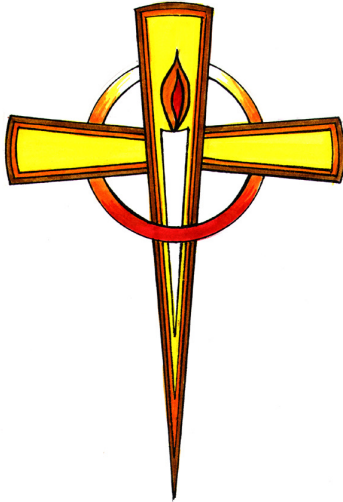


Christ Church
Walmersley



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Spreading the Word

November 2009

Thought for the month

The field is showing all the benefits of regular mowing and has lost its appearance of a neglected wilderness. The boundaries are kept in good repair for greater security.

The graveyard has also received a lot of tender loving care. The grass has been cut, unsightly undergrowth controlled and removed, trees lopped to provide more light, the flesh-tearing brambles cut out. It is now possible to have easy access throughout the area. An unspoken word of warning: you still need to be careful. The ground can still be treacherous for the unwary.

In all, a lot of work has been done by working parties from the Council, the Community Service and by members of the church. The results are clear for all to appreciate and we owe them a vote of thanks for their labours. We are genuinely proud of what has been achieved.

Now, it is our turn: we are the ones who must exercise a duty of care for our inheritance. We must endeavour to allow our holy ground to be a place of peace and rest for everyone to enjoy.

There are very clear guidelines about what is allowed on consecrated ground to commemorate loved ones. We are not allowed to create our own individual wayside shrines nor introduce materials which are unsuitable for the location or inappropriate for the purpose. An appeal to your sense of order and balance in these matters means that we do not

have to remove material which is expensive for you to purchase but does not promote the general well-being of the graveyard nor have any right of place therein.

We bring honour to our dead with expressions of love and deep affection but let our memorials be fitting and dignifying. Keep it simple.

Yours in Christ,



Harvest Thanks

A goodly number of children and adults were in church on 11th October to celebrate at our Harvest Festival. Many brought gifts of foodstuffs, flowers and money. We sang traditional Harvest hymns and some more modern songs. There was a film, a drama and children rising to the challenge to carry water containers down the church aisle.



As a result of everyone's generosity we were able to send a carload of supplies to Porchboxes; a donation of £150 to Tearfund; and more than 40 gifts of plants and flowers to elderly or ill parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in what ever way to our thanksgiving to God for all that He has provided for us this Harvest.





SERVICES AND READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

November 1st **Fourth before Advent**
All Saints' Day

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

November 8th **Third Sunday before Advent**
Remembrance Sunday

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Hebrew 9: 24-28; Mark 1: 14-20

10.30 a.m. Family and Parade Service
Micah 4: 1-7; Matthew 5: 1-12

November 15th **Second Before Advent**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Hebrew 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Hebrew 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8

November 22nd **Sunday Before Advent - Christ the King**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

10.30 a.m. **Junior Church Presentation Service**
Isaiah 43: 1-7, 10; Revelation 1: 4-8

November 29th **Advent Sunday**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

10.30 a.m. Family Communion
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

Nov 1st Alison Fewtrell
Nov 8th David Peters
Nov 15th Ian Riddick
Nov 22nd Junior Church
Nov 29th Sybil Fryer

INTERCESSIONS

Margaret Schofield
Bob Taylor
Joe McDermott
Junior Church
Alan Spencer

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

Nov 1 st	Nigel Silvester	George Fryer	David Peters
Nov 8 th	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer
Nov 15 th	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer
Nov 22 nd	Bill Noble	Bob Taylor	David Thew
Nov 29 th	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Stranding

LAY ASSISTANTS

Nov 1 st	Jean Slater	Cath Hilton
Nov 15 th	Tricia Parsons	Nigel Silvester
Nov 29 th	Gill Pilkington	Frank Slater

FLOWERS



Nov 1 st	Mr. & Mrs. H. Mather
Nov 8 th	In memory of past Mothers' Union Members
Nov 15 th	In memory of Mrs. V. Howorth
Nov 22 nd	In memory of Mr Fred Luxton
Nov 29 th	In memory of J. Melling and M. Illesley
	Stand in memory of Mr. K. Greason



Baptisms

October 4th	Hannah Lauren Egan James Henry Towler
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Interment of Ashes

October 11th	Norman Leake
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A Christmas Concert Presentation from
United Christian Singers

The Gift



By Graham Kendrick

On Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

At Christ Church Walmersley

Free Admission – Retiring Collection

(Tickets available from Nigel Silvester or on the door)

The Gift

What is the Gift?

It's a seasonal listening experience and more. It is the basis for a joyful event, building bridges to those for whom the Christmas story is just a fairytale. The United Christian Singers are an inter-denominational choir who have sung at venues throughout the North West. Not only do they bring an excellent choir but drama too!

Don't miss it - book it in your diary now

CHURCH INCOME

January - September 2009

Planned Giving	£21,480	
Open Collections	£3,123	
Other income	£24,141	Total £48,744

This nine month total works out at an average weekly income of **£1250**. We really need to be reaching **£1500** per week if we are to meet our planned budget expenses in full. Last year we achieved an average of £1338.

So far this year we have spent £4012 more than we have received – using our reserves to balance the books!

Please prayerfully consider your giving to church and if you have not changed your level of giving for a while please consider looking to increasing the amount. Our costs are rising every year – has your giving ?

Are you part of the Planned Giving Envelope Scheme? Are you a taxpayer who could Gift Aid the amounts you give?

Please speak to me or Bob Taylor for more information.
Thank you for your support so far.

Nigel Silvester - Treasurer

Freely you have received
Freely give....
Matthew 10 v.8

We have all been very busy over several weeks with lots of lovely celebrations which began with our Service of Thanksgiving for 100 years of our branch here at Christ Church. The service was well-attended and we were happy to have Reverend Alison Hardy, who is the Mothers' Union Chaplain, to speak to us. Our chamber choir sang beautifully, ably accompanied by both Arthur Smith and Geoff Stokes.

There were many Long Service Certificates to present ranging from 25 years to 63 years! As one would expect at Christ Church, we were able to partake of delicious refreshments in the Church Hall following the service. Thank you very much to all who supported us and particularly to Don for his help in putting the whole thing together.

We celebrated the anniversary again on the 23rd September with a party which included a lovely cake and refreshments together with entertainment provided by Sarah Davey and Robert Peace who sang various well-known songs from the shows. A good time was had by all.

The Diocesan Festival on October 7th was extremely enjoyable. The music, prayers and of course the words of the Archbishop of York combined to uplift and inspire all of the congregation which was estimated to be around 600 people. Well done to everyone and particular thanks from me to the members who took part in the choir.

The Circle Dancing group from Holcombe Brook is to join us for our meeting on October 21st. There will be news of that event in next month's magazine.

I am delighted to say that we have new members joining at the meeting on 4th November. There will be a Communion Service at 7.30pm in Church followed by a pie and pea supper and the

postcard competition. I intend to improve my photography skills and will endeavour to provide photographic evidence of some of our activities!

Please make a note that Barbara Taylor is speaking about her trip to Kenya at our meeting on November 18th. All are welcome to this meeting. It is an opportunity to see the Mothers' Union in action worldwide.

Further ahead :

December 2nd – Advent Meditation – get away from the hectic preparation for Christmas and contemplate the real reason for the season.

December 16th - Christmas Meal at Greenmount Golf Club

Cath Hilton
Branch Leader



Christingle Service

This will be held on Monday November 30th at 6.30 p.m. Christingles will be distributed and the monies collected sent to the Children's Society to provide help for young people who run away from home and find themselves on the streets of towns and cities. The number of children who run away from home is increasing and if they are not found within a week of leaving home, it is extremely likely that they will find themselves subject to abuse or injury. The Children's Society works to find these children and support them. Please help their work by supporting this Christingle service.

Margery Spencer

Prayer Mat

Week One

Lord of all, we thank you for all the saints who have gone before us. We thank you for their dedication and steadfastness, often in the face of great adversity and pain. We thank you for their love for you and hope that we can be like them in all ways, proclaiming your holy name whenever we can, even in difficult circumstances. Father, grant us the serenity of your saints and their steadfastness. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Week Two

Father, we pray for the victims of natural disasters, for those affected by tsunami and earthquakes. We particularly pray for the people of Indonesia, Sumatra and Samoa, as they mourn their dead and seek to rebuild their lives and their homes. May the world be generous in their gifts to these people that they may rebuild quickly and strongly. May they be given every help they need.



In Jesus' name, Amen.

Week Three

Christ our Lord, teacher of all truth, raise up in this our day Christian writers who shall be able to communicate the message of the everlasting gospel with clarity and conviction.



Give us grace to take care what we read, and how we read, and above all to hold fast by the words of holy scripture, and by you. Lord Jesus, the Word incarnate, our God for ever and ever.

Adapted from Charles Kingsley. Anthology of Public Prayers. The Mothers' Union

Week Four

Lord, we remember your presence with us and offer ourselves to you in faith and hope and love.

We believe in your power, both to heal and to comfort; we pray that your will may be done, in us and through us; we hope in your promises; we pray that we may be made worthy of them;

we love you and pray that we may love you better, for by your love we are made and sanctified;

we pray for ourselves, for one another and for all mankind, that we may serve you faithfully, and in all things seek your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The St Marylebone Centre for Healing and Counselling. Anthology of Public Prayers. The Mothers' Union.

Children's Corner



Autumn Word Search

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X	S	O	G	S	B	I	A	P	O	S	M	H	Y	E
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N	O	E	R	S	A	C	T	A	E	R	L	B	I	L
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ACORN
 BEAUTIFUL
 CORNUCOPIA
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 LEAVES
 OCTOBER
 RAKE
 SCENIC
 SQUIRREL
 YELLOW

APPLE
 BONFIRE
 CRISP
 HARVEST
 MIGRATION
 ORANGE
 RIPE
 SEASON
 SUNFLOWER

AUTUMN
 BROWN
 FOLIAGE
 HAYRIDE
 NOVEMBER
 PUMPKIN
 SCARECROW
 SEPTEMBER
 SUNSHINE

A Prayer

When Autumn leaves fall off the tree,
Please let all God's children see,
That even though the sun has gone,
Jesus loves us everyone.

When Spring arrives and flowers sprout,
Let us spread God's word about,
No matter what the season be,
He loves us all, both you and me.

Amen.

Lucas Lay aged 8

Come and Celebrate

The Junior Church Presentation Service will be held at 10.30.a.m. on Sunday November 22nd. At this service we recognise the contribution of the members and leaders of Junior Church to our church family. They will be taking part in the service and certificates and badges will be awarded.



Everyone is invited to attend this service and give thanks for the work of Junior Church – our fellowship would be much poorer without their enthusiasm and involvement.

What Did You Know?

Quiz Night 3rd October

Once again, this; proved to be a very enjoyable evening for all concerned, for those who knew the answers to most of the questions (even when the correct answer turned out to be different to the one that they had written down); for those who didn't care whether they knew the answer or not so long as they could have a good laugh; and even for the Quizmaster when one or two of the questions resulted in blank looks all round and mutterings of "What's he on about?" At the end of the evening the joint winning teams shared boxes of chocolate mint creams;- because their brains were "in mint condition."

A good time had been had by all, with the added bonus of a donation of £112 going directly to church funds. The date of the next quiz night has not yet been fixed, but it is likely to be in late January/early February for the highly coveted title of "Brains of Walmersley 2010."

We look forward to welcoming you then.

Many thanks
Stan



Christmas Greetings!!

Yes, it is a little early but we thought you may wish to be prepared. As usual there will be a board at the back of church on which to display a general greeting to the church family. You may wish to donate the money you would have spent on individual cards to charity.



Jottings



This poem sent to me this month is very appropriate for the November magazine as we remember all people affected by war throughout the world. [Author unknown]

The Inquisitive Mind of a Child

Why are they selling poppies mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love
For the men who marched away

But why have they chosen a poppy, mummy
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow

But why are the poppies so red, mummy
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, mummy,
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child is the colour of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why, mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are for you my child
For the world is forgetting again.

Thank you June Houghton for your contribution this month.

What's on in Walmersley

November

Wed 4	Mothers' Union – Holy Communion, Pie and Peas supper
Thu 5	Thursday Prayers
Sun 8	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 8	Sunday Strollers
Wed 18	Mothers' Union - Kenya
Sun 22	Junior Church Presentation Service
Tue 24	PCC
Thur 26	Deanery Synod
Mon 30	Christingle Service 6.30.p.m.

FUTURE DATES

December 12 United Christian Singers

Please let us know what is happening in your organisation. E-mail ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk for inclusion on the weekly sheet, magazine or web-site.

You can visit the web-site at ccwalmersleybury.org.uk – please let us know what you would like to see there and help us keep it up to date.



Mothers' Union celebrates 100 years at CCW

Congratulations!

