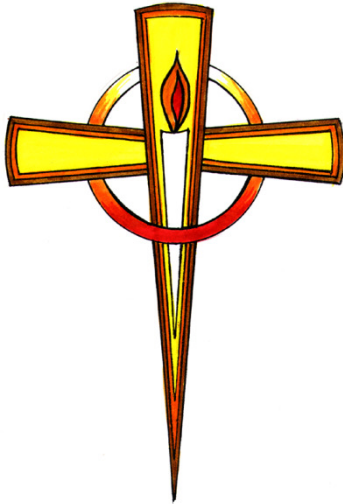


Christ Church
Walmersley



Magazine

Spreading the Word

June 2010

Thought for the month



Do your eyes need testing?

How many times must a football referee have that or some similar abuse thrown at him!

Nigel and I have been invited to attend our 2 year regular eye test, but we have recently come back from an extended eye test lasting 6 days!! That was some eye test you might be thinking, well you are right. We had been to Minehead to Spring Harvest where the theme for the week was "Different Eyes"

What kind of eyes do we look at the world through?

Are they old and jaded, perhaps dimmed by cataracts – or dirty specs!

Are they young and inquisitive and darting around seeing all new and exciting things?

Are they shaded by rose tinted specs that never see anything wrong?



As Christians, how often do we spend time trying to convince people that God exists? Looking through different eyes we might do better at focusing on what kind of God it is that we worship?

The journey starts at creation. We start to understand God's values, standards, hopes and attitudes through the Old Testament, especially Exodus. The vision of the people of God grew as they became familiar with his holy and just character.

They began to look at the world not through their eyes but through the eyes of God.



When Jesus spoke during the Sermon on the Mount he called his followers to look through different eyes, through beautiful eyes - not rose tinted specs - to see

how life could be different.

He taught us how to live life with **VIM** –vision, intention and means. We need a **vision** of life as it could and should be lived with God. We need **intention** - daily making good choices that are sustained by vision. If genuine intention is there then invariably the deed follows. We need the **means** - embrace study, meditation, prayer and sacrifice, learning from the 'saints' of history and other sources the ways in which our character is formed so that virtue becomes a way of life.

This is where we start to look at our community with different eyes if we are living with VIM. We have cleaned our specs - or had the cataract op and now see that Jesus will motivate us to throw ourselves into creating an honest, living and vibrant community.



We might be members of a number of communities – the golf club, the gym but primarily we are the community of Christ and that holds our allegiance. We all play our own parts, yet we live and work together to help us and others to live Christ-like lives. This has to be in all areas of life: work, how we use money, talk about people, look after God's world, the way we parent, etc. We need to allow community members to share doubts, worries, concerns and failures without tut-tutting and 'knowing looks'.



Looking through different eyes at our community calls us on an adventure; so are you ready? Are you ready to don rugged walking boots rather than cosy slippers? To look at the world beneath our feet through different eyes, and become distinctive witnesses for Christ.

As we join with St John with St Mark's, are we ready to make a larger community with a relevant and effective voice. Able see the changes needed and act to improve our wider community, to achieve what might only be our wildest dreams at present.



If you can get hold of a copy of the poem based on Revelation 21 called "New Glasgow" by Doug Gay you will see what I mean. I can't print it here for legal reasons but ask me if you want to have a read.

Yours in Christ.



Baptism



April 25th

Harry Christopher Lea
Louie Ian Thomas Connolly

Confirmation

May 2nd

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

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

Burial



April 20th

Stanley Howard

Interment of Ashes

April 20th

Marjorie Caves

SERVICES AND READINGS FOR JUNE



June 6th **Trinity 1**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17

June 13th **Trinity 2**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Galatians 2: 15-21; Luke 7:36 - 8:3
- 10.30 a.m. Summer Praise

June 20th **Trinity 3**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39

June 27th **Trinity 4**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Galatians 5: 1,13-25; Luke 9: 51-62
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Galatians 5: 1,13-25; Luke 9: 51-62

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

June 6 th	David Peters
June 20 th	Bill Noble
June 27 th	Barbara Taylor

INTERCESSIONS

Ian Riddick
Joe McDermott
Margaret Schofield

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

June 6 th	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Standring
June 13 th	Nigel Silvester	George Fryer	David Peters
June 20 th	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer
June 27 th	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer

LAY ASSISTANTS

June 6 th	Margery Spencer	Cath Hilton
June 20 th	Jean Slater	Tricia Stokes

FLOWERS

June 6 th	Mr & Mrs N Silvester
June 20 th	Mrs J Wood
June 27 th	In memory of Harry and David Longworth

The **Annual Church Meeting**, held on 27 April was attended by 41 people. The number on the Electoral Roll currently stands at 125.

The Treasurer gave a detailed commentary on the accounts. Giving remains at the same level as last year and, whilst expressing thanks, the Treasurer asked everyone to consider their level of giving. Maintenance of our buildings is a major expense and for the first time for a number of years we have been unable to pay our Parish Share in full. A lack of funds also hampers any outreach work.

The statutory reports, together with Don Altham's report, had been circulated. In an effort to save paper, reports from organisations would be published on the Church Website, and the Secretary is happy to provide copies for those without internet access.

Jennifer Wood was elected to serve as Church Warden for a further year with Geoff Hamilton continuing as Deputy Warden. On behalf of the congregation Gill Smith thanked Alan Standring for his work as Warden over several years and these thanks were endorsed by all present.

GS Parkinson, BM Winterbottom, A Standring and JG Clegg were elected to the PCC. Sixteen people were elected to serve as Sidespersons and those retiring or continuing were thanked for this service. The Child Protection policy, which remains unchanged, was ratified and Sue Walker, the Child Protection Officer, thanked.

The Lay Chair, Barbara Taylor, 'rejoiced' in the fact that this will be the last year of interregnum and thanked all who keep the whole machine of the Church running. She expressed regret that we had not paid our Parish Share in full. Barbara took the opportunity, on behalf of the PCC and Congregation, to thank Don and Clare Altham, our own Readers and the clergy of St John with St Mark.

The Revd Ian Stamp thanked the members of CCW for the invitation to speak at the APCM. He expects that the legal documents required to create the Joint Benefice will, realistically, be completed in August or September of this year. When this happens there will be two distinct parishes each with their own PCC's and Accounts but one Vicar. Ian Stamp confirmed that the Ministry belongs to the people as much as to the Incumbent. He will retire from stipendiary ministry in two years – however ministry continues for the whole of a Christian's life. Ian was congratulated on being appointed as the new Borough Dean or Link Officer.

Mrs J Dighton was assured that her concerns about the Harvest Thanksgiving had not been forgotten and were being discussed by the Ministry committee.

Concern was expressed that the Sanctuary remains 'out of bounds'. It was explained that the plasterwork on the East Wall needs to be removed. Quotes are being obtained but it was expected that these would be in the region of £15,000.

Extracted from the APCM minutes
Barbara C Taylor

Bishop Chris Visits Bury Deanery

On Monday May 10th the Bishop of Bolton, the Right Reverend Chris Edmondson visited the deanery accompanied by Archdeacon David.

In the morning he held a Bible study and worship session for the clergy at St James Woolfold after which retired clergy joined them for lunch.

During the afternoon the Bishop visited two churches in the deanery and in the evening there was an open synod at Bury Church High School.

In his address, Bishop Chris emphasised the need for churches to meet people where they are, building bridges between church and community. He gave examples of churches meeting at times other than Sunday morning and in places such as coffee bars and leisure centres. He emphasised the challenges facing the church with the reduction in the number of stipendiary clergy but welcomed the enthusiastic ministry of all church members. His talk was informative and inspiring.

Afterwards he and the Archdeacon answered questions provided by the audience and Barbara and I were delighted that a question which suggested that only ordained clergy could be charismatic and inspiring in their preaching was quickly and appropriately dealt with.

Margery Spencer

In April we were fascinated by Alison Fewtrell who gave us a wonderful insight into her painting and her love of flowers and floristry. It was amazing to see the different techniques she has used in her work; the reasons why she had produced some of her pictures; to understand the inspirations and to hear amusing and informative stories linked to her paintings.



When you witness art experts explaining the symbolism in certain paintings it always makes me wonder what the painter really had in mind, so this was a special opportunity to find out about a painting from the artist herself!

May's first meeting was a Bring and Buy Sale and Quiz. The quiz kept everyone entertained and we raised in excess of £40 for Away From It All. This Mothers' Union charity helps families and individuals who are suffering hardship to get away for a holiday.

Our second meeting in May is led Lynne Longworth who is one of our new Deanery Leaders (along with Rosemarie Simpson). Lynne and Rosemarie were commissioned earlier this year as our Deanery Leaders at a service in All Saints' Church. Lynne is going to talk to us about the work that Mothers' Union do to help hospitals as she has been appointed Hospital Coordinator. She is a talented knitter and needleworker and so will be showing us some items that we could make.

It is the Evening of Celebration on May 26th. I will give a report on that next month. It is always a very enjoyable evening and we are hoping that it has sufficient support this year so that it can continue to take place at the Bridgewater Hall.



This month our Branch is holding a Pamper Evening to encourage new members. Please watch out for publicity. Our members will be inviting you to come along and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces. Feel free to come along and meet with us.

Catherine Hilton
Branch Leader

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| June | 2 | Beetle Drive |
| | 9 | Bury Deanery AGM, All Saints' |
| | 16 | Gill Smith – Wood Carving |
| | 24 | Be Pampered by Mothers' Union |
| July | 7 | Service in Chapel and Summer Supper – Strawberry Sparkle |
| | 21 | Meal out with family and friends
(Venue: The Lord Raglan, Nangreaves) |

Just a reminder that the postcard competition this year is "non-ecclesiastical buildings"! Entries to be submitted prior to November 3rd to:

Miss Rosemary Taylor
22 Sheridan Street
Nelson
BB9 8JB

Favourite Brass Band Hymns

Following the poll on Sunday 9th May, I Barbara Silvester acting Returning Officer do duly declare the results were as follows, in reverse order:

- 15th When I survey the wondrous cross
- 13th= O worship the King
The Lord's my shepherd
- 12th Glorious things of Thee are spoken
- 11th Crown Him with many crowns
- 10th All hail the power of Jesus name
- 8th= Amazing grace
Our eyes have seen the glory
- 6th Guide me O thou great Redeemer
- 5th For the beauty of the earth
- 4th All things bright and beautiful
- 3rd Love divine all loves excelling
- 1st= **Shine Jesus shine**
Thine be the Glory

The favourite Children's song was **Colours of Day**—but was that just because it was sung that Sunday?!

Come along

on Sunday 13th June at 10.30 a.m.

to **Summer Praise**

on the field

and find out which ones made it into the "play list"

Lunch in the Hall afterwards for all



Adult Confirmation Group



You will have read earlier in the magazine that ten people from Christ church were confirmed on May 2nd. Of these, four adults met at weekly intervals over a period of six weeks to prepare for confirmation.

Don and I led this informal group which I found to be highly enjoyable as well as informative. We met at my house and Alan says that he heard much laughter coming from the lounge. It was a privilege to share in these sessions and I learned a great deal.

We began by studying the "black book", looking at the elements that make up a communion service and discussing their importance.



From this we moved on to a session looking at the parts of the Bible and we introduced the 100 minute Bible which is a good starter to understanding the structure of the Bible.

We then looked at prayer especially Jesus' teaching about it, followed this by reflecting on the Holy Spirit and the power which is given through it. We compared the four gospels and looked at the beginnings of the early church and in our last session studied some of the parables of Jesus.

There is no exam or any written work to be completed and if any other adult is considering confirmation for next year, please have a chat with Alison, Denise, Emma or Christine who will tell you how they found the sessions. Don and I will be only too willing to be of help.

Margery

Prayer Mat

Week One

As we enter in a new relationship with the congregation of St John with St. Mark we pray for our future together:

Guide and direct the minds of all who work for the reshaping of our church at this time.

Restore our faith and vision.

Renew our energies and love.

Revive your people to new life and power.

So that we may live and speak for Christ in this community and ever advance his kingdom, for his honour and glory.

Amen

Week Two

The Collect for Peace from the Book of Common Prayer:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;

give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;

that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,

and also that, by thee,

we being defended from the fear of our enemies

may pass our time in rest and quietness;

through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Week Three

We pray for all preparing for ordination next week, especially Janet, from St John with St Mark:

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their
ministry.

Make them faithful to serve
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.

Amen



Week Four

The collect for St. Peter's Day which falls on June 29th

We praise you O Lord for your apostle Simon Peter, the man of
rock:

for his bold confession of your name;
for his courageous leadership of the apostolic church;
for his abounding zeal in your service;
for his love and loyalty to you, his Lord.

Give us the same rock like qualities of faith, courage and
devotion to your service, and keep us steadfast to the end, for
the honour of your great name

Amen

Don't Forget

First Thursday Prayers / Communion



WHEN June 3rd
WHERE Lower Room in the Church Hall
TIME 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 3rd is the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi). Come and join us as we celebrate this day.

Transport can be arranged so please don't hesitate to ask if you need help with this.

For more information please speak to the Reverend Don Altham.



Book Review

Too Busy not to Pray by Bill Hybells

Full of practical wisdom, this new edition of best selling author Bill Hybells shows us the way into the adventure of prayer.

God invites us into his presence. He wants a conversation with us, in which we speak and listen. And he calls us to develop spiritually healthy habits of prayer.

If you have Christian book that you would like to be included in *Book Review* please send details to Jean Slater.



Jottings

Thank you to David Andrew for contributing this article for this month's **Jottings**. These are David's own words and I am sure many of "us oldies" will appreciate them.

Gentle Ageing

In the evening of our lives there is a need for peace and comfort, yet lots of aspects seem to get in the way of this.

Our close friends and relatives we grew up with may be absent. Our own abilities are slowly getting worn out, and our travelling days are over. Our younger family members may well be a distance away. The one we fear most is the loss of our lifelong memories.

So as our worldly life grows less, perhaps we could give more attention to the quiet life of the inner being.

Give thanks to the Lord for our long lives. Praise the Lord for all our friends and family we have enjoyed.

Be glad of the concern and help shown to us by all the folk we know.

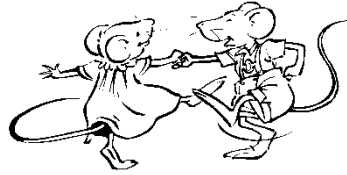
Rest in the Lord and commend ourselves to his mercy.

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

Children's Corner

Praise God with musical instruments

How many can you find?



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X A J L A T X Z O J Q W P D R
I C A V R V E Q E A Z W I V U
J C S Z P J E V B O A A A E M
T O R G A N V C L A R I N E T
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A Prayer for Fathers

Thank you my friend Jesus,
For my father who loves me
For my grandfather who cares for me,
And for God, your father and mine,
Who made me and is always with me.
How lucky I am. Amen



LADS AND DADS

Can you pair these fathers and sons?

Zebedee

Cain

Jacob

Jesus

Adam

John

Zechariah

Obed

Joseph

Samuel

Noah

Solomon

David

Isaac

Abraham

James

Elkanah

Ham

Boaz

Benjamin

A Midsummer (nearly) Quiz



As promised at the “Brains of Walmersley 2010” Quiz night in February, another quiz has been arranged for Saturday June 5th at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. It will follow the usual pattern of mixed rounds on a variety of topics; mainly questions of easy or middling difficulty with just the odd one or two designed to sort out the sheep from the goats.

Whatever the range of your collective knowledge you will be guaranteed a light-hearted and enjoyable evening, so get a team of four together and come along. Don’t worry if you can’t raise four, come in any case and join up with any other spare brains to make up a scratch “super team.”

Admission is £2.00 per person including cups of tea at the interval – as always, if you want something stronger or longer feel free to bring it yourself!!!!

All profits go straight to church funds, so we look forward to seeing you all on the 5th of June. Get swotting.

Stan Parkinson



Flower Arrangers

We are delighted to announce that, as a result of our appeal for help during the illness of three of our members, Pamela Hoyle and Miriam Hamilton have agreed to join our group. We hope that they will enjoy the experience – especially of “Putting a yellow in at two-clock”

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY

SATURDAY JUNE 19TH

11am - 3pm

Can you help run a stall ?

Homemade Cakes and Preserves
Refreshments
Face and Nail Painting
Soft Toys
Holiday Goods
Tombola
Bric a Brac
Used Books
Wellie Wang
Catch the Duck
Jewellery
Everyone a Winner
Bottle Stall
Alcohol Free Pimm's
Plants

Donations Needed

Home made Cakes
Tombola Prizes
Bottles of anything including Wine
Jewellery
Sweets
Small prizes worth 50p
Sugar Free Lemonade
Paper cups
Toiletries
Small House or Garden Plants
Used Toys

Anyone who can help

please contact:

Tricia Stokes



What's on in Walmersley

June

- Wed 2 Mothers' Union: Beetle Drive
- Thu 3 First Thursday Prayer / Holy Communion
- Sat 5 Midsummer (nearly) Quiz Evening
- Wed 9 Mothers' Union: Bury Deanery AGM
All Saints', Bury
- Sun 13 Summer Praise
Lunch in the Hall
- Wed 16 Mothers' Union: Gill Smith - Wood Carving
St John with St Mark Open Group:
Pam Kodjer - Inca-redible journey (Peru)
- Thu 17 Church Together – Bury East 8.15 p.m.
St John with St Mark's Hall
- Sat 19 Summer Garden Party
- Thur 24 Be Pampered – by the Mothers' Union
- Sun 27 Ordinations – Manchester Cathedral

FUTURE DATES

- July 10 Farewell to Stuart Millington, Area Dean

Congratulations and Thanks



*to Arthur Smith
for seventy five years of service
as Organist and Choirmaster*