



CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY
and
ST JOHN WITH ST MARK BURY



June 2012

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
9 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family and Parade 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Morning Service 5 th Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 3 rd Parade Service	St John w St Mark

Wednesday

10 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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Thursday

2 p.m.	1 st First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Saints days and other services as announced
(see calendar on page 25 & 26)

If you need transport to church please contact
the wardens

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Believe it or not it's been nearly a year since my last letter was in the magazine . I was just starting my second year last time I wrote to you all and I'm fast approaching my third year.

I find it amazing how fast the time seems to go by. It has not always been the case, but just recently over the past few years it seems to be gathering pace. When I was in my early teens the summer holidays lasted forever and the days and years were very long. We would laze in rubber inner tubes floating round the old Walshaw mill lodges watching the clouds drift lazily by. Or sometimes spend hours in the woods up Leigh lane making tree houses or dens in the undergrowth (all without a written risk assessment) and then later appear back at home when our stomachs demanded attention.

Like I said long lazy days without a care in the world but always aware we were being watched over and feeling safe aware of God's presence. But this awareness is the God of our childhood a no strings attached relationship with God as a friend who you carry round with you. Who you didn't pay much attention to you just brought him along with a child's innocence sometimes chatting to him openly and laughing as you run across the fields. Or when something went wrong in your life shouting at God in a tantrum it's not fair, why did you let that happen?□

It seems funny at first when we look back at our old child like relationship with God, the total innocence and unassuming way we saw God or was it funny? I think that sometimes the more we change the relationship with God as we grow older, the more we lose that innocent child-like relationship with God and I do think that that is a real loss to us as adults. But I don't think it's our fault or that we could do anything about it.

We get a job or go to university and maybe buy a house or car. Some of us get married and raise a family, buy some pets then maybe even do some more learning. We have to save for a holiday or some work that needs doing, oh and hang on, shouldn't we have gone to that? or have I forgotten something?, why didn't you remind me? ah we forgot their birthday. And all these things have to fit around the TV schedule, how are we going to do it all.

STOP

I just realised why as adults we say that time seems to be going faster, it's obviously not any quicker than it ever was, we just cram it fuller and not always with things that are necessary. And that's where our child-like relationship with God starts to disappear and the more adult-like relationship starts to take over. The one that makes us try to fit God into our rules and time schedules and where we want to meet him on our terms. The innocence and openness starts to disappear, we are too busy during the week to stop and talk to God. We couldn't read the Bible or stop to listen what God wants to say to us now, Corrie is about to start, do you think you could come back at eight God?

No, most people when they start to get older, want God to fit into their lives at times and places it suits them, with rules attached. Indeed sometimes the only time people talk or think about their relationship with God, is on a Sunday morning when they come to church. But the trouble is a relationship is a two-way thing; if you are only going to listen to God when it suits you, why should he bother talking when what he wants to say has been ignored at another time? I think the relationship we had as children with God, was the better one, always there listening and talking without rules and laughing and all the time in world to share.

I had a very busy day today at work, absolutely hectic, jobs going wrong, phones never stopping, and all this whilst trying to think about my university essay and university worship service I have to put together. The morning rushed away and my head felt like it was about to explode. And there was a strong feeling of that I had forgot something or someone. Then stop! I had to walk away from it all. I disappeared around the back of my garage lay on the floor and just watched the clouds go by for about half an hour and did nothing. And I can't be sure, but for a moment I thought I heard someone giggle "hello old friend".

I just pray that we take the time to slow down and listen and allow God into our lives without any rules with the pure openness of a child.

God bless, Darren

Flowers at Christ Church

Flowers in church have been donated by the following:



Jun 3 Mr and Mrs N Silvester

Jun 10 In memory of Mr and Mrs Dutton

Jun 17 In memory of the Falshaw family

Jun 24 Mrs J Wood

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCILS

Christ Church

Notes from PCC meeting on 9 May 2012

For the first meeting of a new PCC year we met in church for Holy Communion before the business meeting proper. Barbara Silvester was elected as the new Lay Chairman. Other officers – Secretary and Treasurer - remain as previous year. The post of Deputy Warden remains unfilled.

The meeting received and discussed the Treasurer's report and Deanery Synod report. We also discussed a report from Ecclesiastical Insurance. New requirements relating to charity trustees being 'fit and proper persons' were outlined and all members were asked to complete the necessary declaration form.

Saint John with Saint Mark

Notes from PCC meeting on 10.5.12

- **Welcomes** were made to newly elected Ray Smith (Church Warden) and elected again Geoff Hosking (Church Warden) and Rosemarie Ashworth and Colin Cunnane as deputy wardens.
- **Disabled access to hall:** repairs will be made by Bury Council to the crack in the ramp outside the hall (caused by tree roots).
- **Child protection** and job profiles: all completed now.
- **Quinquennial report:** now been received, Wardens to read and discuss with Treasurer, volunteers are needed to help with some minor repairs.
- **Security in hall and church:** Signage will be put up near the alarm panel which will explain exactly what people need to do to disable it and also how to reset it.
- **Fit and Proper Persons legislation:** new legislation has been received from HM Revenue and Customs – all PCC members must sign a declaration as a "fit and proper person".

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

Sunday June 3rd TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 6.1-8

Romans 8.12-17

John 3.1-7

Thursday June 7th CORPUS CHRISTI

Genesis 14.18-20

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

John 6. 51-58

Sunday June 10th 1st AFTER TRINITY

1 Samuel 8.4-20

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Mark 3.20-end

Tuesday June 12th BARNABAS the APOSTLE

Job 29.11-16

Acts 11.19-30

John 15.12-17

Sunday June 17th 2nd AFTER TRINITY

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

2 Corinthians 5.6-17

Mark 4.26-34

Sunday June 24th 3rd AFTER TRINITY

1 Samuel 17.32-49

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Mark 4.35-41

Sunday June 24th BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 40.1-11

Acts 13.14-26

Luke 1.57-66,80

Friday June 29th PETER the APOSTLE

Ezekiel 3.22-27

Acts 12.1-11

Matthew 16.13-19

Reasons to read the Bible

You may have heard of Jesus of Nazareth, also called the "Christ", you may even think you know him. But if you have not read the account offered first hand throughout this book, you will, in effect, know nothing definite about him. The entire Old Testament points to his coming, and the entire New Testament testifies to his teachings and actions.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

20th May ~ Lia Rose Rogers
20th May ~ Zack Jason Moores
20th May ~ Kaitlyn Louise Melia
27th May ~ Isabella Scarlett Horridge

We welcome them into the Lord's family

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

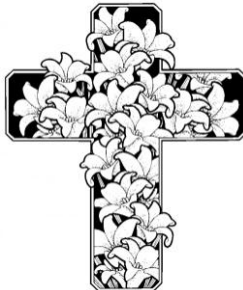
6th May ~ Lucas Lay
6th May ~ Archie Nicol
6th May ~ Freddie Nicol
6th May ~ Oliver Standing
6th May ~ James Weston
6th May ~ Sarah Louise Carey

May God Confirm them in their promises

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

4th May ~ Pat Mason
20th May ~ Jean Wild (*Interment of Ashes*)

May they rest gently in the arms of God



A CHALLENGE FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Don't panic this is a 'good' challenge! So read on...

I am sure you will all be aware that depending on the time of year the colours we used for altar frontals, hangings and vestments change. And you will also have noticed the various designs for these, particularly the stoles that clergy wear. The stoles I have were made for me by the wonderful Joan Birch and designed by committee – which contrary to popular belief can actually work. They are very special to me and represent the love of the congregation at St. John with St. Mark. Now I would like (and so would Janet) a set of stoles to represent the place Christ Church has in my heart.

Sybil Fryer has kindly offered to do the sewing but the designing is down to you folk at Christ Church! It is probably sensible to give you a bit of information about the colours and such like because there are a few rules.

Liturgical colours are meant to signify the character of the various seasons and feast days. Although some traditions use more in the Anglican tradition four are generally used:

White is the colour of purity and innocence and is worn on the feast days of Our Lord, the Virgin Mary, the angels and the saints who are not martyrs. You will see it at Easter and Christmas and also at Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.

Red symbolises fire and blood, and is the colour of martyrdom, the Holy Spirit, the Cross and the apostles.

Although never worn for extended periods, the colour red is seen throughout the year, and denotes individual feast days.

Green represents life. It is present on 'ordinary' Sundays, and after Epiphany and Easter.

Purple is the symbol of quietness and penitence. Purple is worn on the Sundays and weekdays of Advent, during Lent, on feast days at the beginning of each season.

As well as colour you also need to think about how you get across ideas of Christianity. Designs can be abstract but something in the design needs to tell a little of our faith story. But don't be afraid to let your imagination go. Speaking personally I like bold and elaborate designs but Janet prefers a simpler approach.

If you would like to get involved either in designing or sewing or have a good idea or fabric to offer please get in touch with either myself, Sybil or Janet. It doesn't matter if you can't draw, just tell us your thoughts and we can put something together. It would be lovely if some of the organisations could work out a design. And we can do more than one stole for each colour; for example we can do specific Wedding stoles or separate designs for Advent and Lent.

A priest's stole is a symbol of service to the church and to all of God's people. They are intensely personal things and full of memories; so, let's make some memories together shall we?

Elizabeth

P.S. If folk at SJSJSM feel inspired I can always add to my current wardrobe!

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are doing exams at this time. Bless those for whom so much depends upon their results. Keep them calm, Lord, keep them safe. Bless those who love them and give them patience and wisdom at this very trying time. O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Week Two

Lord, when I walk with you
and I listen to your word
then I know joy and delight

Lord, when I don't walk with you
and I don't listen to your word
then I know emptiness and pain

So, Lord, keep me always close
keep me always listening
and I will keep praising you always.
Amen

Week Three

Love is giving, not taking,
mending, not breaking,
trusting, believing,
never deceiving,
patiently bearing
and faithfully sharing
each joy, every sorrow,
today and tomorrow.

God grant me
the **S**erenity
to accept the things
I cannot change
Courage to
change the things I can
and the **W**isdom
to know the difference

Week Four

You are there in the morning, Lord,
There in the noontime
There in the evening
and all through the night.

You are ever present and we praise you
You are our rock and our comforter
You are our father and creator
You are everything to us. Thank you.



I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know - God answers prayer,
I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.

I know it cometh — soon or late:
Therefore we need to pray and wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought.

I leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own.

CORPUS CHRISTI

One of the differences between our two churches is the way we worship on a Sunday. At Christ Church there is a weekly Book of Common Prayer Communion which I have grown to love although my first few outings were a bit hairy! Down the road every service on Sunday will be Eucharistic whereas at Christ Church Family and Parade or Morning Prayer bring a different focus to worship.

This month the festival of Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ; now whatever your views on the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ it is perhaps a good opportunity for us all to review what taking Communion means to us.

In some countries huge processions will take place, with the host displayed to the people in an elaborate monstrance. Our service will be considerably simpler but nonetheless moving; because any time we share bread and wine it surely should be a moving experience. But I don't think we can expect a 'transcending experience' every time and probably that is no bad thing as we need to remember God meets us wherever we are and He recognizes that sometimes we need a time of peace without too much "religion" in our worship.

For some the Eucharist is an essential part of Sunday for others it is a rarer event and more precious for that; there is no right or wrong about either view it is for you to decide as you develop your relationship with God. But for all it a chance to be made whole and to affirm our willingness to carry out the work Christ has left for us. For most of us it is a mystery which we will never completely understand but perhaps these words of St. Augustine will help these words at the distribution: Be what you see. Receive who you are...

JUNIOR CHURCH & JAM

Well, we made it! Our church mice that started lessons in January had finally reached the day of their confirmation. Watching them grow, change and develop in the passing months has been part of a wonderful journey that Helen and I have been privileged to be part of. Thank you to Helen, for supporting the boys and myself over the months. It was now complete as each of the boys, Archie, Freddie, Lucas, Oliver and James along with adult confirmer, Sarah Louise, knelt before Bishop Chris and made their promises of dedication and faith. Ethan, having already being confirmed, received a blessing from Bishop Chris. Also, on Easter Sunday we cannot forget that Jessica Dunn took her 1st Holy Communion. I am so proud of them all and pray that they will all continue to grow in faith in the presence of God. May we all continue to support them on their journey.

Love & prayers Janet

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CAN YOU FIND THESE
 CHARACTERS FROM
 THE NEW
 TESTAMENT?

Andrew Aquila
 Barnabas Barsabas
 Bartholomew
 Cornelius Elizabeth
 James Jesus John
 John the Baptist
 Joseph Judas Luke
 Lazarus Lydia Mark
 Martha Mary
 Matthew Matthias
 Paul Peter Philip
 Priscilla Silas
 Simon Stephen
 Tabitha Thaddaeus
 Thomas Timothy
 Zacchaeus Zebedee

PARISH INCOME SURVEY 2012

On the Sunday June 10th until Sunday July 1st, regular members of our congregations are asked to complete the Diocese's Annual Income Survey. The survey is needed for the calculation of parish share, which is the amount of money requested from us by the Diocese each year to contribute to the costs of supporting the work of our local churches and churches in more deprived areas, also a part of what we give goes toward providing the 700 ministers working in the diocese. All parishes in the diocese contribute to the ongoing education of Readers, training for clergy and other support and development resources. About 300 clergy also have housing, pensions and a stipend to be paid for at a cost of over £42,000 per person per year.

To calculate the level of parish share we are asked for, the Diocese needs to take account of worshippers' income. This is done by asking you to complete a completely confidential and anonymous form which you will find with your notice sheet on June 10th and on a table at the back on subsequent Sundays. Only complete this form if you are 16 or over, and have attended this church at least twelve times in the past twelve months. The forms are individual - so, for example, a husband and wife should each complete their own form, with their own income, please don't both fill in the joint income of both or that will effectively double your income. It is also important that everyone who is eligible completes the form, even **(indeed, especially) if you have no, or little, personal income**. If you attend worship at more than one church, please complete the form only at your 'home' church. Once you have ticked the relevant box, fold the form over and place it in the sealed box at the back before you leave church. Please help us by filling in the form we have to get a 70% of average attendance return for the census to be valid. **Thank you for your help!**



We have enjoyed two fascinating meetings this month.

First we had Kim Cassidy and Nichola Porter amazing us with the story of how they came to be a fostering family. What a wonderful family it is! Their selfless devotion is a joy to witness and the difficulties and griefs that they have experienced to reach this point are inspirational.

Our second meeting of the month was both entertaining and interesting. Gill Smith enthused about Woodfest which takes place annually in Wales. What is Woodfest? It is a weekend devoted to the art of woodcarving. The photographs of the chainsaw carvings were most intriguing. How on earth do they control the machines with such precision?

We will be collecting the following items for Students Welcome Week in September

- * Mugs
- * Tea bags
- * Coffee sachets
- * Hot chocolate sachets
- * Cup a soups
- * Sugar sachets
- * Individually wrapped biscuits

Dates for your diary

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| June | 6 | Beetle Drive |
| June | 20 | Bring and Buy and Social Evening –
Homemade items please |
| June | 25 | Diocesan Festival Manchester Cathedral |

Any members interested in singing in the MU Choir
at the Diocesan Festival see Cath Hilton
for dates and venues of rehearsals.

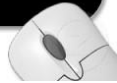
Catherine Hilton
Branch Leader

WORDS TO PONDER

Mercy is Love being gracious
Eloquence is love talking.
Prophecy is Love foretelling.
Faith is Love believing.
Charity is Love acting.
Sacrifice is Love offering itself.
Patience is Love waiting.
Endurance is Love abiding.
Hope is Love expecting.
Prayer is Love communing.

GOD ANSWERS ALL
PRAYERS

Sometimes He says yes
Sometimes He says no
Sometimes He says...
You've Got To Be
Kidding!



Taken from a little book entitled WISDOM OF WORDS
A thoughtful collection of inspirational quotations, gentle reminders
of spiritual wellbeing.

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

Moses said to God... if they ask me, 'What is Your name?' what am I to tell them?' God replied, 'I am who am.' (Exodus 3: 13-14)

Lord...

I cannot dwell on the mistakes I made in the past and expect
You to be there.

Your name is not "I WAS."

I cannot worry about the uncertainties of the future and
expect You to be there.

Your name is not "I WILL BE."

I can only live for the now and thank you that You are
powerfully present today to favour me with new blessings...

Because Your name is "I AM."

TOUCH WOOD Meeting the Cross in the World today by David Runcorn

The first Christians found the crucifixion such an appalling event they could hardly bear to talk about it or picture it. Today it is a common place image that has lost its capacity to both shock and reveal. Touch Wood explores the joy and anguish of living in this world and how the cross reveals a God who approaches us through all our experiences of living and dying and everything in between. It explores the disturbing story of Christ's death and asks about what it has to say about the gift of human life, which like the cross itself, is bloody, rough and certainly unfinished.

Jean Slater

THE CIRCLE OF LOVE: Praying with Rublev's Icon of the Trinity by Ann Persson

I am sure you noticed the image on the cover of this magazine and some of you will probably recognise it. The icon of the Holy Trinity by Andrei Rublev, painted in about 1410, is probably the most recognised icon for Western Christian eyes. Icons are not intended to be objects of beauty or a means of instruction, but a 'window opening on to the divine'. The subject here is the three angels described in the scene of the hospitality of Abraham in Genesis 18 and it intended that we see the exchange of love which is the Holy Trinity. This little book is aimed at helping us to 'read' the icon and as we develop understanding be able to contemplate more deeply the mystery of the Trinity. To our modern, western eyes icons can seem strange and even a little off-putting but I think this particular image reaches out to all of us, if we let it. Last year I got one of my best ever E-Bay bargains – a large framed copy of Rublev's icon for £10! I have spent hours with it since and urge you to get this little book and start your own journey of discovery.

Elizabeth

JUBILEE SERVICE

The last couple of months have been quite busy for me in the organising of the Borough Jubilee Service on 13th May. I'm sure those among the 500 who did attend the service will have found it uplifting and encouraging. It was a service full of little human touches. Representatives from the Muslim and Jewish Communities took an active part as well as Christians from most of the different traditions.

The school choir from St John with St Mark were, as usual, stars and much appreciated by the wide cross section of the Borough's life represented in the congregation.

Everything from Black

Puddings and Policeman's Helmets to Street Pastor's and St John's Ambulance. the occasion had its grandeur with Lord Lieutenant, Mayor, MP and Councillors, three Bishops, an Archdeacon and the superb music of the organist and choir of St Mary the Virgin.



I want to thank those from our Benefice who attended, it was good to see familiar faces. The Verger and staff of St Mary the Virgin also worked way beyond the call of duty. I have to thank my United Benefice colleagues who have carried some of the work whilst I have been preoccupied. My special thanks go to Janet and Elizabeth without whom no one would have been seated in the right place in the church on the night, it is largely due to them and Ann that I wasn't carried off kicking and screaming well before the night.

From a Calm and Contented Vicar

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

The Big Lunch started as a very simple idea from The Eden Project – you know the environmental project with the great big domes in Cornwall. The aim was to get as many people as possible to have lunch with their neighbours to share community, friendship and fun – and it worked.

In 2012 The Big Lunch falls on the same weekend as The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June and it will be a part of the main programme of events.

This year the Big Lunch promises to be bigger and better than ever and you can take part. St John with St Mark is working in partnership with Moorside Community Centre and Library and Seedfield Tenants and Residents Association to make the Jubilee Big Lunch one to remember.

The date has been set for Sunday 3rd June between 12.00 and 3.00 in St John with St Mark's Church Hall, Parkinson Street. There will be something for everyone including food, entertainment, a quiz, face painting, music and dancing. There will also be a prize for the child who has made best crown on the day - everything on the day is free.

The TRA has managed to get funding from the Council and Six Town Housing which will provide food and entertainment for the day. If anyone has any other ideas for further activities, or would like to offer their services, please call Dawn

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON THE DAY

OPEN GROUP

After the last Open Group meeting Joan Pearson was prompted to write:

"I attended an Open Group meeting at St John's hall on Wednesday 25 April. This was an evening of great fun and laughter provided by Ian Banks with his talk on the origins of fairy stories which we grew up with and told our own children. Going back several hundred years when they all started out in many different countries, they were completely different and quite often very sinister and as Ian explained, with a twinkle in his eye, often quite naughty (I'm not going into that!) but if you want to know more, come to his next talk if we can persuade him to come again next year.



The meeting was well attended and included two of our friends from Christ Church, Walmersley who I think enjoyed it very much. It was lovely to see them here. Many thanks, Ian, for a great evening, looking forward to hearing more!"



**Next meeting:
Wednesday June 27th
7.30pm in the Library
THE WAR & POPULAR
CULTURE
Mr Watson**

BEATING THE BOUNDS

May 2012 hasn't so far been a great success weather-wise: a lot of rain and wind and not much sun. May 12th was an exception. The sun shone, the rain and wind held off, and it was a good day to trace on the ground for the first time the boundaries of our United Benefice.

8 people and 1 dog met at St. John's Hall at 9.30 am, and under Paul's leadership walked the nearly 12 miles of the boundaries – at least, we followed them as nearly as possible; it wasn't possible, for example, to walk down the middle of the River Irwell!. 4 others walked for part of the way.

We went first down into the town centre via Burrs and the Brown Cow, and stopped at the War memorial in Tesco's car park and the site of the old St. John's Church. Then it was steadily uphill to the top of Chesham Road, over M66 and on to Castle Hill Road. (I was surprised how near we were to my home!).

The top of Deeply Vale came next, and then a lunch call near the former Buckhurst Chapel, now a private house. Refreshed, we cut down to Manchester Road, Bass Lane, and Summerseat. The last stage of the walk was along the side of the River Irwell and the East Lancashire Railway, following the Irwell Valley Sculpture Trail.

Arriving back at the Brown Cow a welcome break for liquid refreshment followed, and we arrived back at St. John's Hall, weary but well exercised, just before 4.30 pm.

Thank you, Paul, for a very interesting, enlightening and not too strenuous walk; thank you, fellow walkers, for good company and for putting up with a rather slow septuagenarian; and, last but not least, thank you, God, for such a lovely day. Those who walked have no excuse, now, for not knowing the extent of our two parishes!

Ralph E. Mathison

YOUR MAGAZINE – YOUR VIEWS

We are still getting lots of positive comments about the magazine but unfortunately we are not getting as many items and articles as we would like. Please can both parishes think about next month's magazine? Items don't have to be "religious" so if something interests you why not see if it interests someone else? You might be pleasantly surprised!

This month your editor has been Elizabeth and you can let me know what you think by emailing me direct or using the new magazine email address:

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A PLEA...

I have been the Traidcraft rep at St John w St Mark for about 10 years and I have enjoyed promoting fair trade in a small way. Thanks to all those who have supported Traidcraft in any way over that time. I am looking for someone to take over the selling of fairly traded goods when Ian and I leave - are you that person? Do you care about fair trade issues? Do you use fairly traded goods in your own home? If so, you are the person I am looking for!

If no-one replaces me, from either or both congregations, then the Traidcraft stall will no longer exist – and that would be such a shame.

Ann Stamp

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

FOR REGULAR SERVICES PLEASE SEE PAGE 2

3		TRINITY SUNDAY Services at the usual times BIG JUBILEE LUNCH (SJ with SM)
3	7pm	JAM Youth Group (SJ with SM Church Hall)
6	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
6	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: beetle drive (CC Hall)
7	9.15am	ABC Toddlers & coffee morning (SJ with SM Church Hall)
7	2pm	First Thursday Prayers (Bottom room CC Church Hall)
7	7.30pm	CORPUS CHRISTI (SJ with SM)
9	11am	SUMMER FAIR (SJ with SM)
10		FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Services at the usual times SUMMER PRAISE AT CC
10	7pm	JAM Youth Group (SJ with SM Church Hall)
12	7.30pm	ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (SJSM)
13	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
14	9.15am	ABC Toddlers & coffee morning (SJ with SM Church Hall)
14	7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)

15	7.45pm	Blackley Brass Band Concert (SJ with SM)
17		SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Services at the usual times
17	7pm	JAM Youth Group (SJ with SM Church Hall)
20	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
20	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Homemade Bring and Buy and Social Evening (CC Hall)
21	9.15am	ABC Toddlers & coffee morning (SJ with SM Church Hall)
21	7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
24		THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Services at the usual times
24	7pm	JAM Youth Group (SJ with SM Church Hall)
25	7.30pm	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (SJ with SM)
25	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Festival Praise (Cathedral)
27	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
27	9.15am	ABC Toddlers & coffee morning (SJ with SM Church Hall)
27	7.30pm	Open Group (SJ with SM Church Hall)
28	7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ with SM)
29	7.30pm	ST. PETER THE APOSTLE (SJ with SM)
30		SUMMER JUBILEE FAIR (CC)

Beating the bounds of the Benefice



Over 12 miles...

