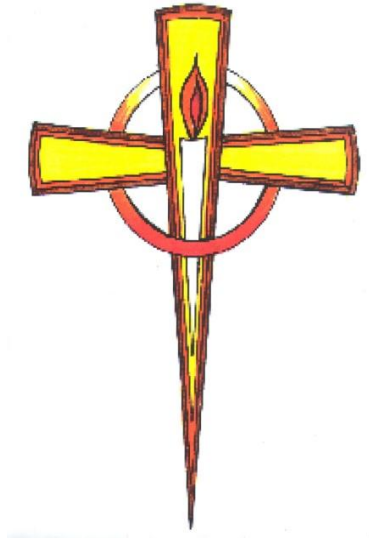


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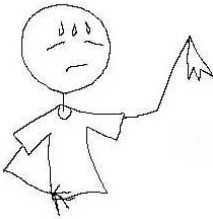
Spreading the Word

November 2011

Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

In November we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The old year draws to a close. The joy of the gospel is that we can always make a new start. There's always the chance of turning: change; repentance. And on Advent Sunday, the beginning of another Christian Year, we take a big breath and start all over again. We dust ourselves down, look boldly in the mirror, stick out our tongue and smooth down our hair, what there is of it. The New Christian Year and with renewed Christian Hope we watch for the Lord's coming.



The reality is we seem to live in an age of little hope, increasing anxiety: economic recession; terrorism and gun crime. Will we have an adequate pension for our old age? What will happen when the oil and gas reserves run out? What if we do nothing about global warming and climate change? Such anxieties generate a variety of reactions. Some bury their heads in the sand; hoping it will all go away; expecting the government to sort it out. In the meantime, many will party on.

Look at the news and we can think that we live in the worst of all times. Panic leads some into irrational behaviour like the recent riots on our streets; who can we blame? So it is a help in facing real problems to know that while the details may be new, the sense of anxiety about the future is not. The set Psalm for Advent Sunday is Psalm 80 and it reflects on some disaster which had earlier befallen Israel. What hope was there for them and their future?

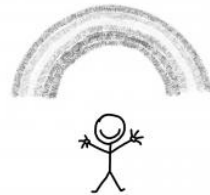
"Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved."

Much of Isaiah which we read in Advent describes the distress of the people:

*"We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us
away."*

All this echoes the central themes of Advent - the need for redemption, our unworthiness before God, a longing for God to act, and the assurance that as Father, God is also Redeemer.

Christians can live in confidence that God is faithful and will sustain to the end those who have committed themselves to the life of faith and trust. Trust in the faithfulness of God is demonstrated by faithfulness in our work and witness.



This is what it means to be alert and watchful. Not to scan the heavens, or read the horoscope, or comb through obscure texts, and begin every sentence with "When the Lord comes". That is not hope that is evasion.

Looking upon scenes of disaster and saying, "When the Lord comes" it will all be OK has nothing to do with Christian Hope. Christian Hope is about acting on our faith; facing and tackling problems. Our recent Stewardship Mission was all about acting on our faith.

The good thing about being part of the Church is that we can encourage each other to acts of faith and love so that when the Lord comes to us, as he will, he will not find us sleeping but active in his service because we believe.

"Hark a herald voice is calling", have a faithful Advent.

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SERVICES AND READINGS FOR NOVEMBER



Worship

November 6th **Third Sunday before Advent**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

November 13th **Second Sunday before Advent** **Remembrance Sunday**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

10.30 a.m. Remembrance and Family Service
John 15: 9-17

November 20th **Christ the King**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

10.30 a.m. Junior Church Presentation Service
Ephesians 1: 15-23

November 27th **Advent Sunday**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

Please note that the 10.30 a.m. service on November 20th will not be Holy Communion. This service has been moved to November 27th.

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

November 6 th	Jade Bullen
November 13 th	Bill Noble
November 20 th	Junior Church
November 27 th	Nichola Cassidy

INTERCESSIONS

Nigel Silvester
Ian Riddick
Junior Church
Joe McDermott

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

November 6 th	Alan Spencer	Roy Warburton	Sybil Fryer
November 13 th	Chris Standing	Bill Noble	Ian Riddick
November 20 th	Shelagh Beetson	Geoff Hamilton	David Peters
November 27 th	Nigel Silvester	Pamela Hoyle	Alison Fewtrell

LAY ASSISTANTS

November 6 th	Margery Spencer	
November 27 th	Cath Hilton	Jean Slater

FLOWERS

in church have been given:

November 6 th	In memory of Fred Luxton
November 13 th	In memory of past MU members
November 20 th	Mrs S Mills in memory of Mrs V Howorth
November 27 th	Mrs M Booth in memory of the Booth family

Church Registers

	<p>Baptisms</p> <p>October 2nd</p> <p>October 16th</p>	<p>Sophie Pervaiz and Harris Pervaiz</p> <p>Scarlett Grace Hayley Trainor</p>
	<p>Weddings</p> <p>September 17th</p>	<p>Ian Christopher Wade and Jenny Barrett</p>
	<p>Interment of Ashes</p> <p>October 9th</p> <p>October 16th</p>	<p>Barry Walker</p> <p>Ethel Tomlinson Vernon Forester</p>

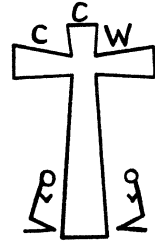


Following the Jigsaw Stewardship Mission in October, thank you to everyone who completed the response forms. Your feedback is now being assessed.

It is vital for the future of Christ's Church in Walmersley that all its members recognise God's goodness and give back to God their time, talents and money in His service.

Junior Church Presentation Service

This year the special service celebrating all our Junior Church members and their leaders will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday November 20th.



It is a very important date in Junior Church's calendar and we hope that every member and their family will come to church

- + to see each child receive a special certificate to commemorate their attendance for the past year,
- + to give out attendance badges (instead of at Family Service this month) and
- + for some to receive a gift of a bible.

It is hoped that the children will play a large part in the service and that there will be a good turn out of congregation to support them.

A Harvest Thank You

Thank you all for the gifts which you brought to our Harvest Festival in October.

As a result we were able to make a very worthy donation of goods to local charity Porch Boxes. Financial gifts totalling £154 were given for the work of Tearfund and over 30 gifts of flowers and plants were able to be given to elderly, house-bound or sick members of our parish.

Thank you,
Barbara, Margery and Nigel
on behalf of the PCC



It was lovely to spend some time at our meeting on September 21st reflecting on trips that our members have enjoyed. As always seems to be the case, we had just the right number of people making a contribution and this, combined with the variety of memorable voyages, made it a fascinating evening. Everyone had thought carefully and so provided an unpredictable set of stories. (I apologise in advance for any errors which I may have made in my notes!)

In 1962, Alison Fewtrell travelled with her husband on a Cunard cargo ship without stabilisers, visiting many places including Gibraltar, Suez canal, Jeddah, Aiden, Columbo(Ceylon) and celebrating a birthday when she received a gift of a pair of earrings made up of one of each of the precious stones mined in Ceylon.

Sybil Fryer described the experience of visiting Berlin at seventeen years of age when the wall dividing east and west was intact.

Pam Hoyle visited Russia just before the Berlin Wall fell. She remembered vividly beetroot and chips; cold showers; an unpleasant experience with vodka; and missing Leningrad through an unfortunate tummy upset!!

David Andrew recounted a voyage to France when he was eighteen years old where he received the letter informing him of acceptance at Manchester University which had been forwarded to him by his parents.

Crissie Crow described a trip around the world which included Muscat, Singapore, New Zealand, Fiji, Honolulu and U.S.A.

Kathryn Bailey shared photographs of the cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver on the occasion of a significant birthday. Unfortunately, she spent two days cruising before her luggage arrived!!

Gill Smith, who has travelled very extensively, decided to tell us about her only trip with her father when she was thirteen. Mother and brothers stayed behind to look after the farm whilst Gill and Dad enjoyed a day in Blackpool. The wall of Death, ice cream, candy floss and hymns from the Salvation Army Band were fondly remembered and broken rock was taken back as a treat for Mother.

What a well-travelled group we are!

At our first meeting in November we will be welcoming two more new members at our communion service and as is usual at this time of year we will enjoy pie and peas whilst perusing the postcard competition.

All our meetings are open to anyone so feel free to come along and find out what we are really about!

- * Virtual babies in community projects
- * Support for hostels
- * Away From It All breaks
- * Hospital projects
- * Passionate about Parenting groups
- * University projects – Welcome Week and weekly soup kitchen
- * Presence at Wedding fairs
- * Prison outreach
- * Overseas links – Nigeria, Congo, Kenya

This month the Provincial President, Lynne Tembey, visited the Diocese for three days. She was very impressed by all the work that is being done and I am very happy to say that she was able to visit Sybil Mills. I can imagine how delighted Sybil would be and feel sure that the photo that is on the MU newsletter will be available for you to see. (Maybe in this magazine!)

The Diocesan Festival on October 5th was very well attended and presided over by Bishop Nigel. The Bishops of Bolton and Middleton were admitted as members and also as Patrons alongside Bishop Nigel. Civic leaders, senior clergy, area and borough deans, were

able to hear all about the work of the Mothers' Union from Lynne Tembey. Mothers' Union Choir were somewhat small in number, but nevertheless sang well. Unfortunately, and unusually, no one from our Branch was able to sing this time owing to holiday arrangements. I think I'll have to check people's diaries and veto holidays!!!

2120 bags of goodies were distributed by our members to students in Manchester. Thank you very much to those who gave me contributions.

Our meeting on November 16th will be exciting as there is much outreach work going on and there are also new projects involving work in our local prisons which I am sure Angela Dand will tell us about.

As I am writing this, I have heard that weather forecasters are predicting 'an arctic blast'! I shall endeavour to set up a contact system so that everyone will be contacted if meetings are cancelled. However, please make an executive decision if it is icy. In the case of freezing or snowy weather, you can assume cancellation. Don't take any unnecessary risks.

Dates for your diary

- Nov 2nd Communion in Chapel followed by pie and peas and postcard competition
- Nov 16th Angela Dand – Action and Outreach Coordinator for Manchester MU
- Nov 19th Autumn Council – Ask if you are interested in attending
- Nov 24th Quiet Day Manchester Cathedral 10am-2.30pm
- Nov 27th Deanery Advent Carol Service 2.30pm
- Dec 1st Advent Carol Service St Ann Manchester 2.00pm
- Dec 7th Advent Meditation
- Dec 14th Christmas Meal at 'The Pavillion' Birtle
NB. This is not 3rd Wednesday



CLOTHES PARTY – New to You

**Friday, 11 November in the
Hall at 7 p.m.**

Tickets £2.50

Revamp your wardrobe for the
coming party season.

You retain half the proceeds and half goes towards a
Christmas Special for the girls.

The idea is quite simple - you bring your unwanted party clothes or special outfits (including accessories) along on the night. We give the item a ticket with your unique number and the price you want for the item.

At a pre-determined time in the evening, all those clothes not sold will be sold for the highest price, or you can take the item home.

When it is sold, we retain half the ticket price and you receive your half at the end of the evening.

Whatever you bring must be in good condition and clean.

Come and join the fun, you will be able to try clothes on in the two back rooms, we will bring mirrors.

For full details contact any guiding leader or see the flier on our website at <http://www.ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/wider-activities/guiding/>

Organised by our Guide, Brownie and Rainbow Units

From the OLD to the New

During this year, which marks 400 years of the Bible in English, we are quoting parts of the Bible in the King James' Version and putting beside them a modern translation. This month we have chosen the passage about light and salt.

King James Version

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



Contemporary English Version

You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.

**SALT &
MATTHEW 5:13-16
LIGHT**

You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

Prayer Mat

Week One

Dear Lord, on All Souls' Day we remember those who have gone before us. We remember particularly those whose faith was strong and proclaimed your name. We remember those who encouraged us to go to church and Sunday school and who laid down the basis of our faith today.

We remember the saints whose faith was so fierce that they often died for you and we thank you for them. We rejoice in them and pray for their memory that we will not forget them. They are one of the foundations of our faith.



We remember too all Christians who are suffering today. Those in Iran accused of apostasy, those in Zimbabwe who face opposition and evil when they try to congregate in your church, and those in difficulty elsewhere in the world. We pray that they will be steadfast. O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Week Two



There is no place where God is not,
wherever I go, there God is.
Now and always he upholds me with his power
and keeps me safe in his love.

Author unknown

Week Three

Who made the night-time shadows?
Who made the silver stars?
Who made the moon that floats on high
Where clouds and angels are?

The One who made the morning sun,
The daytime sky of blue,
The One who made both you and me
And loves both me and you.

Mothers' Union_A Book of Prayers

Week Four

Holy Father, on this Advent Sunday, we remember that you sent your son down to earth as a baby to live amongst us. We pray that this Advent we will rejoice and thank you for the gift of Jesus and prepare for his coming on Christmas Day.

Lord, he is the example we all try to follow in our daily lives. Give us the strength to do this, even though at times we are tempted just as Jesus was. Make us strong, Lord, as he was. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.



When:	2 November 2011
Where:	Lower Room, Church Hall
Time:	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, so do come and join this informal meeting for fellowship, worship and time for tea and a chat. Transport can be arranged for you if necessary.

If you require any more information, please contact Revd. Don Altham

Children's Corner



Word Search

Can you find eleven words to describe Jesus?

C	N	S	L	O	J	H	A
H	K	I	N	D	O	E	M
E	H	N	C	U	Y	L	A
E	A	L	W	E	F	P	Z
R	P	E	A	V	U	F	I
F	P	S	R	I	L	U	N
U	Y	S	M	N	G	L	G
L	U	F	E	C	A	E	P

Prayer

Holy Jesus be my light,
Shine upon my way
Through this tempting changing life
Lead me day by day.

Amen.



The Light Of The World

**As we think about Jesus being the Light of the World -
Remember –**

Christingle Service

Monday November 28th 6.30 p.m.



**Everyone is welcome to this informal service.
All money collected goes to the Children's Society to
support children in difficulties.**

Saturday 3 December

This date is nearly upon us!!
Do you have it in your diary?

Are you able to help in any way?
PLEASE have a word with Tricia
Stokes or any PCC member.



Bring your friends, neighbours, family for an enjoyable time.

**Café, tombola, cakes and produce stall,
Real Christmas stall and activities, books, games
and more**

items for these stalls will be gratefully received - please
bring to church or give to any PCC member.



Jottings

This month we have an adaptation of *The Beatitudes* which we find in Matthew chapter 5 from Jesus' sermon on the mount. Thank you to Sybil Fryer for this, which is entitled

Beatitudes for people who have friends with a disability

Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech,
for you help me to know that if I persevere I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never told me to hurry up or took my tasks
from me, for I often need time rather than help.

Blessed are you who understand that it is difficult for me
to put my thoughts into words.

Blessed are you who will smile and encourage me to try once more.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me just as I am
and not who you wish I were.

Blessed are you who talk to me in public places and ignore the
stares of strangers, for in companionship I find havens of relaxation.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I try new and untried
ventures. For my failures will be outweighed by the times
I surprise myself and you.

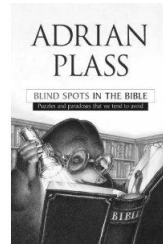
Rejoice and be exceeding glad to know that you give reassurance
that could never be spoken in words, for you deal with me as God
deals with His children.

If you have an interesting article for **Jottings** or a Christian Book
recommendation for *Book Review*, please contact Jean Slater



Book review

Thanks to Nigel for this weeks book review. He writes..... I heeded Barbara's advice in our August magazine and took this book to read on holiday in Lanzarote. It became a very absorbing book as I lay by the pool side in the sun sipping at a Pina Colada – but I'm sure it would seem just as good at home in Bury on a cold winter's day!



Adrian has taken a number of Bible passages – some familiar, some less so – and given his own thoughts on them, often picking out something which never occurred to him before. These are his blind spots – things which came to him as he read a passage he had read before but suddenly a new meaning or a new perspective springs into mind.

At times funny and at times serious, this Bible study book certainly stirred my grey matter [inside my head – not the few wisps outside!] and I found it a very thought provoking book – as well as being entertaining.

It is the sort of book which helps you to look at all Bible passages – not to just read the words but actually to focus on them as one searches for meaning and direction in your Christian journey. And it reminded me that we are allowed to question what we read, thinking to ourselves what is this all about?" and unable to find a meaning.

We shouldn't get disheartened when we can't make it out – because no one knows the meaning of everything!! God will explain it all when eventually we meet up!



A Grand Day Out

Girlguiding North West England have been celebrating their Ruby anniversary this year with a number of events and challenges.

25th Bury Guides were up bright and early on a Saturday morning to

catch the train to Blackpool Pleasure Beach to spend 'A Grand Day Out' with 8000 other members ranging from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild.

The weather held off mainly but you wouldn't have thought so if you saw how wet we all were after having ridden Valhalla! We soon dried off with a brisk trip on The Big One where our promise was said!

In between experiencing a large number of other rides we took a rest to watch the Hot Ice show and took part in a dance workshop to break the world record for the largest number of people dancing the Cha Cha Slide.

Then as it was dark and the pleasure beach was closing we collected our goody bags and headed back to the train and home.

Naomi made her promise again whilst on the train and was presented with her badge to become a full member of our unit (wasn't pinning it on while on the Big One!)

We all had a great day and can't wait for the next adventure.

25th Bury Guides

Quiz Night

Question

What will you be doing if you come to the Church Hall on Saturday November 19th at 7.30.p.m.?

Answer

Having an enjoyable time at the Autumn Quiz Night where the questions range across a wide variety of subjects as usual, with varying degrees of difficulty – mainly easy or moderate with just the odd brain –teaser thrown in.

If you are one of our regulars you know what to expect and we look forward to seeing you again. If you have never joined us before, why not come and try it – you will be pleasantly surprised at how much fun you will have.

Admission is £2.00 per person including a half time cup of tea, but feel free to bring your own “refreshments” if you need anything to stimulate the little grey cells. All proceeds to church funds.

CCW Tennis Club

Pray-ing

An hour of singing contemporary worship songs with time for prayer and maybe a scripture reading or two.

Relaxed, gentle fellowship and all very informal.

At the home of Barbara & Nigel Silvester

7.30pm on Tuesday 8th November,
Friday 9th December and Monday 9th January.

What's on in Walmersley

November

- Wed 2 Mothers' Union Holy Communion, supper & postcard competition
- Tue 8 Pray-Sing
- Thu 10 Joint PCC
- Fri 11 Clothes Party
- Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday
- Mon 14 Ministry committee
- Wed 16 Mothers' Union – Action and Outreach with Angela Dand
- Sat 19 Quiz Night
- Sun 20 Junior Church Presentation Sunday
- Tue 22 Deanery synod
- Sat 26 Christmas Fair – St John w St Mark's
- Sun 27 Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Service
St Philip Stubbins at 2.30 p.m.
- Mon 28 Christingle Service 6.30 p.m.

December

- Thu 3 Mothers' Union Diocesan Advent Service
- Sat 3 Winter Fair - CCW

Congratulations



Bishop Mark, Bishop of Middleton,
in Manchester Cathedral after presenting certificates to 123
people from Manchester, Chester and St Asaph dioceses.

25 members from our two churches received
the Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry.

Our work with children and young people is in good hands.

Thanks and congratulations to:

Helen Arya, Emma Holt, Jennifer Jones, Tina Lock, Kimberley
Maher, Anne Nuttall, Denise Ramsden, Barbara Silvester,
Margery Spencer, Christine Storey, Rosemary Taylor, Heather
Wardle, Lisa Weston, Pauline White.

Amanda Dunn, Joy Dures, Pat Farnworth, Nicola Kelley,
Rebecca Kelley, Teddy Naguila, David Robinson, Donna
Simpson, Heather Whalley, Steven Whitehurst.