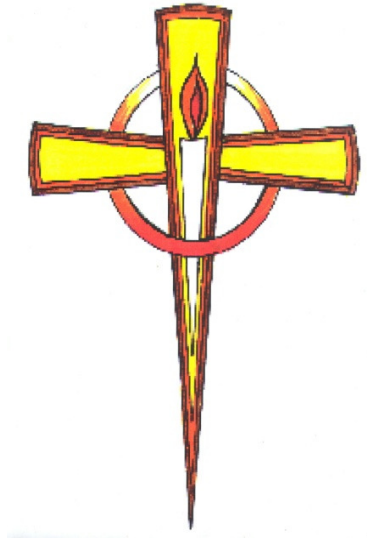


Christ Church Walmersley

in the Benefice of Walmersley Road



Magazine

Spreading the Word

July 2011

Thought for the Month

On February 26th, 1955, I was confirmed by George Bell, Bishop of Chichester – described by one writer as the best Archbishop of Canterbury the Church of England never had. In the House of Lords he had roundly condemned the government for the blanket bombing of Dresden during the war, and Winston Churchill refused to appoint him to Canterbury in 1944, after the untimely death of William Temple.

He was a great Bishop of Chichester, a worthy successor to his predecessor St. Richard, who died on June 16th, 1253. Richard was a caring bishop, with a pastoral heart, ministering faithfully to the clergy and people of Sussex after holding high office under the Crown. But it is for a prayer he wrote, and used regularly, that he is primarily remembered, a prayer used since his death by countless English speaking Christians, which featured in the musical *Godspell*. It runs:



Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day.

The prayer focuses on Jesus and starts, as all prayers should, with thanksgiving. We thank our Lord for all that he has freely given us by his life, death, resurrection and ascension. It is good from time to time to reckon up all the blessings we have been given, and it will surprise us, as the old chorus has it, what the Lord has done.

Life wasn't easy in the 13th century, and a lot of Christian piety centred on the Cross of Jesus, the pains and insults it, and those responsible for it, inflicted on Jesus. So Richard thanks the Lord for all he suffered on the cross, for us and for our salvation.

He then calls Jesus his Redeemer, and qualifies this divine title by two very human ones, Friend and Brother. What a depth of meaning these contain! And then Richard makes three requests of Jesus, which follow on one from the other. There can be no Christian life without at least some knowledge of Jesus, so he asks to know him more clearly. We shall never in this life know him fully, but as we journey through life it is good to get to know him better and better.

Jesus asked us to love him as he loves us; so it is good, and necessary, to pray that we may love him ever more dearly. And the end result of all this? That in the light of a clearer knowledge of the Lord, and a deeper love for him, we may be able to model our lives more closely on his, and so follow him more nearly day by day.

This is a prayer for a lifetime's use, not just for the odd occasion. And it is a prayer that is quite easy to learn by heart. So I urge you to make it your own and to use it regularly, so that you may become more and more the person our Lord wants you to become. By using it you will be fulfilling the prayer from the Confirmation service, until recently prayed by the Bishop at the moment of confirmation, nowadays prayed by everyone for the newly confirmed:

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.



Ralph Mallinson
St. Richard's Day, June 16th, 2011



SERVICES AND READINGS FOR JULY

July 3rd **Second Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10th **Third Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

10.30 a.m. Family Service
Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

July 17th **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 24th **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

July 31st **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00.a.m Holy Communion (CW)
Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

10.30.a.m Holy Communion
Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

July 3 rd	Bill Noble
July 10 th	David Peters
July 17 th	Ian Riddick
July 24 th	Alison Fewtrell
July 31 st	Ann Nuttall

INTERCESSIONS

Barbara Taylor
Bob Taylor
Joe McDermott
Alan Spencer
Margaret Schofield

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

July 3 rd	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer
July 10 th	Roy Warburton	Sybil Fryer	Chris Standing
July 17 th	Bill Noble	Ian Riddick	Shelagh Beetson
July 24 th	Geoff Hamilton	David Peters	Nigel Silvester
July 31 st	Pamela Hoyle	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater

LAY ASSISTANTS

July 3 rd	Nigel Silvester	
July 17 th	Barbara Silvester	
July 31 st	Margery Spencer	Jean Slater

FLOWERS

July 3rd Mrs. E. Fitton
 July 10th Mrs. A.M. Peters
 July 17th Mrs. S. Mills
 July 24th Mrs. B. Winterbottom in memory of Fred and Malcolm
 July 31st Mr. & Mrs I Riddick in memory of their parents



	<p>Baptism 29th May</p>	<p>Lexie Grace Payne</p>
	<p>Funeral 23rd May 13th June</p>	<p>Barry James Walker Jon Bradshaw</p>



When: 7 July 2011
 Where: Lower Room, Church Hall
 Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

There will be communion. 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

May's meeting 'These are a Few of my Favourite Things!' was both very enjoyable and informative. As always, members came up trumps with wonderful, unexpected treasures which left us fascinated and emotional. Needless to say, most items were connected to family members with fathers figuring strongly. We were made privy to family memories and many anecdotes and personal reminiscences. I would love to detail all the objects we saw but decided that one member's contribution summed up the theme of the evening. I include it here as it encapsulates everything for which we should be thankful.

These are a few of my Favourite Things

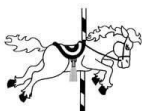
I love the smell of fresh mown grass, buttercups and daisies;
of sitting near the sea listening to the waves lapping over pebbles;
of walking in the pouring rain with the wind reddening my cheeks
and looking at a new-born lamb frolicking
with its brothers and sisters:



a bright red sunset and the sky in its anger
and its gloom before the storm;
hailstones on the conservatory roof when I'm warm and snug inside;
a cricket ball hitting willow and the roar of the crowd when
'Owzat!' is shouted (Oh! That's when our team is winning!);
the taste of ice cream on a red hot day – especially a 'Magnum'
(white chocolate is preferred);
the sounds of Spring – the air filled with trills of one bird and
then another; the purring of contentment from my cat, Suzy,
washing clean her coat – she has it off to perfection!



I love to walk around galleries and craft stalls,
admiring the work of the talented and sometimes not so talented
and all the enthusiasm they share;



eating black peas and smelling candy floss
and the fun rides and stalls of the fair;
looking through old photographs of loved ones –
gone but not forgotten;
rummaging through my button box and finding so many treasures;

my daughter's first day at school -
badges now very tattered I admit, but the memory is just as bright as
when I walked her down that school path on her first day at Springside
(Oh, how I cried!)
a tiny blue and white gingham button – my son's romper suit outfit;
music old and new;
our holiday photos;
our grandchildren.



This list could possibly go on and on and on.....forever
because, as we know, we are all so very rich,
so blessed beyond compare,
with everything so freely given to us -
a real life full of
Our Favourite Things.

written by Miriam Hamilton.

How wonderful is that! There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

On June 1st, we were delighted to have Barbara Silvester's daughter, Dr. Jennifer Cropper with us. She is a Clinical Psychologist who works with profoundly deaf children at St. Thomas's Hospital in London. Whilst learning about the finer points of how the ear works and the marvellous technology available to restore hearing, we were also given an insight into the feelings of the deaf world and the importance of pre-operative and post-operative counselling for both the patient and the families who support them. A truly fascinating and informative evening.

Watch out in the media for news of the difference that Mothers' Union is making in the wider community. You may be aware that the Bye Buy Childhood Campaign is making a great impact and the exploitation of children by the retail world is now under the microscope. Our organisation is constantly at work!

Why not join Mothers' Union?

YOU can actually make a difference here and all over the world.

Dates for your diary

- July 6th Communion in the Chapel
followed by 'Strawberry Sparkle'
- July 20th Meal at Summerseat Garden Centre
with family and friends
- Aug 3rd Beetle Drive
- Aug 17th tbc
- Sept 7th 102nd Birthday Party
- Sept 21st The Trip of my Life!
(You are invited to bring photos or a DVD
to give a snapshot of a special trip.)
- *July 12th Bolton Archdeaconry "Question Time"
7.30 p.m. at St Catherine, Farnworth
- *August 9th Bolton Archdeaconry Festival at St. Anne's, Edgeside
(Lifts will be available for these events)

Look out for our Holiday Stall and Café at the Summer Fair.

Report about the Italian Evening in next month's magazine.

Catherine Hilton
Branch Leader

On Saturday 20th August
Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Manchester
Day of Quiet and Retreat

'Be still and know that I am God'

Bolton Road Methodist

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

£5

See Cath Hilton if interested – numbers are limited



Storm camp

May bank holiday weekend saw us pack up our tents and join Bamford Guides on a camp at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe. The camp was named 'Storm' and this proved to be a very appropriate name as it rained Friday, Saturday, Sunday AND Monday! We were on the 'snow' site but we didn't see any of that!

The weather didn't stop us as we carried on regardless taking part in loads of activities like mountain biking, crate challenge, tree climb, team challenge, archery and a campfire.



Here are two Guides' version of events!

I really enjoyed camp. The food made by Kath and Janet was gorgeous and all the leaders were very nice, including the crew and other children who went. I really liked being in a tent with Amy K, Amy W, Abbie, Lucy and Megan. We were always busy doing something from challenges to bike rides to just chatting. We always went to bed late. I was really scared when they took our teddies and when we found out we needed to do challenges to get them back, but it was really good. Thank you for such a great weekend.

Chloe

My time at the Guide storm camp was brilliant. We did lots of activities such as mountain biking, craft, team challenges and campfire. I made loads of new friends from other guide groups and lots of new leaders! IT WAS GREAT

Danyelle

Leaders needed

Due to a leader moving on to university and others leaving after a number of years' service, more leaders and occasional helpers are needed for Guide meetings on a Friday evening 7.30-9 pm. Please think about any assistance you are able to offer and feel free to pop into a meeting one week or give Rosemary a call.

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 23rd psalm



King James' Version

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

New Living Bible

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
You honour me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the
days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

“Christ Church Walmersley with St John with St Mark” or “The United Benefice of Walmersley Road” or ???

Christ Church
Walmersley

in the Benefice of Walmersley Road



Magazine

Spreading the Word

It makes a lot of sense to have one magazine for the new benefice, but –

what should it be called?

what should it contain?

where could it be circulated?

PLEASE let us know (any member of the clergy or PCC will take your comments forward, or e-mail magazine@ccwalmersleybury.org)

We really would like to hear which of our regular contributions you value, and what you would like to read about which currently is missing, or only occasionally appears.

The PCCs of the two churches will be discussing this at their meeting in August and look forward to feedback from YOU – our readers.

Prayer Mat

Week One

Heavenly Father, this week we pray for the success of our Summer Fair. We thank you that the community will come together and celebrate our oneness. We thank you for all the work that is done by those who are leading the event and taking part and pray for an enjoyable day to be had by all. We thank you that there is such a strong community spirit within our church and within Walmersley as a whole. We are indeed blessed to live where we do. We pray for an outpouring of your Spirit in Walmersley and that our church may grow. Amen.

Week Two

I woke to a beautiful morning,
The sun was shining bright.
I said "This is the day the Lord has made,
And he does all things right."

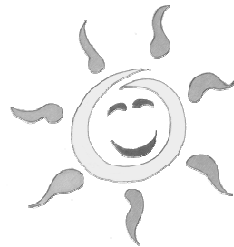
I woke to black clouds and dark shadows,
No ray of sun in sight.

I said "This is the day the Lord has made,
And he does all things right."

So whatever the day may bring forth,
Sunshine or shadows or rain,
Sometimes our days are joy filled,
Sometimes they're full of pain.

Just trust in Jesus to care for you,
He keeps you in his sight,
And say "This is the day the Lord has made,
And he does all things right."

Mrs B. C., Pembroke



Week Three

Father, we pray for the children and students breaking up from schools and colleges. Keep them safe over the summer, Lord, and help them to enjoy the holidays. Bless those who are going away on holiday and we pray for those who cannot go that they will still enjoy the break. Help parents to cope and for everyone to be tolerant of our children as they have their fun. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

Week Four

FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

Father, forgive us for the grudges we bear
against each other
and the angry thoughts within
and the aggressive words we use.
Forgive us that we think so well of ourselves
and so badly of other people.
Forgive us that we are so often filled
with negative thoughts and attitudes.
Forgive us that we can use words of faith so easily,
but that we find it extremely hard to live them out.
We can talk about what we believe about you and your world
and your love,
We can even walk in faith when our lives are trouble free,
but we find that our words are empty
and our trust is very shallow
and soon disappears in the darkness of the storms we experience.
Forgive us our failure to hope, to trust and to love.
Forgive us most of all where we are unforgiving
and make us new and clean again.
For Christ's sake. Amen.



David Clowes, Prayers for Today

Children's Corner



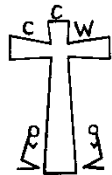
A prayer for Summer

Dear Lord,
School's out!
I can't believe it!
One more year over and
I'm ready for a break.
If I had to take one more test,
if I had to eat one more whatever-that-is
from the school cafeteria,
I know I'd scream
real loud.
Thank you for
getting me through another year.
Thank you for times to stay up late –
and for times to lie in!
Thank you for a chance
to just take it easy for a while,
and to get some much needed rest.
Thank you for our summer holiday.
Amen.

Junior Church

Congratulations to those who have received certificates and badges for attendance at Junior Church

Grace Gore - 10
Annabelle Baumber - 25
Archie Nicol - 75
Lucas Lay - 100



Cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
17	25	15	24	21	26	12	5	9	1	11	2	18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
22	7	16	4	3	14	10	23	6	20	8	19	13

Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below to solve this puzzle.

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Sudoku

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	7					4		
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		2					1	
6			5	8	4			
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Jottings

Reading a church magazine from Mossley Parish Church of St. George recently, I came across this version of the Twenty Third Psalm. I found it very thought provoking. I hope you do too.

“Twenty Third Psalm”

The Lord is my shepherd	<i>That's Relationship</i>
I shall not want	<i>That's Supply</i>
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures	<i>That's Rest</i>
He leadeth me beside the still waters	<i>That's Refreshment</i>
He restoreth my soul	<i>That's Healing</i>
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness	<i>That's Guidance</i>
For His name's sake	<i>That's Purpose</i>
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	<i>That's Testing</i>
I will fear no evil	<i>That's Protection</i>
For thou art with me	<i>That's Faithfulness</i>
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me	<i>That's Discipline</i>
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies	<i>That's Hope</i>
Thou annointest my head with oil	<i>That's Consecration</i>
My cup runneth over	<i>That's Abundance</i>
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life	<i>That's Blessing</i>
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever	<i>That's Security</i>
For ever	<i>That's Eternity</i>

Face it, the Lord really loves you



Book Review

***Prayers for the Journey* by Ray Simpson**

The prayers in this book are drawn from Ray Simpson's popular writings on Celtic spirituality and remind us of our own experiences and inspire us on our Christian journey.

They show us that the Lord leads us from fear to trust, from despair to hope, from hate to love, from lies to truth, from being wounded to being healed.

For other books and information visit REEP Pilgrimage-Ray Simpson on Google.

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



In memory of Toni Taylor, Walmersley's postmistress, who died recently, it has been decided to purchase and inscribe a bench. Its location is yet to be decided upon

Donations may be made at Howards, Walmersley Old Road.

Without God, nothing is significant.
With Him, nothing is insignificant

Re: Book Review June 2011 magazine – Adrian Plass

I was pleased to read the book review in June's magazine – Adrian Plass' Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation. I am a great fan of Adrian and have read several of his works, heard him speak and met him face to face on many occasions.

If I may I would like to correct a couple of things in the June review:

- Bacon Sandwiches is far from being his latest book. It was published in 2007 and he has turned out a few more since then. I have just finished reading "Looking Good, Being Bad" which was published in 2009 and which I can recommend as a good read for those who enjoy looking at the foibles of the church and can laugh at themselves. Adrian discusses the issue of 'churchmanship' and how certain ploys are used to obtain best results! I have also recently purchased 'Silences and Nonsenses' which was published in 2010 and look forward to reading it soon.
- Adrian no longer lives in Sussex. Since 2009 he and his wife Bridget live at Scargill House in North Yorkshire where they are presently part of the Christian Community there. If you fancy meeting Adrian and Bridget and tasting first hand that dry, impish humour then why not pop over to Scargill House which is situated in Kettlewell, North Yorkshire – an hour or so drive away. Details of things happening at Scargill are on the notice board at the back of church – or you could ask Barbara or myself about the place – we would be pleased to tell you all about it.

Apart from his humorous books (which often make you stop and think in themselves) Adrian has published what you might call more serious works including 'Blind Spots in the Bible' and 'When you Walk' both of which make good reading for Christians as we journey through life walking with Jesus.

Nigel Silvester

The background of the poster features a large, stylized sunburst with rays emanating from a central circle. The sunburst is rendered in shades of gray. The text is overlaid on this background. The word 'SUMMER' is in a large, black, serif font. Below it, 'FAIR 2011' is in a larger, black, serif font. The date and time are in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The location is in a medium-sized, black, sans-serif font. The invitation text is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The list of items to donate is in a small, black, sans-serif font. The contact information and page number are at the bottom in a small, black, sans-serif font.

SUMMER

FAIR 2011

Saturday, 2 July

11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Church field and hall

Come and enjoy the games and stalls.

Stop for lunch or cream teas in the café.

It is not too late to donate goods, in particular:

plants	jewellery	homemade cakes
bottles	sweets	toiletries
toys	bric-a-brac	books

Any queries please contact Tricia Stokes

What's on in Walmersley

July

- Sat 2 Summer Fair
- Sun 3 Celebration of Reader Ministry Cathedral at 3.30 p.m.
- Tue 5 Bishop's Certificate training session
- Wed 6 Mothers' Union – Holy Communion and Strawberry Sparkle
- Tue 12 Bolton Archdeaconry Mothers' Union
"Any Questions" St Catherine's Farnworth at 7.30 p.m.
- Sat 16 Coffee morning at St John with St Mark
- Sat 17 Party in the Park – Openshaw Park
- Tue 19 Bishop's Certificate 'catch up' training session
- Wed 20 Mothers' Union – Meal at Summerseat Garden Centre

Saturday 17th July 2011

Party in the Park – Openshaw Park

A community organised activity where in 2010 the Muslim, Christian and Jewish groups took an active interfaith part. The stand showed various artefacts and help was available to answer people's questions. Colouring and puzzle sheets were distributed to children. The group intends to have a presence at the event again this year and to build on last year's experience. If you would like to be involved please have a word with Jill Smith





'The Church has a new priest'

Janet, ordained priest at
Manchester Cathedral on June
18,
and after presiding at
her first Holy Communion the
following day.

