



**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury**



March 2013

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	Christ Church
	2 nd Family and Parade	
	3 rd Holy Communion	
	4 th Morning Service	
	5 th Holy Communion	
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St John w St Mark
	3 rd Parade Service	

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 pages 25 & 26)

If you need transport to church
please contact the wardens.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



We have been left with a fine legacy by the retiring Bishop Nigel. That fact was celebrated in the outline proposed for the weekend of prayer promoted by the Diocese at the beginning of February.

It is four years ago exactly since he came to Christ Church on his epic journey to each of the 323 churches of the Diocese. A pilgrimage which started in May 2006 and ended in December 2010 and it amply demonstrated his commitment to reach out to everybody in his care. He began his visit with prayer, toured local projects, shared a meal with people from the community and led an energetic evening service as he carried the baton of faith. Do you remember his summons to all of us to "Run The Race"? To pass on that faith to the next generation?

In our prayers and contemplations for the weekend, we were asked to consider our past, our present, and our future and it was recommended that we begin by giving special thanks for the remarkable contribution of Bishop Nigel to this diocese. That`s easy to do, the rest is more of a problem: we were encouraged to stand firm in the present, BUT not to stand still, and to look forward with hope to the future.

As Justin Welby was confirmed as Archbishop elect that same week, it was heartening to read of his positive outlook in spite of the difficulties looming large over the national Church. He urged us in his sermon to realise that we were living at a time of great opportunity. We were to grasp that opportunity to spread the Christian message especially through the education that was being provided in our church schools every day for over one million children and to acknowledge the impact of initiatives like food banks and street pastoring.



No room for management of decline here.

As we go through the preparations for Annual General Meetings, examinations of accounts, reviews of all activities in the last twelve months, and assess our needs for the next year, I am aware that we are at a turning point in our parish life. We reflect a mirror image of the Diocese – as I write we await the appointment of a new leader. We have so much to be thankful for, so many things to value and, we can rejoice in our hope of a bright start in a new ministry.

We are also busy preparing for the change of season in our liturgy as we begin to examine our personal accounts of Christian living via the challenges of Lent and the Easter story. The opportunities for learning, for service, for reflection are there to be taken, once again.

Let us invite the Light of Christ into our past, present, and future.

*Lord of the future,
The journey is yours so light up our path,
the future is sure when our hope is in you.*

Don

PS: If you have passed on to someone else your 'Run the Race' badge, there are some available at the back of church.



ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced on 17 February that the new incumbent of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road will be Reverend Dave Thompson, Team Vicar in the Farnworth, Kearsley and Stoneclough Team Ministry. A date has yet to be set for his induction. Please remember Dave in your prayers.

BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH

3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9

10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Samuel 1: 20- end 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2: 33-35

17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4-14 John 12: 1-8

19 SAINT JOSEPH

2 Samuel 7: 4-16 Romans 4: 13-18 Matthew 1: 18-end

24 PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50: 4-9 Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14–end
23 (SSJM)
Luke 19: 28-40
(CC)

28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12: 1-4,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13: 1-17,31-35

29 GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52: 13- end 53 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1 –end 19

31 EASTER DAY

Isaiah 65: 17-25 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18
or Acts 10: 34-43 or Luke 24: 1-12



The annual Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness will take place on Friday March 29th. We will assemble at Bury United Reformed Church, Parsonage Street, Bury at 12 noon. The walk goes through the town centre stopping at both secular and spiritual 'landmarks' to hear God's word and to sing. It is a visible sign of God's presence, not to mention the presence of local Christians, amongst the shoppers and passers-by. The walk takes about 50 minutes and will end at St. Marie's Church on Manchester Road.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

3 February Alfie Adam Margrave

We welcome them into the Lord's family

Christian Funerals

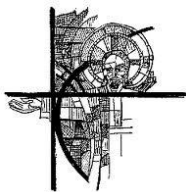
22 January Mary Leake

11 February Branko Radovic

12 February Lillian Mary Chambers

May they rest gently in the arms of God

Transformed by the Presence of Jesus



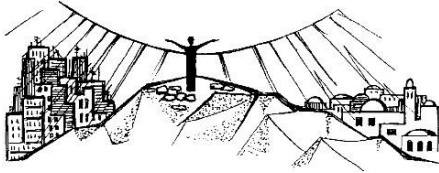
In this new Lent study guide, Liz Babbs challenges readers to go beyond traditional Bible study. She invites us to adopt a meditative approach to familiar passages and to actually step inside Scripture to encounter Jesus and be transformed by His presence. Over the course of the Lent period, we step into the shoes of many well-known Bible characters including the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Peter struggling to walk on water, the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary Magdalene at the tomb and Mary and Martha, sisters to the deceased Lazarus - all of whom were transformed by Jesus. With opening icebreakers, suggested prayers, discussion starters, links for audio tracks for further meditation found on Liz's popular website and a selection of her original poems, this guide is ideal for small groups.

Sessions stand alone so do please come along, even if you have missed the first or second session. See Diary dates for details of times and venues.

LENT IS . . .

Last month Margery asked
Why is it called Lent?

This does not answer her
question, but I read it just a
day or two later and wished
to share it. Editor (Barbara)



Lent is a gift: a time of giving and receiving...

Give your life to God; receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and
respond to God's prompt.

Lent is a season: a period of reflection...

Pause in contemplation; take time to assess your life and
listen for God's voice.

Lent is an opportunity: a journey to growth...

Ask God for new revelation of his love; use this to draw closer
to Christ.

Lent is a habit: a ritual of penitence...

Embrace the rites of the season; with contrition lay your sins
at the cross.

Lent is a renewal: a means of repentance...

Marvel at the grace of God; accept cleansing from guilt and
shame.

Lent is a liturgy: a prayerful experience...

Share with Christ in the wilderness of his mission; watch with
him and pray.

Lent is a place: a path of suffering and grief...

Keep company with Christ as he wrestles in the place of pain
and suffering.

Lent is a wonder: a resurrection glory...

Look through the shadows of the cross to glimpse the new
dawn.

Lent is a relationship: God's love without end...

Rejoice in the Father's everlasting love; be united with God
through his Son.

Amen

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCILS

ST JOHN WITH ST MARK PCC MEETING OF 17 JANUARY 2013

Our main focus was the draft accounts, prepared by Ian ahead of the APCM on 22 April 2013. Ian gave a thorough overview of the expenditure for 2012 and budget for 2013. A brief discussion followed and PCC members were asked to think of any potential expenditure for the coming year, not already included in the budget. There was also an update from Janet on progress towards the Child Friendly Church award.

Thanks were offered to those who had contributed to the Person Specification & Role Description documents concerning our search for a new incumbent.

The next PCC meeting takes place on Thursday 21 March.

CHRIST CHURCH PCC February meeting

As in all churches, there will be a new Electoral Roll prepared in March this year. The Electoral Roll officer will be contacting all persons currently on the Roll in due course.

The Treasurer reported that the books were ready to be examined and it was approved by all to pay this month's parish share in full. Large outgoings on last year's accounts were insurance and utilities costs. There were two insurance claims also totalling £3,424. A small deficit on the year was not as bad as expected.

The dry rot renovation in the chancel and organ loft will cost in the region of £13,000. This includes the dry rot treatment, reinstallation of the organ and the removal of asbestos. We have passed the first stage of the faculty approval with the Diocesan Advisory Committee with a proviso that we review the condition of the organ loft roof. Further paperwork to the DAC, receipt of a faculty certificate and raising the necessary funds will enable us to proceed with the work. It was agreed to put up notices regarding the maintenance of graves in the churchyard in accordance with the Chancellor's requirements.



The day after the PCC meeting a notice from the Council was erected at the entrances to the Church Field stating that an application for "village green status" had been made by the Friends of Walmersley Village.

Objections to this application must be received by the Council Solicitor, Jane Hammond at Town Hall Bury BL9OSW or to [legal.services.@bury.gov.uk](mailto:legal.services@bury.gov.uk) no later than 5pm on the 25th March 2013 before 25 March 2013. If we lose the Church Field, we will lose an important asset for the future of Christ Church Walmersley.

Why is Good Friday "good"?

This is something which puzzles adults as well as children. Why should the day on which Jesus was crucified be called "Good."? To be honest there is no universal, theological reason, although many people accept that it is called Good Friday because on that day God showed his great love for all people by allowing his Son to die for their sins. Good used in this way means "holy". Good Friday is known as Holy or Great Friday amongst Eastern Christians.



Why is Lent called "Lent"?

The word Lent is used because it derives from a word meaning "to lengthen" and Lent occurs when the days are getting longer.

Via Dolorosa

Every Lent for the last few years we have shared a short service on Friday evenings with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Stations of the Cross is a walk with Christ on his final journey to the cross; at each stopping place we meet with people who shared a little in the pain and sorrow of that journey and, in doing so, we meet with ourselves.

The Stations of the Cross, sometimes called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows are an artistic representation of the final hours from the condemnation by Pilate (and let us not forget, the crowd) to the laying of Christ in the tomb. It is undoubtedly sombre stuff but many of the stations are very beautiful as well; I particularly remember those we saw on a visit to Mirfield just before I took the plunge and started the process towards ordination.

The purpose of the prayers and meditations is to help us reflect on the sacrifice that was made for us and the ways we can grow a little closer to being the people God wants us to be. Each week we use different readings and approaches and also using some regular prayers. It doesn't matter if you don't know the words, it doesn't matter if you don't fully understand what it is all about and it certainly doesn't matter if this seems strange - just come and experience the journey.



This year we began at St. Joseph's Church at 7pm on Friday February 15th alternating in the following weeks with St. John with St. Mark.

I look forward to seeing you.
Elizabeth

Caring for our Churchyard

At a recent Christ Church PCC meeting, attention was drawn to the fact that the regulations regarding churchyards, as laid down by the Chancellor of Manchester Diocese, were being infringed in some parts of our churchyard. Particularly, there have been instances of unauthorised objects placed on graves, including plastic materials and artificial flowers which are prohibited in the churchyards of this Diocese. Wreaths have been left on gravestones for many months until they become unsightly.

The churchwardens and PCC are responsible for the proper upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard and, together with the incumbent, are responsible for ensuring that the law and procedures are complied with.

We would like to do our best to keep our churchyard as tidy, dignified and reverent as is possible. To that end we ask all parishioners to help us do this by taking care with what is placed on graves and how long wreaths and the like are left on display.

A booklet on churchyard regulations has been pinned at the back of church should anyone wish to see it. If you have any concerns please speak with the churchwardens. Thank you.



SERVICE

During the bad weather a somewhat depleted group from Mothers' Union gathered in the hall for a service of Holy Communion – for which I was asked to lead and preach. How fortunate that the reading for the day was appropriate – the healing of Peter's mother in law!

Mothers in law: I have never had one, so I can be sympathetic to all the jokes, the staple fair still of many a comedian. Mothers in law: the subject of tongue in cheek comments and probably many an argument. And yet there are just as many, probably far more, good and wonderful stories of mothers in law who have saved the day – and even saved the marriage of many a couple. And I am sure many of you have stories and opinions about this much talked about group of ladies – depending on where you stand!



Well, back to Peter and his friends. They arrive, no doubt tired and hungry, expecting food and refreshment. Peter seems to have either not heard or just forgotten that the good lady is sick. But he ushers Jesus to his mother in law's bedside and soon the lady is on her feet.

Marvellous – but then comes the punch line – she gets up and starts to serve them. And even as we hear the passage I expect more than one woman starts to purse her lips slightly. And more than one of us might think, “typical – *absolutely blooming typical!*” But perhaps we don’t need to get quite so huffy after all.

The word used in Greek for serve has many different shades of meaning, and it is in these shades that I think we can find the worth of the service and the worth of the woman who offered it. Because the same word is used of the angels who ministered to Jesus as he fasted in the desert. The women at the foot of the cross ministered and served with that same word. And again it used to describe Christ himself coming not to be served but to serve.

So this woman, unnamed, *and* probably back then unregarded, *served*. But it was no demeaning service, it was not lowly or unappreciated. This was a service of love and humility. She served and she ministered, to her son in law and his friends. She served and she ministered, to her Lord and Saviour – although he too was still unrecognised and unregarded as well.

I suppose some would still say that Simon Peter’s mother-in-law was a woman bound by convention – little more than a servant. But for the evangelist Mark to ‘serve’ was to be a true disciple. It is the hallmark of Jesus who called himself the servant of all. So Simon Peter’s mother-in-law becomes a disciple as she serves others.

Service to others as service to God is one of the requirements that Jesus sets out for us – it is not just a lovely idea: ‘Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters you did for me.’ Service to God through serving God’s people is clearly stated by Christ throughout his ministry. And today we are still called – all of us - to respond to the needs of others.

Elizabeth

Week One

It was not to the rich and famous,
the powerful, intellectual or influential
that you came to earth and entrusted your Word,
but to fishermen, outcasts and sinners, ordinary people.
And to ordinary people like us you have revealed
the things of heaven that we might become the
bearers of Good News!
Help us Lord to bring the knowledge of your love to others
through our words and our actions

Adapted from <http://www.faithandworship.com>

Week Two

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ
lived in a family in Nazareth: grant that in
our families on earth we may so learn to
love and live together that we may rejoice
as one family in your heavenly home.



We give thanks for our mothers, for the love we receive and
the protection they provide. We remember too those for
whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult time: those who have
never known their mothers or whose mother has died; those
who have a difficult relationship with their mothers; those who
struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their
lives; those whose children have died and will not today
receive a gift or a card;

May they have the comfort of knowing that your love for them
is constant, your understanding is perfect and your
compassion is never- ending.

Adapted from Mothers' Union Prayers

Week Three

A prayer for the start of Holy Week

We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps

Lead us into Holy Week

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden

Lead us onto Holy ground

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection

Lead us into Holy Joy

Week Four

Easter Day

The long day
Stretched into night
And time crept onward
Towards the new day.



With the first light of dawn
Came a resurrection,
A new hope that grew
With the rising sun,
and went out into a waiting world.

John Murdoch

Lord may we know the risen light which you bring into the
world and let our lives be enriched and sustained by it. Amen

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach as
we walk"

Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

The AGM was well attended by our members and we welcomed a new committee. Christine Standing stood down after many faithful years as a committee member, and she was thanked for all her contributions and presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her service.

Two members joined the committee at the AGM and the committee is as follows:

Kathryn Bailey - Branch Leader
Tricia Stokes - Branch Secretary
Miriam Hamilton - Branch Treasurer
Pat Mongey - Card Secretary
Shelagh Beetson
Denise Ives
Joan Rigg
Pam Hoyle



We look forward to a year of fellowship, friendship and fun.
We have a varied programme of meetings ahead.

March 6th Lent Meditation from Revd Elizabeth Binns

March 20th Lent readings from members

This year three of our meetings fall in the Lent period and we are taking this opportunity to reflect and refresh our Christian journey.



Watch out for further details about our Malawi M'mawa Coffee morning on April 6th in aid of the Literacy and Financial development project in Malawi.

Please contact Kathryn or Tricia if you are intending to come to York Minster on 17th May for Barbara Taylor's Commissioning service as Provincial President. Tickets are required for this event and we require numbers as soon as possible. We are hoping to organise a coach and a lunch venue and numbers are also required as soon as possible.

Branch members have presented Cath Hilton with a solid silver and marcasite Mothers' Union brooch and bouquet of flowers in thanksgiving for her leadership over the past few years.

We welcome all at our meetings at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall and especially anyone new to the church or area. Do come and join us.

Kathryn



ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP

First meeting of 2013 ~ Wednesday 6 March at 7.30pm

A quiet evening for Lent, led by our very own Ian Banks

*Please remember, the Open Group is just that, open to all.
We would love you to join us for our meetings.*

Christian Aid week

12th - 18th May 2013

Dear friends,

A note for your diaries

After the success of last year, we are to hold a Christian Aid lunch again this year. It was just wonderful to see it so well supported last year and helping Christian Aid to carry on with their vital work throughout the world.



The lunch will be after the morning service on Sunday 12th May at 12.30 pm in St John with St Mark church hall (prices and menu to be arranged). Please look out for further notices or contact me

Many thanks
John

**ST JOHN WITH ST MARK SCOUT GROUP
HOST A**

"WINTER WARMER LUNCH"

AFTER THE 10.30am SERVICE ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH

**TICKETS £3.50 ~ AVAILABLE FROM
STUART & ROSEMARIE ASHWORTH**



Repairs & Renovations Fund

During last year at Christ Church our church building architect undertook the five-yearly inspection of our church building.

We were already aware of the dry rot outbreak - the results of which we all see before us each Sunday morning! The list of works required on the church building is now considerable and will need a large amount of finance. We cannot hope to address all the listed items at once and must prioritise the work to be done.

Most immediate is the dry rot outbreak which has caused the organ to be shut down and choir pews moved. Expert advice has been sought and quotes obtained. The cost of dealing with the problem totals some £10,000 plus nearly £3000 to re-instate the organ.

The financial reserves held in our bank account are limited and will not cover the amount called for. So the PCC has decided to begin a programme of fund-raising. Already we have received some donations and are seeking further grants from various organisations but we now appeal to our congregation and the wider parish to help with donations and by supporting the fund-raising events which will be announced soon.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on fund-raising, or would like to help in any way, please speak to the wardens or PCC members.

Thank you.

*the PERFECT
FUNd
raiser!*

It's the Pantomime!



Following a long tradition of pantomimes at the Church Hall on Parkinson Street, this year's offering *Babes in the Wood* delighted families and friends alike during the three performances.

The lead parts were carried with aplomb by Rebecca Watson as Maid Marion and Rebecca Lee as Robin Hood, both very sensitive and promising vocalists, and the other cast members most of whom are 'old hands' from previous productions here, also gave their all. We were treated to a feast of musical items and an amusing storyline devised by Debbie Cooper, who directs, produces and choreographs the shows each year.

Almost fifty actors took part from the little ones in the chorus to the Rev. Paul Sanderson as Nurse Nora who represented the more mature side of the cast and seems to enjoy his role as Dame. Adam Cooper relished his villainous role as the Sheriff of Nottingham as did his sidekicks brothers Joseph and Benjamin Senior as Smash It and Grab It.

Lovely acting from Jack and Jill, who were The Babes, and also the band of Merry Men plus two delightful fairies and ghoulish young *Thriller* dancers encountered in Spooky Forest. The finale songs *Wake Up* and *Rule the World* especially had the audience swaying and joining in.

Colourful costumes, make up and scenery, expert lighting and sound, and the numerous willing helpers behind the scenes and front of house all pulled together to make this another memorable show from the Walmersley Rd churches, now including children from Christ Church. Well done to all concerned for a rewarding experience after your long months of hard work to create this show.

D. Sanderson

Church Retreat 2013

Our annual retreat to St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby is this year from Wednesday 22nd May to Saturday 25th May.

This is an occasion to come away and relax in a peaceful, prayerful environment. We have sessions of worship and times together in the morning and the evening which you are very welcome to join but there is no obligation. There is also plenty of free time which you can spend in the Centre or on trips out.

On the Thursday night we have been invited to join together with the Sisters at the Centre as they look at the Lives of the Saints.

The Centre is surrounded by a National Trust forest and is just a few minutes' walk from the sandy beach so for those that are able there is ample opportunity for some exercise and fresh air - and perhaps even a chance to see a red squirrel!



The price is great value at £48 per person per night, with 3 very ample meals per day. Transport there and back can be arranged.

TO
AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT
**BOOK
EARLY**

There is a maximum of 20 rooms and we need to need to let the Centre know in good time how many are coming.

If you are interested please get in touch with Janet Lyssejko or Ian Banks.



People who make a difference

The other evening we had a meeting at St. John with St. Mark about the work needed to meet the requirements of the Child Friendly Church Award – quite a bit! But it was a good meeting and very encouraging.

One of the things the self-assessment form we were working through asked was whether we (as a church) prayed regularly for our youth leaders? That definitely went on our 'to do (a bit more often) list' but it got us thinking about all the other groups of people who make a difference in our church. So we have decided that we will add a group to the pew sheet every week so that they too can be in our thoughts and prayers a little more often. Now we did come up with an initial list but we need you to add to it because we don't want to leave anyone off.

In no particular order:

Youth club leaders; Sunday School leaders; Uniform group leaders; church cleaners; wardens; sides people; tea and coffee teams; flower ladies; gardeners; PCC members; our young people; standing committee; library staff; servers; lay assistants; people helping with church fairs etc. (at appropriate times); the choir; music group; church hall users... *over to you...*

Please give your ideas to David Robinson, Janet or Elizabeth. Every week people pray for the clergy team so we can assure you that prayer really does make a difference.



People who make a difference_2

As the dark nights of winter have drawn in, our Street Pastor teams have been there to care, listen and offer practical help where they can in the town centres and neighbourhoods across Greater Manchester.

On a very cold night at the beginning of December, Mike Connolly, Leader of Bury MBC and Councillor Sandra Walmersley went out with Bury Street Pastors to see for themselves what Bury Town Centre was like after midnight.

They joined the team for their briefing before setting off to hit the streets. At first it was quiet as they walked around the town centre and called in at the bars and clubs. By the time they had a break at about 12.30am, the town had filled up and Silver Street, where the majority of the Clubs are, was very busy with lots of people milling around.

The councillors were soon in the thick of it alongside Team Coordinator Linda Freeman and chatting to some of the revellers along with the doormen and also some of the police who found it very interesting that the Leader of the Council was out on the streets with the Street Pastors. As they walked around, many of the revellers came up to thank the street pastors for what they do, one young man even came running to thank them particularly for helping him the week before when he was very ill.

Toward the end of the evening they were still busy handing out flip flops to the girls walking bare footed through the streets when they heard a very loud female voice shouting "Street Pastors we need you!!" Looking round they saw three young ladies hurrying toward them with arms outstretched. After receiving their flip flops, the very thankful ladies told the councillors what a great job Street Pastors do and how it makes them feel safer when they come out in Bury.

When the team returned to their base at 3.00am both councillors said how much they had enjoyed it and how it had opened their eyes to Bury after midnight and the needs they had highlighted for them.

Speak to Paul Sanderson if you would like to know more about the work of Street Pastors.





In November 2012, St John's with St Mark's beavers, cubs and scouts loaded 155 shoe boxes in to a van to start their journey to the children of Belarus.

The shoe boxes were filled with items donated by members of the St John's with St Mark's congregation, and some of the congregation filled boxes themselves. The Knit and Natter group were extremely busy making hats and gloves for the boxes. We would like to say a big thank you to anyone who contributed to the boxes.

We have already started to collect items for next year, so if you have any left-over wrapping paper, unwanted Christmas presents, toys from party bags or McDonalds (small toys), or anything else that can go into the shoe boxes, they would be gratefully received.

Kelly Watson

KNIT AND NATTER

They meet on Tuesday afternoons 2pm-4pm in the library. Everybody is welcome and anyone who does not know how to knit will find plenty of help to get them started. They do quite a bit of knitting for charity as well such as jumpers for babies and toys for the shoebox project. A very friendly bunch (including a couple of men)! Why not come along?

INTERREGNUM MATTERS



If you have any queries during the interregnum please call in at the office at St John with St Mark on Wednesday evening - 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. or contact the wardens, clergy or readers.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

3		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Services at the usual times
4	7.30pm	Lent Course 2 (14 Springside Road)
5	7.30pm 7.30pm	PCC (CC) Lent Course 2 (150 Walmersley Road)
6	7.30pm 7.30pm	Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Binns (CC) Open Group – Ian Banks (SJM)
7	9.15am 2.00pm	Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJM) Lent Course 3 (CC Hall)
10		MOTHERING SUNDAY Services at the usual times
11	7.30pm	Lent Course 3 (14 Springside Road)
12	7.30pm	Lent Course 3 (150 Walmersley Road)
13	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
14	9.15am 2.00pm	Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJM) Lent Course 4 (CC Hall)
17		FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Services at the usual times
18	7.30pm	Lent Course 4 (14 Springside Road)
19	7.30pm 7.30pm	ST JOSEPH Holy Communion (SJM) Lent Course 4 (150 Walmersley Road)
20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union – Readings for Lent

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| 21 | 9.15am
2.00pm
8.00pm | Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJ w SM
Lent Course 5 (CC Hall)
PCC (SJM) |
| 24 | | PALM SUNDAY
Services at the usual times
Winter Warmer Lunch,
arranged by the Scouts (SJM) |
| 25 | 7.30pm | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Holy Communion (SJM) |
| 26 | 7.30pm | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Holy Communion (SJM) |
| 25 | 10.00am | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Holy Communion (SJM) |
| 28 | 2.30pm
7.30pm | MAUNDY THURSDAY
Holy Communion (CC Hall)
Holy Communion and footwashing (SJM)
followed by vigil until midnight |
| 29 | 10.00am
12 noon
2.00pm | GOOD FRIDAY
Reflective Service (CC)
Churches Together Walk of Witness
around Bury town centre
An Hour by the Cross and
Good Friday liturgy (SJM) |
| 30 | 6.00pm | Service of the Light (SJM)
with renewal of baptismal vows at dusk |
| 31 | | EASTER DAY
Services at the usual times |





See page 24 for more information about this appeal