Eli, the donkey, proved to be as popular as ever with the young visitors and he expressed the hope that he would be granted a return outing later this year (with his woolly friends) !

On the Saturday the event was open to the 'general public' and we were glad to welcome nearly thirty visitors. After morning service on Palm Sunday several more members of the congregation participated in their own reflective tour of the displays. There were many expressions of appreciation of what they had seen, heard and felt in a learning and spiritual context.

Of course our thanks go to all those who helped in so many different ways – congregation members and beyond. Around twenty people were involved in preparing, presenting and welcoming visitors – adults and children. Special thanks must go to Summerseat Garden Centre for the loan of so many plants and hard landscaping materials; and also to the Duke of Wellington pub on Grane Road who lent the wooden platters.

Barbara & Nigel Silvester - on behalf of the Ministry Committee.

The visit of Rosemary Kempzell, our Worldwide President, proved to be a very busy time during which a great number of members from throughout the Diocese were able to share fellowship in a variety of ways.

Our first opportunity to meet her came at the Lady Day Service in Manchester Cathedral. The service which had been planned by Barbara Taylor was very pleasurable and meaningful. All the music was uplifting and the commissioning of all the General Trustees, Unit Co-ordinators, Archdeacons, Presidents and the Diocesan President by Bishop Nigel was very special to all those involved. It has to be said that Bishop Nigel has wonderful qualities that make the presence of the Spirit felt by all.

On the following day, we hosted the Bolton Archdeaconry afternoon tea when members from around our Archdeaconry were able to socialise and speak with Rosemary. It turned out to be a very pleasant time, enhanced by Spring sunshine. I would like to say thank you to all the members of the Branch who helped out at that event.

If Thursday and Friday were not busy enough, it was Spring Council on the Saturday! I am sure that I have said this many times before, but it never ceases to amaze me how much is going on in the Mothers' Union. I always feel at a loss to be able to communicate all the things that are being achieved and also somewhat frustrated that I can't do more.

April's opening meeting was a very pleasant way to celebrate Easter and the coming of a new season and this was reflected in some of the poetry which had a general theme of Spring and rebirth.

Alison Fewtrell is speaking to us on April 21st. As you will know she not only arranges flowers, but is also a keen member of the Art Class and is combining both those talents when she talks to us about a painting she has produced which includes flowers that have particular significance for her. Maybe we will be able to include a photo of her painting in next month's magazine!

- May 5 Bring and Buy/Quiz Evening
- 19 Lynne Longworth –
Deanery Leader and Hospital Coordinator
- 26 Evening of Celebration – Bridgewater Hall

EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Bridgewater Hall

7.30 p.m.



Speaker: Rt Revd Richard Inwood, Bishop of Bedford
Entertainment by "Sticks 'n' Tones"

Tickets £6, coach from the New Inn

Please contact me for details or to book a seat.

- June 2 Beetle Drive
- 16 Gill Smith – Wood Carving
- July 7 Service in Chapel - Summer Supper – Strawberry Sparkle
- 21 Meal out with family and friends
(Venue: The Lord Raglan, Nangreaves)

Do come along to any of our meetings – you will be very welcome.

Catherine Hilton
Branch Leader

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Prayer Mat

Week One

Heavenly Father, this week we remember all the children and adults who are about to be confirmed in our church. Pour your Holy Spirit upon them. Thank you that they have come forward for confirmation and we pray that they will always remember the vows they are to take. Bless all the children, may they grow strong in your faith and bless all the adults, may they always be faithful and prayerful to you. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.



Week Two

Dear Jesus, On Ascension Day you rose to heaven to be with the Father and so that the Holy Spirit could come upon us. Help us to be ready for Pentecost and to be ready for the gifts that the Holy Spirit can bring us and not to be afraid of them. Help us also to be ready for when you come again as was promised. Never let us forget this promise, let it sustain us in time of trouble and doubt, the thought that you will return to us one day. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Week Three

Lord we offer you ourselves this day
for the work you want accomplished,
for the people you want us to meet,
for the word you want to be uttered,
for the silence you want to be kept
for the places you want us to enter
for the new ways you want pioneered.
Go with us along the way, Lord,
And enable us to realise your presence at all times and in all places,
our loving Lord Jesus Christ.
(Morris Maddocks)

Week Four

Pentecost

The Spirit of God is like the wind
The wind makes yachts move
Spirit of God, get me moving.
The wind blows rubbish around
Spirit of God, blow away the rubbish from my life.
The wind dries the washing
Spirit of God, make me useful.
The wind makes balloons fly high in the sky
Spirit of God, lift me up to a new freedom.
The wind holds birds in the air
Spirit of God, hold me in your love.
The wind turns windmills to grind the corn
Spirit of God, give me strength to work for you.
The wind blows umbrellas inside our
Spirit of God, be with me when I struggle.
The Spirit of God is like the wind
Lively and cleansing, useful and strong.
(Christine McMullen)



**Christian Aid Week 2010
9th to 15th MAY**

**POVERTY
LET'S END IT**

Seven amazing days of fund raising, prayer and action for the world's poorest people by thousands of local churches across the country – and including a door-to-door collection by tens of thousands of dedicated volunteers.

Christ Church Walmersley is a part of the Bury District Christian Aid Committee. Last year we in this parish raised over £826 which contributed to the total of £21457 for Bury District (the door-to-door collection week). This was quite a bit less than previous year's so may be we could do better this year.

We have a number of regular collectors who I hope will give their usual support this year, but there are quite a few streets which need collectors. Please consider being a part of this year's team and pick up a pack of collection envelopes which will be available in church from Sunday 25th April.

Unfortunately this has to be my last year as Christian Aid representative for the parish. If we are to continue to make a contribution to Christian Aid in this way we need a volunteer to take over please.

Thank you.
Nigel Silvester.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES!

First Thursday Prayers



There will be no Thursday Prayers on the 6th May as the church hall will be used as the polling station for the General Election.

Thursday 13th May is Ascension Day and there will be a service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 2pm as well as the service of Holy Communion in the evening.

If you need transport for the afternoon service please contact Rev. Don Altham or Jean Slater tel. 0161 797 9388

For more information please speak to Rev. Don Altham

Bolton Archdeaconry Quiet Morning

at St Margaret's Prestwich
on Saturday, 8th May, 9.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Chaplain for Bolton Hospice, Mark Brackley, will be leading the morning.

After an opening act of worship he will speak about "Jesus the Healer" and then there will be time to reflect and meditate on his words.

For further details contact Jean Slater

Children's Corner



May Day Word Search

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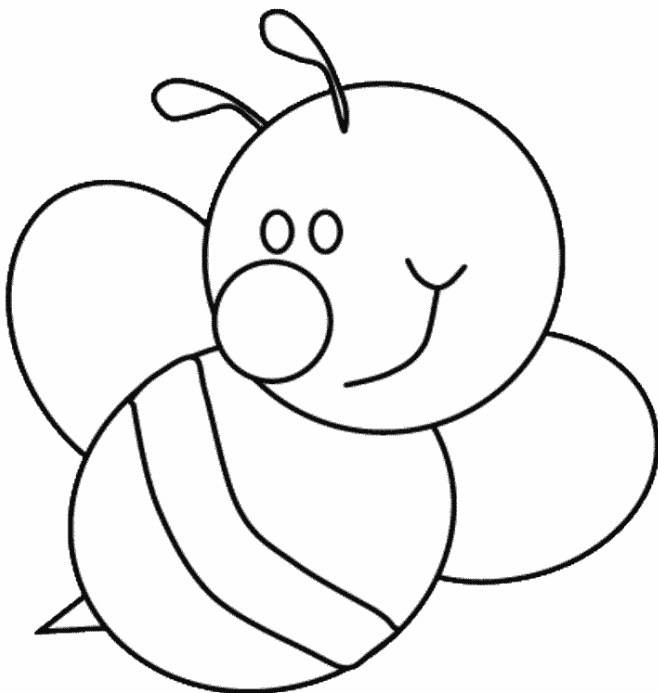
BASKET
BLOSSOMS
DANCE
FESTIVAL
FLOWERS

MAYDAY
PARADE
RIBBONS
SINGERS
TRADITON

Prayer for Spring

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,
For the song of a bird, the hum of a bee,
For all the spring things we hear and see,
Father in heaven, we thank thee!

For the blue of the stream and the blue of the sky,
For the leaves n the branches, so green, so high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For the beauty of the flowering trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!



Please colour me in!



Jottings

Thank you to Jennifer Wood for contributing this prayer for this month's **Jottings**.

Saint Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the
freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is for each and every one of us.

If you have a contribution for **Jottings** please contact Jean Slater

Book Review.

Sorry no review this month. If you have Christian book that you would like to be included in *Book Review* please send details to....
Jean Slater

"Open House"



at
5 Thames Close
on
Thursday May 20th

Lunch

12 -2.00 p.m.

Soup, sandwiches and sweet
with coffee or tea

£5.00

Evening meal

6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Lancashire Hotpot, Peas and Pickles
Sweet
with tea or coffee and wine

£7.00

Tickets available from Alan or Margery Spencer
Proceeds to church hall maintenance

How much do you know about Christ Church?



The answers

When was the first church built in Walmersley? **1838**

What was it called? ...**Saint Saviours**

When was the current church built **1883**

What did it cost? **Between £7000 and £8000**

In whose memory was the lych gate built? **Humphrey King Hoyle**

When was the tower added to the church? ...**1913**

Why was the churchyard amended in 1915? **To extend the tram tracks**

When was electricity installed? ...**1924**

Where is the aumbrey? **By the side of the Lady Chapel**

What did the bird bath near the vestry use to be? **Font at Buckhurst Chapel**

What is depicted on the reredos behind the altar? **The Last Supper**

What form does the lectern have? **An eagle**

What scene is depicted at the centre of the window in the lady chapel ?

The Good shepherd

What is the font made of? ...**Marble**

Advanced Warning!

Garden Party

Church field and hall

Saturday June 19th

11 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Fun for all the Family



Stalls Games



Refreshments including
Cream Teas



If you can help please contact

Tricia Stokes

What's on in Walmersley

May

- Sun 2 Confirmation St John with St. Mark 6.30 p.m.
- Wed 5 Archdeacon's Visitation, Bury Parish Church
Mothers' Union: Bring and Buy and Quiz 7.30
- Mon 10 Open Deanery Synod – at Bury Church High School
- Thu 13 Holy Communion in the Chapel: 2.00 p.m.
in Church: 7.30 p.m.
- Wed 19 Mothers' Union: Lynne Longworth
Deanery Leader and Hospital Coordinator
- Thu 20 Open House 5 Thames Close
- Fri 21 Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer
- Sat 22 "Mary Magdalene" with the United Christians Singers,
organised by Bury Bible Society at CCW
- Wed 26 Evening of Celebration
hosted by Mothers' Union in the Bridgewater Hall

FUTURE DATES

- June 13 Summer Praise 10.30 a.m.
followed by Lunch in the Hall
- June 19 Summer Fair



Alleluia



He is Risen



**EXPERIENCE
EASTER**