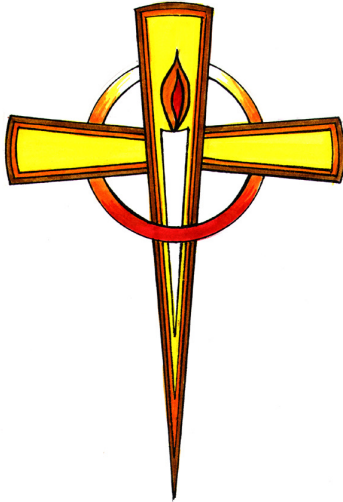


Christ Church  
Walmersley



Magazine

*Spreading the Word*

October 2009

## Thought for the month

Yesterday we went out with two friends to the refurbished Art Deco Midland hotel at Morecambe. We had a very enjoyable lunch in one of the bars overlooking Morecambe Bay across to the Lakeland fells. It was a lovely experience.

On our way there we stopped at Carnforth Railway station for coffee. It was a nostalgic visit. The refreshment room is in the style of the nineteen forties and there is a wonderful display of artefacts recording the history of the station. But one of the reasons that the station is extremely popular is that it was the setting for the poignant scenes in the film "Brief Encounter." Carnforth station was chosen because it had both a local and national line and the filming could take place at night with strong arc lights with little risk of attracting enemy planes which would have been the case if filming had been in a heavily populated area nearer to London.

In the film a middle – aged married woman meets a middle - aged man when she gets a speck of dust in her eyes and he removes it with his handkerchief. They begin a relationship which has a significant effect on their lives.



Some time ago, I used this film as an introduction to a sermon about the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well. It was a brief encounter but had a significant effect on her life. She listened to Jesus, recognised who he was and then dashed off to tell all the people in the village. From that moment her life was changed.

We are told of many other people in the Bible who met with Jesus and whose lives were changed beyond recognition. Peter and the other fishermen who encountered Jesus by the shores of the lake found their lives changed dramatically after answering his call. Zaccheus has climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus, Jesus calls him and from that meeting his life is changed. Matthew called from his dodgy work as a tax collector finds that on meeting with Jesus his life is dramatically altered.

And of course there are many people who are healed at their meeting with Jesus and whose lives are altered beyond recognition.

But a meeting with Jesus is not restricted to Biblical times; people in the twentieth and twenty first centuries have encountered Christ in all sorts of places and found that their lives are enriched beyond imagining. We may find Jesus in the workplace, in the shopping mall, in the countryside, in the town, in church or in our own homes and if we take time to listen to him, we too will find that our lives are richer and fuller.

People who met Jesus often found that they were capable of doing things that had not been possible before.

Matthew gave up his illegal financial dealings with others. I am sure that the fishermen never would have thought that they would be able to talk to crowds of people. But meeting with Jesus enabled them to go out and tell others of his love. They were empowered by their meeting with Jesus.

Let us pray that we may meet Jesus, recognise him, hear his message for us and be empowered to do his work.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margery', written in a cursive style.

## SERVICES AND READINGS FOR OCTOBER



- October 4<sup>th</sup>     **Trinity 17**  
9.00 a.m.     Holy Communion (BCP)  
                  Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16  
10.30 a.m.     Holy Communion (CW)  
                  Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
- October 11<sup>th</sup>   **Trinity 18 Harvest Festival**  
9.00 a.m.     Holy Communion (BCP)  
                  Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31  
10.30 a.m.     Family and Parade Service  
                  John 4: 7-14
- October 18<sup>th</sup>   **Trinity 19**  
9.00 a.m.     Holy Communion (BCP)  
                  Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45  
10.30 a.m.     Holy Communion (CW)  
                  Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45
- October 25<sup>th</sup>   **Last after Trinity**  
9.00 a.m.     Holy Communion (BCP)  
                  Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52  
10.30 a.m.     Morning Prayer  
                  Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52

# ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

## READINGS

Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Noble
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Guides
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shelagh Beetson
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sybil Fryer

## INTERCESSIONS

Margaret Schofield
Junior Church
Joe McDermott
Barbara Taylor

## SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Noble	Bob Taylor	David Thew
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Standring

## FLOWERS



Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of the Birtwistle family
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Joe and Flo Atkinson
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tasker
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of the Mather family

# Craft Fair

**Saturday, 31 October**

**A great opportunity to buy your Christmas presents early!!**

- \*There will be stalls offering a wide range of high quality, hand made gifts and little treats
- \* An exhibition by local artists
- \* Hands-on 'make and takes' for all ages
- \* All day café

Donations will be gratefully received for the Parish Craft Stall at this event.

Donations of hand crafted items for the parish stall may be given to Sybil Fryer at any time.

Please come and support this event!



**[www.ccwalmersleybury.org.uk](http://www.ccwalmersleybury.org.uk)**

Have you checked out our website yet?

This is very much 'work in progress' so please let us have your thoughts and comments.

Contributions for the website should be e-mailed to:

[ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk)

For many people within the parish and outside this will be their first contact with us – let's make it positive!



## Church Registers



### Baptisms

9 August

Megan Linda Kirkman (correction)

30 August

Harrison Joseph Linaker

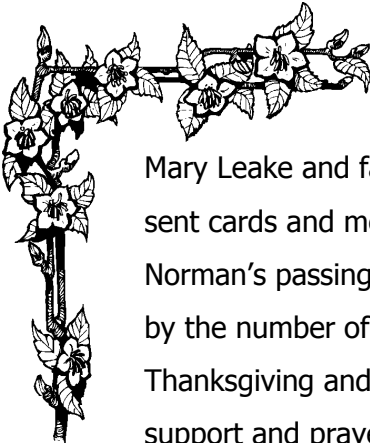


### Funeral

14 September

Norman Leake

## Thank You



Mary Leake and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the occasion of Norman's passing. They were amazed and very touched by the number of people who attended the Service of Thanksgiving and would like to thank them all for their support and prayers.

## Harvest 2009

Our Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

When you come to the service in church (which starts as usual at 10.30am) you will be able to see and hear about 13 year old Stidia, who in her life has already walked 13,000 miles collecting water for her family – yet she has never left her Ugandan village. Daily she runs the risk of being beaten, threatened with rape and missing school just to bring water up the mountain.



Hear how **Tearfund** will use your money to build rainwater tanks so that she and other girls like her will have their quality of life transformed. Envelopes and literature will be available in church from 4<sup>th</sup> October.

As in previous years, we will also be supporting local charity **Porchboxes** who provide immediate crisis support to the most vulnerable people in our community. We have received an urgent appeal from them to help build up their stock of food stuffs. Lists of the sort of things they need will be available in church from 4<sup>th</sup> October.



Also we shall be taking **gifts of plants or flowers** out to members of our parish who are sick or housebound. Margery Spencer would be pleased to be given the names of any who should receive such a gift.

Donations in support of all our Harvest projects will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you all in church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.



# Prayer Mat

## **Week One**

Father, be with me in the morning when I wake  
For only in you can I start the day  
Help my waking thoughts to be a prayer and  
be by my side for the day.

Father, be with me in the noontime as I go about my business  
Be with me in all I do and in my decisions  
Make my thoughts, thoughts of you and  
be by my side for the afternoon.

Father, be with me in the evening as I relax  
Let me reflect on my day with good feelings  
And with thoughts of you and  
be by my side for the evening.

Father, be with me in the night  
Let my last thoughts before sleep be thoughts of you  
Hear all my prayers about the day and  
be by my side for the night.

## **Week Two**

O God our Creator, we thank you for this harvest time. Lord you have made us one with the earth. Help us to cherish it and to bring forth an abundance of your wonderful gifts to us. Thank you for all the fruits, grains and vegetables. We are grateful that we live in a land of plenty. Help us to remember those who are not so fortunate and thank you for the money that we send in aid to those less fortunate. Thank you for all the gifts brought into church for distribution in the neighbourhood to the sick and elderly. It is a joy to send them gifts to show them that they are not forgotten. O Lord, thank you for your bounty. Amen

### **Week Three**

Holy Spirit of unity and power, we rejoice in all you do in us. Thank you for all the gifts of the Spirit that you give us. Help us to use them well and wisely. Keep us in fellowship with you and with our Christian family that we may grow in the power of your Spirit and make you glad. Amen.

### **Week Four**

Lord God, our heavenly Father,  
grant to your Church today  
the faith of her apostles  
the hope of her martyrs  
and the love of her Lord,  
even Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
*Christopher Idle Contemporary Parish Prayers  
(Hodder & Stoughton Ltd.)*

## **One World Week**

### **Hungry for One World**

*An inter-religious service and bring-and-share tea on the theme of "Hungry for One World" will be held at the church hall, Christ Church, Walmersley on Sunday 4th October at 3pm.*

All are very welcome



# Children's Corner



Unscramble the letters to find the words in this  
**Fruits of the Spirit** anagrams puzzle

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## A Prayer for Harvest Festival

Here are the apples,  
 Here are the pears,  
 Crusty bread  
 And cream éclairs.

Potatoes and onions,  
 Barley and rye,  
 Honey in pots,  
 And rhubarb pie.

Berries and cherries,  
 And bales of hay,  
 Thanks be for the harvest  
 God gives us today.



## Sudoku Puzzle

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8			3			9		
		6			5			1
4			8	7			2	
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7			9			5		
		1			6			8
		5		4				



## **Weekend of Prayer**

There is a time for everything.....

The weekend 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September was designated a prayer weekend across the Manchester Diocese, promoted by the Bishop of Bolton, Rt Revd Chris Edmondson.

He said, "I hope the weekend of prayer... will provide an opportunity to explore new ways of praying and kick-start something which could be a regular part of parish life."

Parishes were able to access resources on the Manchester Diocese website, created by Susan Edmondson, to enable them to organise an event appropriate for their congregations.

The Ministry committee at Christ Church, Walmersley chose to use one of the suggested passages from Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 - 8 and to interpret visually five of the phrases with prayer stations. Each station provided a reflection and was intended to allow people time and space to experience God in their lives, to speak to Him and to listen.

At each station there was an opportunity to interact with the visual display:

- Marking highs and lows of life on a timeline
- Taking a stone and placing it at the foot of the cross
- Dropping a glass bead into a pool of water to represent loss
- Writing the name of a significant person in one's journey to faith on a plant stick
- Marking on a world map an area of personal concern

Each of the stations will have touched individuals in many different ways and evoked a variety of responses. For some it would have been the first experience of this way of praying.

The church was open for contemplative prayer during Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Stewards and 'Listeners' were available to help if needed.

The prayer stations were used again during the service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> when a team led the prayers from each of the stations and prayed prayers reflecting the different themes.

It is hoped prayer stations might be used on future occasions with other themes.

Kathryn Bailey

*Please see the back page for photographs from this weekend.*

## What do you Know?

You don't have to wait much longer; the next Tennis Club Quiz Night has been arranged for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. We shall be sticking to our well tried (and well received) formula of several rounds of mixed questions covering a wide range of subjects together with a puzzle round at the half way stage.

Try to come as a team of four, but if you can't raise a full team, come in any case, and make up a team with others who may be short-handed.

As usual, admission is £2 per person for which you will get a couple of hours of not too serious competition and the satisfaction of getting questions right that no-one else can remember.

All proceeds will go to church funds, so you will be contributing to a very good cause. We look forward to welcoming you on October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stan Parkinson



for all the family

- Church Hall
- Saturday, 31 October
- 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**crazy games - colourful quizzes - party food**

Wear your most colourful clothes (grown-ups too!!)

**All free!**

Just pick up a ticket from church or your group leaders  
Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult

Members spent the first meeting of September in finalising plans for the celebrations.

For 100 years Mothers' Union has been active within the Parish of Christ Church Walmersley. Its members have always played a large part in deanery and diocesan occasions and projects and are, of course, well aware of the worldwide society to which they belong.

Next month we hope to have a full report of the Service of Thanksgiving and the Celebration Party, together with some photographs.

The Diocesan Festival will take place at the Cathedral on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The Archbishop of York will be preaching and everyone is welcome to come along. The choir will be led by Cath Hilton and several Christ Church members will be part of that.

Last time our friends from Holcombe Brook came to lead an evening of Circle Dancing, many came to explore this new experience. The group will make a return visit on October 21<sup>st</sup> and you are most welcome. Whether you have experienced circle dancing before or whether you have never heard of it, why not come and give it a try, or just come along to watch?

Membership of Mothers' Union is open to all who wish to support its aims. Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. Is that not a vision in which you could share?

Branch Leader, Cath Hilton, would be happy to talk to you about Mothers' Union BUT coming along to one of the meetings does not mean a commitment – you are always welcome.





## Jottings

Thank you Margaret Schofield for this month's **Jottings** that she found in a magazine on holiday in Tenerife. I'm sure this will make you smile.

### What is true love?

Here are the answers a group of four to eight year olds gave...

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when he got arthritis too. That's love." *Rebecca* - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." *Billy* - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." *Karl* - age 5

If you want to learn to love better, you start with a friend who you hate." *Nikka* - age 6

"Love is a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." *Tommy* - age 6

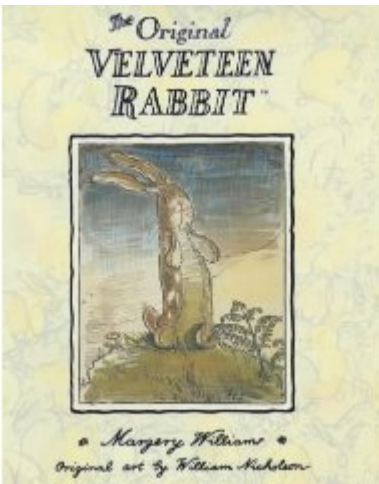
If you have an interesting article that you would like to be included in **Jottings** please send to Jean Slater



## Book Review

### **The Velveteen Rabbit** by Margery Williams

A book for the children this month, which I am sure, the adults will enjoy too. Not sold as a Christian book but has lovely Christian values woven into the story.



Although a children's classic, this book has a deep meaning in the story about love and inner healing. A quote I read about this book says "Just like the Rabbit, worn out by being loved to bits, becoming shabby and losing all its fur in the process, similarly being loved and healed by God brings you most comforting rewards".

I read this with my grandchildren a few years ago and found it a very profound story. It would make a lovely present for a child this Christmas.

If you have a Christian book recommendation, please send or give to Jean Slater, 1 Ribble Drive

# Thank You

The PCC would like to thank all who have worked hard to tidy the Garden of Remembrance. We hope that everyone will continue to observe the guidelines in place, so that all may find it a place of calm and reflection.

## **PCC AWAY DAY**

Traditionally the PCC of Christ Church does not meet in August, whilst that of St John with St Mark holds an Away Day. Two years ago some members shared in a valuable time together at St John the Evangelist, Birclie. This year's "Away Day" was held at St John with St Mark as Birclie would not have held everyone.

It was a valuable time of building relationships, as we move towards becoming one parish. This should happen within the next few months, although to most people most of the time there will be little change. Services will still be held in both churches but there will also be opportunities for us to worship together.

There will be opportunities to socialise too! One of these took place in August when families from both churches shared an evening of fun and music. Some played "beetle" for the very first time!! Some enjoyed the Raglan real ale being served! We thank all 'down the road' for their hospitality and look forward to many future occasions.

The first of these will be on 31 October when families from both churches will meet at Christ Church for this annual party. More details can be found on page 16 – so why not get your ticket NOW.

Barbara C Taylor (Lay Chairman)

# Diocesan Healing Day

*"An opportunity to consider  
the Iona Community's resources for the  
ministry of healing and wholeness."*

**17th October 9-30am to 4pm**

**Venue: St. Nicholas, Burnage,  
Kingsway, Burnage  
Manchester  
M19 1PL**



**Speakers:**

**Iona Community Members  
Ruth Burgess with  
Alison Adam & Pat Bennett**

*Cost: £10 per person*

## What's on in Walmersley

### October

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| Thu 1  | Thursday Prayers  |
| Thu 1  | Churches Together – Bury East<br>meet at St John w St Mark Church Hall at 8.15 p.m.                             |
| Sat 3  | Tennis Club Quiz  |
| Sun 4  | Hungry for One World - ecumenical & interfaith service<br>and meal to mark One World Week, Christ Church 3 p.m. |
| Mon 5  | Springside Harvest Festival in Church at 10.30 a.m.   |
| Mon 5  | Ministry committee  |
| Wed 7  | Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival,<br>Manchester Cathedral, 7.30 p.m.  |
| Sun 11 | Harvest Festival  |
| Sat 17 | Diocesan Healing day  |
| Sat 17 | Mothers' Union Council meeting  |
| Wed 21 | Mothers' Union - Circle Dancing   |
| Tue 27 | PCC   |
| Sat 31 | Craft Fair  |
| Sat 31 | Crazy Colours Party   |

### FUTURE DATES

- |             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| November 30 | Christingle Service      |
| December 12 | United Christian Singers |

**There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity  
under heaven** *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

*Lord,  
teach us to pray*



a time to be born  
and a time to die



a time to plant  
and a time to uproot



a time to weep  
and a time to laugh

a time to scatter stones  
and a time to gather them



a time for war  
and a time for peace