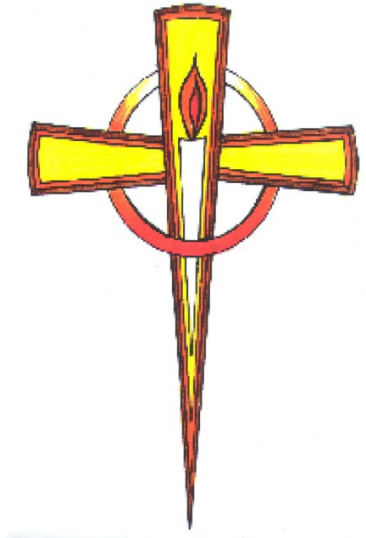


# Christ Church Walmersley

in the Benefice of Walmersley Road



Magazine

*Spreading the Word*

September 2011

## Thought for the Month



The year has many starting points not just 1st January. There is the tax year starting in April, the Church's year starting with the first Sunday in Advent, the Chinese and Jewish new years and for me the start of the academic year in September. It's always a time for me to both look back and look forward. Looking back to the successes of the past year and looking forward to new students, new courses to teach and new challenges.

Looking back over the year in our church life we have much to celebrate. Our union of benefices, Ian's 'canonisation' (for want of a better word - he's not a saint yet), Janet's ordination to the priesthood and Darren's successful completion of his first year of Reader training. I'm sure there is much you would want to celebrate too.

Looking forward we will see Darren exercising his ministry more in both places, although we lose him for a couple of months in the autumn on placement. And we look forward to our Stewardship Campaign. Of course there will be a big push to help us examine our giving as we need to make ends meet and we need to maintain our heritage for future generations.

For me though, much more important is the way in which we respond to our generous and loving God in our service. At the close of many services we respond to the words "Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord" with "In the name of Christ. Amen". Stewardship is about service and self sacrifice. Christ empowers each one of us to perform our own miracles of creating community when we "move the fences" to include outsiders, when we welcome the rejected and forgotten to our tables, when we give of what little we have, joyfully and gratefully, for the sake of others, when we welcome one another as we would welcome Jesus.

Jesus in his miracles always worked with what was at hand. Like the bread broken to feed the five thousand or the bread broken at the Eucharist he brings forth, as no one else could, the possibilities and capabilities hidden in the depths of what is already there.



And so, of course, he does with us as well. He breaks us open so that we have the capacity to be, and to do, far more than we otherwise could. He transforms us by making us more fully ourselves, by revealing that identity of which we ourselves are not fully aware, the unique way in which each of us is called to the image of God.

When we look back next year I wonder - will we be just where we are today or will we find more people exercising a valuable ministry to our community? If more of us are involved in 'Serving the Lord' then the stewardship campaign will have been a success.

Yours in Christ  
Paul



### **The Reverend Canon Ian Stamp**

A canon of the cathedral is an honorary title given to recognise long and dedicated service to the diocese. Canons are members of the larger Chapter and

receive no remuneration. They are allocated a stall in the cathedral and invited to lead some services.

Ian will be installed as a Canon of Manchester Cathedral at 5.30 pm on September 25th. Please support Ian, if possible, with your presence and with your prayers on this day.



## SERVICES AND READINGS FOR AUGUST

### September 4<sup>th</sup> **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

### September 11<sup>th</sup> **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

10.30 a.m. Family Service  
Matthew 18: 21-35

### September 18<sup>th</sup> **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

### September 25<sup>th</sup> **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)  
Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

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A young boy proudly told his father, "I know what the Bible means."  
"Really?" smiled his father, "What does it mean?"  
"That's easy. It stands for 'Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth'."

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# ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

## READINGS

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sybil Fryer
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nichola Cassidy
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	David Peters
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Slater

## INTERCESSIONS

Bob Taylor
Barbara Taylor
Joe McDermott
Ian Riddick

## SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer	Roy Warburton
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sybil Fryer	Chris Standring	Bill Noble
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Riddick	Shelagh Beetson	Geoffrey Hamilton
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	David Peters	Nigel Silvester	Pamela Hoyle

## LAY ASSISTANTS

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Slater	Cath Hilton
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Margery Spencer	Tricia Stokes

## FLOWERS

in church have been given by:

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Mrs P Magnall
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J G Clegg
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Ann and Ken Annis
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs J Wood



Where do you fit into the jigsaw of life at Christ Church?

Watch out for more information – but be sure to come to church on Sunday, 2 October.

Bishop Chris will preach at 10.30 a.m.

## **Stewardship**

The service on 2nd October at 10.30am will see the start of our Jigsaw Stewardship mission and Bishop Chris will preach at that service. You will receive an invitation letter very soon. October will also see our Harvest festival service. This may seem like a rather crowded month with so many themes running together but it is by design and not an accident that they are that way.

We have chosen October for our Stewardship effort because, when we celebrate Harvest and think about Stewardship, it is good that as many of our Church family as possible are in attendance. That said, there is another more important reason to link Harvest with Stewardship. We will no doubt bring our harvest gifts: flowers, cans of soup, packets of rice and all that is good. One of the most important ways of saying thank you to God for his goodness is in caring for those who are less fortunate than we are. So the boxes of goodies we take to PorchBoxes are very positive ways of giving thanks.

The whole point of Stewardship is that we do not actually own anything, we simply look after it for our lifetime. Everything we have comes from God. We could have the best farmers in the world but if God does not send the rain and provide the earth then they simply could not produce a crop. They are just stewards of God's providence, as indeed are we in the care of what we are sometimes foolish enough to think belongs to us. And when our day comes and we stand before God in heaven we will all of us stand there as paupers except for the wealth of God's love invested in us. The only commodity that will count for anything in the kingdom of God is love. It is the only bankable commodity in the Bank of Eternity and the way we make deposits now is in caring for each other and providing for God's mission to continue in the world.



The local branch of God's mission in Bury is represented for us by our Church and if it is to continue and to be effective it has to be properly financed. Every year our costs rise and we have no secret funds. We exist simply on the money given by faithful members. In Biblical times the tithe was the norm for what were essentially harvest gifts. Most of the commerce was done by barter so a tenth of the farmers' produce was devoted to charity and the upkeep of the temple. Today, of course, we use money and some people still tithe their income to charity and the Church. The Church of England


 Each  
 new  
 Day is  
 God's gift to  
 you  
 What you do  
 with it is  
 your gift to  
 God

recommends a giving level of 5% and it is true that if we ever achieved that then our finances would be totally transformed and we would become a very powerful voice for good in our society. We would never have to have another fundraiser again except for fun. The massive amount of time and energy we devote to fund raising could be turned to spreading God's word in this parish and caring for those who desperately need our care.

Our Stewardship mission is coming and it comes with my heartfelt thanks for your gifts over the years - we have so many wonderful people here. But again we are asking you to consider your giving and adjust it as you see fit. I can assure you that I am doing my bit in terms of my family's giving. Because we believe that what we are all doing here is very important, we are prepared to give it a high priority in our budget. Appeals in the past have evoked a good response but we are still a long way short of a safe level of giving for our future needs. I hope that will mean a considerable increase in our giving but for some people in these difficult times it may mean a reduction if your circumstances have changed for the worse.

Two ways you can make your giving more effective:



**1.** Make sure you give by envelope or standing order so that we can rely on your gift even when you are not here and we can budget properly because we have a fair idea of what will be coming in. Fund raising events are good but a bad turn out or poor weather can knock a £1000 off our yearly accounts and how can we plan for that?



**2.** If you pay tax of any kind please, please fill in a Gift Aid form and we can claim back the tax at no cost to you. You can rescind or change it at any time if your circumstances change so you are not signing your life away and it makes such a difference to our finances. It is one of the very few ways in which our Government helps charities but it counts for nothing if you won't sign the form. Such a simple action on your part could add thousands to our annual budget.

So when we come in October to give thanks for Harvest, bring your gifts by all means, as it is such a lovely way to praise God. But also bring a determination to make some sacrifices every other week of the year. Think about the half tithe (5%) as a possibility or a target for your Church giving. Think about perhaps a legacy in your will to the Church. People so often give in this way to all sorts of important charities but often the Church is forgotten.



It may not seem that important but think how impoverished our society would be if you took all the Churches away, with Sunday schools, schools, youth and uniformed groups, ministry to the elderly, hospital visiting, social and study groups, funeral ministry, the welcome and care of children, marriages and social groups, etc etc, etc. It would be a massive loss, perhaps more profound than many very worthy charities. Make a sacrificial decision about your giving in the year ahead, make the commitment with a Gift Aid form if that is appropriate. Then share that decision with God in your prayers and if your conscience before God is easy then we are happy. Your giving is simply between you and God. I only know what I give, I don't want to know what anyone else gives as that is between you and God - but if the Harvest is to be celebrated here in a hundred years time we do need this generation to provide for it.



May God Bless you in your decision.

Yours in Christ

Ian



*Dear Friends*

Since a large part of the honour is down to you it would give me great pleasure if as many of you as possible could join me in the service as I am installed as an Honorary Canon of Manchester in the Cathedral at 5.30pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.  
If you need a lift have a word with me or any of the clergy.

Yours in Christ  
Canon Ian

**Our Annual 'Meal Out'** with family and friends took place at Summerseat Garden Centre this year. Over 30 people attended and we passed a very pleasant evening with lovely food and excellent service.

It had been suggested at a previous meeting that we might give some money to the Mothers' Union Relief Fund in view of the plight of those starving in Ethiopia, and so it was agreed by those assembled that we send £200 to Mary Sumner House for distribution as they feel suitable. We have to be aware that there is great need in many parts of the world and those at Mary Sumner House have an overview of where the need is greatest.



**Afternoon Teas** at the beginning of the month passed successfully. The weather, although not fantastic, was reasonably kind and we were able to have doors open and a quick look at the garden. (Not suitable for Open Gardens yet – still very much work in progress!!!). I am delighted to say that very generous donations enabled us to send £155 to the Wheels Appeal.

**Beetle Drive** – what can I say? We always have a good laugh and this year was no exception. (Commiserations to Rosemary Taylor who remained at the same table throughout – not winning once!!) We look forward to hearing in detail from Rosemary about the work of AFIA (Away from it all holidays for those who desperately need a break) at our next meeting. We have supported this Mothers' Union charity quite often and our own Rosemary Taylor looks after the work it does in Manchester Diocese.

Contributions to **Student Goody Bags** will be gratefully received by members in time for the September distribution. Here is the message from Angela Dand, Action and Outreach. "New students are away from home, often for the first time, in a strange place. It's exciting and a bit scary – they are only just beginning to make new friends. They really appreciate a kind word of welcome and the free gift from Mothers' Union.

In September 2010, 2464 Goody bags were distributed, so let's aim to reach at least 2500 in 2011. We should like to fill each bag with similar items. To this end, we respectfully request that you give only the items listed. We always need volunteers. If you can help, please contact Margaret Morris on 01706 642846 or e-mail her at [margaretandrobin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:margaretandrobin@tiscali.co.uk) for details of times etc.

**GOODS REQUIRED:**

tea-bags, small jars of coffee, drinks sachets e.g. hot chocolate, mugs – very popular! Biscuits, cup-a-soups, rice, pasta, noodles, tins of - baked beans, spaghetti, tuna, soup, toilet rolls, tissues, kitchen rolls, toothpaste, toothbrushes

**DATES:**

Thursday 15th September and Friday 16th September  
Preparing Goody bags at the Chaplaincy on Oxford Road



Saturday 17th September International Students' Day  
– Goody bags to be given out, soup and rolls provided

Monday 19th September to Thursday 22nd September  
Giving out Goody bags to students outside St Peter's Chaplaincy, Oxford Road.

**Bury Deanery Festival** will be held on Wednesday 14th September at St Paul, Ramsbottom. I hope that our branch will be well represented on that evening. If you need a lift please have a word with me.



We have been presented with two very exciting opportunities to expand our Action and Outreach activities here in Manchester.

Angela Dand has received an e-mail from Philip Pullman, the Manager of the Family Links and Visits Complex, at Her Majesty's Prison Manchester, via Mary Sumner House. He is asking if Manchester Mothers' Union can offer any assistance to the unit.

Nationally, Mothers' Union is exploring working with a charity called "Time for Families" (TfF), that delivers relationship courses in prisons. One of the prisons that TfF hopes to include in its programme is Forest Bank in Salford.

Mothers' Union already works in 90 prisons across the UK, work involving over a thousand members. Angela is very excited about these new opportunities for members here in Manchester. It is an excellent opportunity to extend our service to the local community in such a positive and practical way. She would like all our members to pray for existing Mothers' Union work with prisoners and their families, also for all those families. Let's pray that we can find the necessary resources of enthusiasm, commitment and "womanpower" (or "manpower") in Manchester to help at Forest Bank and HMP Manchester and make a real difference. If anyone feels that they would be interested in this project please speak to me about it and I will contact Angela.

Cath Hilton

- Sep 7            The branch celebrates being 102 years young, with a party in the Hall
- Sep 14          Bury Deanery Festival
- Sep 21          Please bring a small memento or photos of "The Trip of my Life" to share briefly with members. Or simply come along and listen to others' experiences.

# 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 famous passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

## King James' Bible



Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

## New International Bible

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

Your word is a lamp  
that gives light  
wherever I walk.  
*Psalm 119: 105*



# Prayer Mat

## Week One

Heavenly Father, we pray for the children going back to school this week and students starting college or university.

Back

To  
School!



We thank you, Father, that they get a wonderful education in this country and pray that they will appreciate this fact. Bless all the teachers and give them insight and wisdom when dealing with the children and students.

We pray that our schools may be a place of quiet, learning and happiness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Week Two

Dear Lord, once again we pray for peoples suffering from famine in East Africa. In particular we pray for the refugees who are also fleeing war torn Somalia and travelling to camps in Kenya. We pray for the aid organisations and the people who run them. Give them compassion and energy to care for those who are suffering. We pray for the children and the elderly, many of whom have been left in their villages as they are too weak to travel. Lord, give them food and medicines.



We pray that the world will wake up to the famine and the suffering and will respond with help and money. It is our duty to care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

### Week Three

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.  
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness;  
for this we revere you.  
My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than the watchman for daybreak.  
Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.  
Israel indeed he will  
redeem  
from all its iniquity.

*Psalms 130*



### Week Four

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.

O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.

*The Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester.*





## **Our United Benefice of Walmersley Road is taking over Manchester Cathedral!**

On October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, there will be a service at the Cathedral to celebrate the 'Bishops Certificate in Children's Work.'

This is the Bishop of Manchester's way of recognising all the time, effort and dedication that people put into helping and teaching young children. It is a short course which is over 6 sessions and led in house. It enables leaders to enhance the skills they already have and develop new skills.

When it was suggested that our United Benefice do the course, I must admit I was a little worried that not many would take up this opportunity. People are busy and asking them to give up an evening and/or make child minding arrangements was a big ask. How wrong I was.

Both Margery Spencer, who led the course, and I were thrilled that 24 people undertook the training and have successfully completed the course. This was a fantastic response and wonderful result.

Margery did a fantastic job in delivery, making it interesting and interactive. Obtaining the material from 90 Deansgate, she made a few 'tweaks' here and there, well virtually re-writing some sessions. The sessions were lively, fun, affirming and undertaken in a great spirit with the members of both our churches working well together.

What shone through is how important the work with our young people is to each and every one of those people who undertook the course and give freely so much of their own time.

**I would like to thank each and every one of you, you know who you are, for giving up your free time, turning up and completing the course. Thank you all for the valuable work and care you provide in church for our children.**

Thank you also, to all those who supported the training by helping with the refreshments and supporting Margery, and to Don for the prayers.

Margery and I will be in the Cathedral in October to watch our 'graduates' collect their certificates. I will be bursting with pride for them (knowing me there will be a tear or two) as they are acknowledged and recognised for all they do as part of our two churches.

May God bless all these people in their ministry with our children.

Janet



## R A I N B O W S

### **Girlguiding** 25<sup>th</sup> Bury (Christ Church Walmersley)

**We have a very urgent need** for two young women to undertake the training to become Guiders with our Rainbow unit. At the end of the summer term Clare left us, her studies from September will fall on a Monday evening. Glennys will be retiring very soon as she will have reached the retirement age for Guiders.

The training is very easy as you work your way through a book, there will be a couple of evening training courses, but the rest of the training is more "on the job". You will need to be able to spend just over the hour on a Monday night – we meet from 6pm until 7pm. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding voluntary activity, with plenty of laughter, we make a lot of "non-cookery" foods, play games, sing and make lots of craft items.

We do hope this appeals to you, as without your voluntary assistance our Rainbow Unit will close.

If you want to know more then contact either:

Louise Guilfoyle or Glennys Nicholls  
or e-mail [ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you, with love from The Rainbows

# Children's Corner



This month we go back to school, to a new class or maybe to a new school. This is exciting but it could be a bit scary as well. For children in other countries, school is exciting too but their day is often very different from ours. Here we read about Benard who lives in Kenya.

Benard, 12, lives with his grandmother because both his parents died from HIV/AIDS. Benard's grandmother looks after him and his sisters, but she is old so farming the land is difficult, and there is no money to spare for things like shoes.

Benard tries to help her. He wakes up at 6am to take the cattle to where they can find grass to eat, before he runs to school. When he comes home, he has to do the milking and fetch water before he can do his homework.

At school Benard learns about things like how to stay healthy. Even though primary school is free in Kenya, it is still a struggle to go because he has to pay for books and a uniform. Benard's two sisters cannot go to school as there is only enough money to send their big brother.

If he had one wish, Benard would hope to be able to stay on at school but he would have to pay to go to a high school and he knows that his grandmother does not have enough money.



## A prayer for everyone going back to school

God of Light and Truth,  
 thank you for giving me  
 a mind that can know  
 and a heart that can love.  
 Help me to keep learning every day of my life,  
 for all knowledge leads to you.  
 Let me be aware of your presence  
 in all things and at all times.  
 Encourage me when work is difficult  
 and when I am tempted to give up;  
 encourage me when my brain seems slow  
 and the way forward is difficult.  
 Grant me the grace to put my mind to use  
 exploring the world you have created,  
 confident that in you there is a wisdom that is real.  
 Amen.

*(This is a prayer we could all use! Editor)*



## A cryptogram

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## Jottings

We all face difficult times in our lives and wonder how we will cope. I hope these words sent to me for *Jottings* this month by Gill Smith may be of some comfort if you are struggling with some problem at the moment.

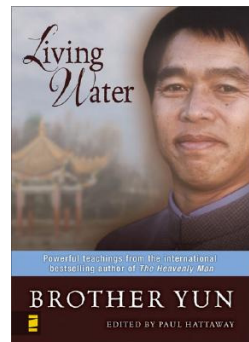
*Do not look forward anxiously  
to what may happen tomorrow.  
The same Everlasting Father who cares about you today  
will take care of you tomorrow and everyday.  
Either He will shield you from suffering  
or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace then,  
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.*



## Book Review

### Living Water by Brother Yun

This is another book from the pen of Brother Yun, a Chinese preacher and evangelist whose life has been marked by persecution and miracles through his desire to reach China with the gospel. He shares how God sustained him through his darkest hours. How the darkness was transformed into the infectious joy and zeal for the Lord that are the hallmarks of his ministry.



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

## **ROC CAFÉ BURY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

**Redeeming Our Communities** is a great opportunity for work between local groups, churches, the police, fire service, schools, local council and others to provide a youth focused project that can have a significant impact on the community, including reducing crime and antisocial behaviour.

Bury Fire Station hosts our local 'hang out' with crews from the Fire and Rescue Service and Police on hand. Facilities include a pool table, table football, video games as well as a refreshment area.

The Bury group has recently increased the service to two Thursdays (1st and 3rd) per month and is looking to churches for more volunteers. More details are available at the back of church. Training will be provided. Please speak to one of the clergy in the first instance.



Help is needed  
at 6.15 p.m. to set up  
7—9 p.m. ROC Café  
9 p.m. Pack down and tidy up



When: 1 September 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

## Manchester Diocesan Healing Roadshow

All of us are involved in caring for someone at certain times in our lives in some way or other and these road shows aim to provide help and information not only about the person we are caring for but also about caring for ourselves.

The venue for September 17<sup>th</sup> is St Peter, Halliwell Bolton BL1 7QS

The venue for November 12<sup>th</sup> is St Martin's Droylsden M43 7QS

# Who Cares?

Caring for the carers


## Diocesan Healing Roadshow

Three Saturday morning events in venues across the diocese  
with Bishop Chris Edmondson



17 September  
12 November

Coffee from 9am  
9.30am - 1pm

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

- Keynote Address
- Choices of Seminar
- Worship and Prayer
- Quiet area for reflection

### Find out More

at [www.manchester.anglican.org](http://www.manchester.anglican.org)  
search 'healing ministry'

### Book a place

Using online booking form at  
<http://tinyurl.com/6g8m6a8>

Registration forms  
can be found at  
the back of  
church.

If you require  
more information  
please contact  
Jean Slater

## Summer Quiz Night

This was held on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and although some of our regulars were taking an early holiday, several newcomers helped to keep the numbers up. After having the rules explained to them that a) this was a fun quiz and not to be taken too seriously and b) that there was to be no cheating, except by letting neighbouring teams hear you giving the wrong answers, they took to the event with real enthusiasm and £140 was added to church funds.

At the end of the evening the final result was, as usual, exceedingly close, with the winners getting 79 points, the runners - up 78, the joint thirds each with 77 and the fifth placed team gaining 75 points. The winners, Jill and Peter Smith, Trish and Geoff Stokes and Janet Dalton share four boxes of chocolate covered mint thins - because their brains were obviously in "mint" condition.

One question baffled everyone – How many streets are there in Greater London where the average house price is at or over £1 million? Go on, do what everyone else had to do and have a guess. (The answer is at the bottom of the page.)



The only major hitch of the night was when I asked a question and gave an answer taken directly from Don's sermon the previous week which I presumed was "Gospel truth", but turned out to be wrong. No wonder Don had gone abroad for his holidays leaving me to put up with the friendly abuse.

The next quiz has been provisionally booked for Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> which will be your last chance to practice ready for the 2012 "Brains of Walmersley" Quiz to be held late January/early February. Hope to see you for the "dress rehearsal"

Stan Parkinson

(2,290 streets)



## What's on in Walmersley

### September

- Sep 7 Mothers' Union 102<sup>nd</sup> branch birthday party  
Sat 10 ALM Commissioning, to include Nigel Silvester  
Wed 14 MU Deanery Festival, St Paul, Ramsbottom at 7.30 p.m.  
Sun 18 Junior Church meets in the Hall after the break  
Sep 21 Mothers' Union – The Trip of my Life  
Sun 25 Installation of Canons, including Ian Stamp & Peter Reiss  
Wed 28 Deanery Synod (at CCW)

### October

- Wed 5 Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival  
Sat 15 Presentation of certificates for Children's Ministry



Sunday, 23 October at 3 p.m. in Manchester Cathedral

Bishop Nigel has expressed the hope that those who week by week read the scriptures in public worship will be among those who come to this service to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible.

Tickets are free but must be requested in advance by contacting the Wardens or directly to Bishops court on 0161 792 2096 or [sec@bishops court.manchester.anglican.org](mailto:sec@bishops court.manchester.anglican.org) More details are available at the back of church or at [www.manchester.anglican.org](http://www.manchester.anglican.org)

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worship week by week