



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



**St Michael the Archangel**

**September 2013**

## ***REGULAR SERVICES***

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### **Sunday**

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

### **Wednesday**

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

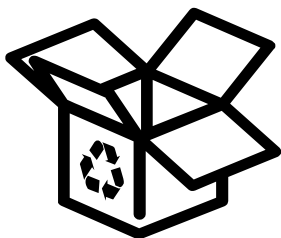
2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Saints days and other services as announced  
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church  
Monday – Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church  
please contact the wardens.

## *What is important?*

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Isn't it amazing what collects in the back of cupboards and drawers. Recently we have been trying to reduce the amount of "junk" which has accumulated around our house. The house has eaves below the roof and these have been superb storage spaces over the years. So many things have been put in there "just for time being" and have stayed for years. In fact there were some boxes put in when we moved into the house thirty two years ago that have never been emptied.

We have had some marvellous finds - old pantomime scripts which brought back wonderful memories of eighty youngsters on the stage at Christ Church singing a song entitled "John Clegg, John Clegg lend us your big car" to the tune of Widecombe Fair. I am sure that Health and Safety would not allow so many children on the stage now.

Of course we found boxes of photographs and laughed at the images. Did I really wear skirts held out by paper nylon underskirts and yes, there was a time when my hair was a dark brown colour. There were hats, paintings, battered board games, a banjo, some very old walking boots which were so heavy I would not be able to lift my feet off the ground nowadays, two chamber pots, a host of ornaments and a suitcase full of table cloths and other linen which had never seen the light of day for twenty five years.



As all these treasures emerged, we had to decide what to keep and what to let go. I made Alan promise that the phrase, "It will come in" would not be used. We had to decide what was important - what we could not live without, and what was less important. It has certainly made me realise what I value.

The exercise made me think what is important and what I value in my Christian and church life. I value the opportunity to worship but I am not so much concerned about where or even how. I am equally happy in cathedrals or small chapels, in large congregations or with a few people. I am very happy with modern language in worship but would hate to throw out all those lovely prayers from the past, some of which are to be found in this magazine.



The people who accompany me on my Christian journey, those who have encouraged and supported me over many years are very important. And what a joy it has been to make new friends as our two parishes have come together.

Prayer, the Bible probably, no definitely, a modern version would certainly have to be kept and most importantly I treasure the knowledge that nothing can separate me from the love of God in Jesus Christ. That passage from the letter to the Romans would certainly have to be kept.

What is important in your Christian Life?

Yours in Christ,

*Harvey*

## ***FROM THE VICARAGE***

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\* The Open Evening for children interested in attending Bury Church of England High School from September 2014 takes place at that school on Thursday 19 September. Any current Year 6 pupils are welcome. Parents are also welcome to contact the school to have a Prospectus sent to them if they wish. This can be viewed via the school website at [www.burychurch.bury.sch.uk](http://www.burychurch.bury.sch.uk)

\* Much has been heard in recent weeks about credit unions – not least through comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Residents of Bury North are now eligible to join the Mid-Rossendale Credit Union, which is based at 5 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall. More information about this “savings and loan club” can be gained from their website [www.midrossendale.co.uk](http://www.midrossendale.co.uk) or by visiting the Peel Room in Ramsbottom library on Mondays from 10.30-1.30 from 9 September. They are also looking for volunteers to help manage this and spread the word to other residents.

\* Next year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the church building in Sunny Avenue. The then St.John’s Church was dedicated for service on 6 June 1964 by the Bishop of Manchester, Dr.William Greer. To mark this occasion we are planning a special weekend of events culminating with a celebration Eucharist on Sunday 8 June 2014. AN invitation has been issued to the new Bishop of Manchester to be with us on this day and I hope that he will be able to attend. Please put these dates into your diaries for next year.

\* Please let one of our Ministry Team know if there any people you want us to pray for amongst the sick. But please also let us know if they can be removed from the list. Similarly please contact us if you know of anyone requiring a visit or if someone enters hospital.

\* Evening Prayer is said every Monday – Thursday at 5pm in St.John with St.Mark’s Church. Everyone is welcome to join me there in this short service.

Dave

## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

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### **Holy Baptism**

August 4 Amelia Grace Wood-O'Beirne

August 11 Danica Louise Aitken Minshull

*We welcome them into the Lord's family*

### **Wedding**

August 3 Stuart Marshall and Karler Forshaw

*Those whom God has joined let no-one put asunder*



## ***FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH***

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September 1 Mr & Mrs Riddick in memory of their parents

September 8 Mr J Clegg

September 15 In memory of Ann and Ken Annis

September 22 Mr & Mrs R Taylor

September 29 In memory of the Birtwistle family

## ***ST. JOHN WITH ST MARK FLOWER ARRANGERS***

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Joan Barnes has decided to give up being one of the regular flower arrangers at St. John with St. Mark. Our thanks go to Joan for her many years' service. She will be missed, but has said if help is required for a special occasion she will give all the help she can.

This leaves us very short of people to arrange flowers on a regular basis. Is there someone who would like to join our numbers? Please see the vicar, wardens or Rosemarie Ashworth if you think you might like to try this job.

Thank You, Rosemarie





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Messy Church is a way of attracting young people and their families to church, involving fun, fellowship and food.

We are planning to start a regular Messy Church service within the benefice as we seek to reach out in the name of the Living Lord Jesus to all-ages within our community.

Messy Church will meet monthly on the first Saturday and an invitation will be issued to all those involved to attend the Sunday service the following week.

The first Messy Church will take place at Christ Church Hall on Saturday 5 October with a theme of Harvest. This links in well with our Harvest Festival on Sunday 13 October.

Messy Church begins with coffee/juice at 9.30am and ends around 11.30am after a Ploughman's-style meal.

Please publicise this special event (leaflets will be available) and if anyone would like to help with either the craft activities (the messy!) or in preparing to serve the food, please contact the Vicar, Kathryn Bailey or Barbara Taylor.

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**Christ Church**

celebrating  
**175**  
years

There will be a special service at Christ Church on Sunday, 27 October at 10.30 a.m. to which we invite everyone but especially those with a connection to the church - baptism, wedding, choir, Sunday School, Rose Queen. Please let your friends know the date and put it in your diary.

## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER***

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- 1    **14 after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 2: 4-13            Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16    Luke 14: 7-14
- 8    **15 after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 18: 1-11            Philemon 1-21            Luke 14: 25 – 33
- 14   **Holy Cross Day**  
Numbers 21: 4-9            Philippians 2: 6-11            John 3: 13-17
- 15   **16 after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 4: 11-12,22-28    1 Timothy 1: 12-17            Luke 15: 1-10
- 21   **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**  
Proverbs 3: 13-18            2 Corinthians 4: 1-6            Matthew 9: 9-13
- 22   **17 after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1            1 Timothy 2: 1-7            Luke 16: 1-13
- 29   **18 after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 32: 1-3a,6-15    1 Timothy 6: 6-19            Luke 16: 19-31
- 30   **Michael and All Angels**  
Genesis 28: 10-17            Hebrews 1: 5-14            John 1: 47-51

### ***First Thursday***

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A very informal gathering with time for tea & a chat before “Exploring our Faith”, time for prayers and communion.

**When**     The first Thursday of each month

**Where**     The lower room, Church Hall at Christ Church

**Time**       2pm – 3pm

Everyone welcome, do come and join in.

Transport can be arranged.

For more information about the September meeting please contact the Revd. Dave Thompson



The Booth Centre is a day centre that offers activities, advice and support to homeless people in Manchester. Based at Manchester Cathedral – although soon to move to new premises nearby - they provide education, training and advice to enable people to find new homes, improve their health, increase their skills and confidence and to successfully resettle in the community.

Over 170 people regularly use the centre each week, 98% of whom have been homeless. As cuts in services and benefit reforms begin to affect more and more within our local communities that number is expected to increase.

Every weekday morning the centre café opens up at 9am to welcome people straight off the streets, offering a warm and safe environment. There is also the opportunity for help and advice on a range of subjects including health and housing.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

The Booth Centre is always in need of

- \* tea/coffee, sugar
- \* tins of soup, fruit and vegetables
- \* men's toiletries, and men's socks, gloves and hats
- \* financial donations

On 8 November a Manchester Sleepout is taking place to highlight the hardships that homeless people face on a daily basis. You are invited to join in this event and experience for one night a regular occurrence for too many in our society.

For further details about this and any other aspect of the work of the Booth Centre, please take a look at their website - [www.boothcentre.org.uk](http://www.boothcentre.org.uk)

## ***NOTES FROM THE COUNCILS***

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### **ST JOHN WITH ST MARK PCC MEETING**

This was our first meeting with new Incumbent Dave, and the highlight of the meeting was his report to the PCC. Dave reported on the following issues:

50th anniversary ~ Next June will be the 50th anniversary of our Church Building and it is hoped that a special weekend will be held over the weekend of 6-8 June 2014. Dave suggested several ideas, including a possible concert, flower festival and special service on the Sunday. This will now also be the weekend of the Summer Fair. An appeal for memorabilia is likely to be made over the coming months. Dave also reminded us that 2013 is the 175th birthday of the Christ Church Walmersley building and events would be held later in the year to mark this milestone.

Saints Days ~ It has been noted that attendances at Saints Day services have sadly dropped over the last 12-18 months and as we have worship on Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday we should celebrate these occasions on the nearest day when we already worship. There was a mixed reaction to this item and therefore other options such as hosting the services in people's homes could be considered. It is likely this will be reviewed in due course.

Vocations ~ Dave made the PCC aware of the various ministerial vocations that were available to us.

Our Child Protection Officer Pam also attended the meeting to advise us of concerns she had regarding new procedures which have now been introduced. Dave will take these questions back to the Diocese.

Other issues raised included updates from the 100 Club and the decorating of the Chapel, which has now been completed. Thanks to Ray Smith & John Brennan for this work. An appeal is also likely to be made for help with maintaining the Church Hall hedgerows following a query raised at the meeting.

The next PCC meeting for St. John with St. Mark will be on Thursday 3rd October however a joint PCC "half day" has been planned for Saturday 14th September at St John the Baptist, Bircle.

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## ***How well do you know Christ Church?***

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Answers to the questions posed last month

1. *When was the tower added?* 1913
2. *When was the school built?* 1839
3. *Who is the lychgate in memory of?* Humphrey King
4. *Why was the chapel created?* In thanksgiving  
For those who returned from the First World War
5. *Where will you find the Buckhurst font?* In the churchyard  
(near the vestry door)
6. *Why is there a small black cross over one of the choir seats?*  
In memory of a member of the choir who died there.
7. *What is depicted in the window of the chapel?*  
Jesus the Good Shepherd
8. *Who made the bells?* Mr Smith of Nangreaves

## ***FOR QUIET MOMENTS***

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At this time, when we are celebrating the presence of Christ Church in Walmersley for 175 years, we recall some of the prayers and psalms which have been said by our forebears in our church family.

### **Week One - Psalm 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee form all evil; yes, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

### **Week Two - General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ: for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we shew forth thy praise, nor only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

### **Week Three - The Venite**

O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all Gods. In his hands are the corners of the earth and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is the Lord our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his land.

### **Week Four - The Prayer of Cardinal Newman**



Support us O Lord all the days of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. The Lord in your mercy grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

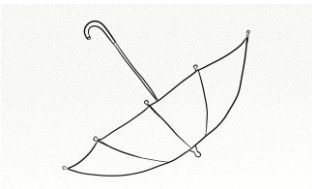
The prayers this month have been submitted by Alison Fewtrell. To many older members these prayers will be very familiar but to younger ones they may be new. They can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.

If you would like to submit prayers one month or perhaps more often, we should be very grateful. The prayers can be written by other people or perhaps some of your own.

Over a glass of 'sparkling' wine or non alcoholic drink we were delighted to 'Meet our Vicar' at our meeting in August. Dave shared with our members his journey of faith leading to his ordination and the different parishes he has served in. He felt God calling him to full time service when quite a young man and was encouraged and supported to fulfill this calling. This can encourage us to be enablers for those who are wondering how to serve God today. We only have to look at the United Benefice to see the wide variety of service, both lay and ordained. Our evening concluded with strawberry meringue nests and cream scones topped with strawberries, and informal conversations continued with Dave, getting to know him better.



We hosted the Archdeaconry Concert on Fri 9th August. This was to celebrate 125 years of Mothers' Union in the Manchester Diocese and similar concerts had already taken place in two of the other Archdeaconries. 140-plus members and friends were accommodated for an evening of fun, friendships and food. There was a variety of entertainment with recitations of monologues of family life which were funny and often true! Cath Hilton starred in a troupe with others which performed 'Singing in the Rain' complete with umbrellas and colourful wellies. The evening entertainment concluded with Maureen presenting 'Songs from the Decades' which included familiar songs and we were encouraged to 'sing- along'. A delicious meat and potato pie with peas and cabbage concluded the evening.



We look forward to our 104th Branch Birthday party on Sept 4th and on that occasion there will be a buffet supper and entertainment. Please let Tricia Stokes know, as soon as possible, if you are coming, for catering purposes.

The Diocesan President - Cath Hilton - is hosting an 'Afternoon Tea' at Falshaws on Sept 2nd. Tickets are £10 and this is to support the Wheels appeal. Booking is essential though as numbers are limited.



The Diocesan Day Retreat is being held at Bolton Road Methodist church on Sept 7th from 9.30- 4pm. Booking is with Jean Slater.

Later in the month the Reverend Sue Wood will talk about her work in hospital chaplaincy, and the impact of crosses and bags donated by members.

We welcome everyone to our meetings and look forward to seeing you there.

Kathryn Bailey, Branch Leader



## ***Welcome to Manchester***

Would you help to welcome hundreds of new students to our city and diocese?

We are collecting mugs, wrapped chocolate biscuits, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar sachets and would love your support. Donations to any Mothers' Union member.

11-13 September at St Peter's Chaplaincy, Oxford Road, help is needed to pack the welcome bags; on 14, 16-18 a bright smile and a few cheery words to give a real Lancashire welcome; and also on those days people to serve soup.

Have a word with any member to find out more.



## **YOUTH GROUP**

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We are a small, but close knit group, meeting on a Sunday evening, in the church hall at St John's, between 7pm - 8.30pm and open to those who are in year 6 and above. If it sounds like you want to give it a try, bring a £1 for subs and come and join us.

We give you the hall to utilise and the cupboard of stock and supplies is open for you to choose an activity if you want to or just chill and talk with your friends.

There is an honesty policy with the tuck shop and this has been brilliant, with the money there to provide more tuck and ultimately the weekend away at Ashworth Valley every year (thank you Margaret and Keith Duckworth and all the other Scout leaders for their continued help and support of our group).

The trust we put in you encourages you to take ownership and responsibility. Many who attend come, or have come, to church. The leaders do not push their faith but lead by example and hope they can give you a good grounding in attitudes and values in the Christian faith.

We have several leaders on the rota, including those who initially came as members and I'd like to give a huge thank you to them all for the way we pull together. Let's hope this carries on with other young leaders coming up through the ranks.

Fund raising is important. Last year there were two events: a family film night raised £88, half of which we donated to Fair-trade; and a sponsored 'No Sleep, Sleepover' which raised around £180 for youth group funds but, instead, the group decided they wanted it to go the church re-decorating fund.

Love Nickie. xx

"As leaders, we are passionate about youth work and to encourage the full potential of all our young people".





## ***Ashworth Valley - July 2013***

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On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July an intrepid group of 7 excited boys and 4 gallant leaders arrived at the Pack holiday centre eager for a weekend of fun, games and mayhem. The weather was kind, we had sun until late Saturday evening and intermittent on Sunday. We began that night with a BBQ with friends, Keith and Margaret Duckworth and a good time we had too. On the Saturday we walked to Heywood, invaded the pool and Morrison's and (they) survived!

That evening we had a campfire, joined by some Birkenhead Cubs and special guests Dave and Linda! much to the pleasure of the group. There was lots of singing, some dancing, plenty of rawring and so much laughing! We can safely say fun was had by all! The rain started as we left the campfire and headed in to a game of jellybean roulette (don't ask) Word of advice, NEVER accept sweets of any of our youth group!



On Sunday we began the day with a service led by Darren (Reader) in the Chapel area, using his new Communion set. This was a beautiful end to another fab weekend away with Youth group.

Roll on next year!

Nickie Kelley

## ***Worship Our Way***

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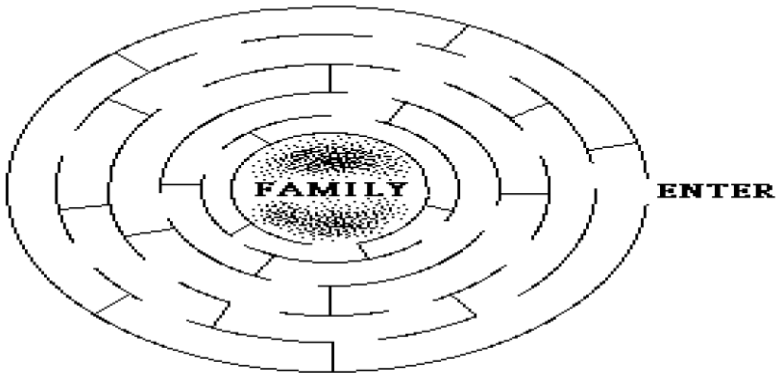


We are delighted to have our children's pages back - and under a new name! Look out for the WOW symbol in future months. It would be great if you would like to contribute (stories, puzzles, pictures, prayers) to these pages. Please get in touch with Nickie Kelley or email [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk)

*The Editor*

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September is a time for new experiences – a new class, a new school – so it is a time when our families and our homes are very important to us.

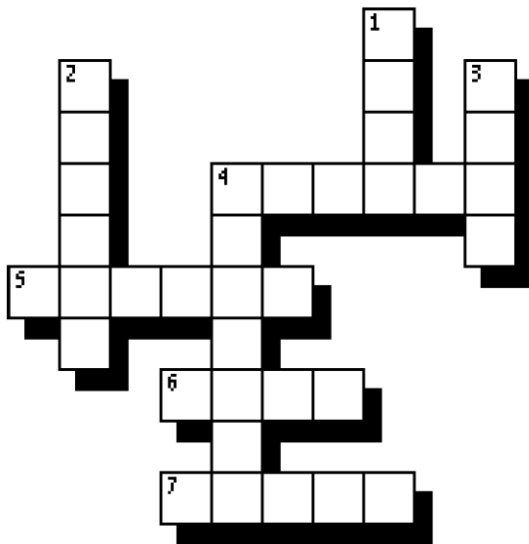


Father God, we thank you for our homes.  
Please look after the children  
who have no homes to live in.  
Bless our families, keep us safe and help us to look after  
those who are not as lucky as us.  
Amen



## The Christian home

Colossians 3: 18 to 4: 6



- 2 DOWN "Wives, \_\_\_\_\_ to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord." **COLOSSIANS 3:18**
- 6 ACROSS "Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives and do not be bitter toward them." **COLOSSIANS 3:19**
- 1 DOWN "Children, \_\_\_\_\_ your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."  
**COLOSSIANS 3:20**
- 4 DOWN "Fathers, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children, lest they become discouraged." **COLOSSIANS 3:21**
- 7 ACROSS "Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of \_\_\_\_\_, fearing God." **COLOSSIANS 3:22**
- 3 DOWN "And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of inheritance; for you serve the Lord Jesus Christ!" **COLOSSIANS 3:23-24**
- 4 ACROSS "Continue earnestly in \_\_\_\_\_, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." **COLOSSIANS 4:2**
- 5 DOWN "Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." **COLOSSIANS 4:5**

## ***CHILD FRIENDLY CHURCH***

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At our joint PCC Away Day on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012, the morning was set aside to discuss the Child Friendly Church Award. It was then agreed at each of our next PCC meetings that we should work towards applying for the award. Although it may appear not much has moved forward, there has been a lot of work on-going.

### **Where we are up to?**

Meetings have taken place with people at each of our churches, who are keen to work as a team, to help us move forward. We have done our self assessment and gathered information to support our application; hopefully the reports will go to Steve Dixon soon.

We have been able to see:

- The positives of what we are presently doing, which is a fantastic amount.
- The not quite so good a things, there is always room for improvement.
- How we value the children, volunteers and all those who put the time in with our young people.
- To ensure that the children have a voice, this isn't just about doing for them but doing with them. They have the right for their voice to be heard too.
- That our church recognises the importance of children's presence at the heart of the Christian community.

We have seen changes in how we work with, relate to, involve, listen too, and provide for the young people in both our churches. There has been a lot of work done but this is still, and always will be, work in progress.



But this process is not just about working to obtaining the CFC plaque to put up on our wall or our website. It is important to move forward with and for our children and young people and to carry this on well into the future.

We need to remember that our young people are valuable today, tomorrow and always, after all they are our present and our future too. With this in mind, if we instil into our children the positives, if we hold out our hand to them now, this is the good news that they will carry forward to the next generation.

*As we work towards obtaining, and in the future keeping the CFC, as a Parish, we need to make sure that the full potential of our young people is fulfilled. We need to make sure everybody is made to feel welcome, from the youngest to the eldest and new families who may want to join us in the future.*

Janet

## ***Junior Church at Christ Church***

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Having had a break from regular Junior Church meetings over the summer, our young people will meet again in Church for the family service on Sunday, September 8 and then the following weeks in the Hall.

After long service to Junior Church, three Leaders have decided the time has come to leave. We give thanks for the time and commitment to our young people.

If you feel able to commit to just one Sunday each month, your help would be greatly valued. Please have a word with the Vicar or Readers.



## ***ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP***

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A well attended Open Group on 10th July welcomed back Ian Banks to give another of his popular talks, this time on 'The Origins of Nursery Rhymes'.

Ian explained how many nursery rhymes have been argued to have hidden meanings and origins, although on little or no evidence. Many ideas suggest links between rhymes and historical persons or events and were used as a form of propaganda or protest rather than being simply written for entertainment.

Research shows rhyming songs originated in Saxon times and then began to be recorded in 16th Century English plays, but most nursery rhymes were not written down until the 18th century.

Many of our rhymes we know today that we have said or sung to our children and grandchildren were originally known as lullabies to help a child go to sleep. Some of these were said to be originally associated with the birth of Jesus. It is strange that events in history are still portrayed through children's nursery rhymes when for most of us all of these historical events are long forgotten!



Our next meeting ~ Wednesday 4th September  
at 7.30pm in the Library

A talk by Pam Kojder entitled  
"School Day Memories"

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

## ***St Patrick's Breastplate***

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Thank you to Margaret Schofield for bringing these words she found in St. Brelades church at St. Brelades Bay in Jersey whilst on holiday there. Many of you may already know this prayer but it is good to be reminded of it.



Searching for more information I found these words to be part of a popular prayer attributed to St. Patrick who wrote it in 433 AD for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity.

More recent scholarship suggests its author was anonymous. In any case this prayer reflects the spirit in which St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland.

### **St. Patrick's Breastplate**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



## ***Book Review***

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I do hope some of you have been able to obtain a book by Una and I am sure, if you have read any, you will have found them challenging and very informative.

This month I recommend another book by Una - "Vocation to Resistance" and I quote from the book, "Many Christians live in societies pervaded by evils that have become so familiar they go unrecognised. Materialism, individualism, lack of respect for human dignity, addiction to work, over-exposure to noise, environmental exploitation and territorialism afflict most of the industrial countries of the Western hemisphere, and prevent us from living fully human lives. How can we resist such evils and live in keeping with our baptismal vows?"

Writing from the perspective of the solitary, Una argues that prayer is the key. Each chapter begins with a human story that illustrates its theme. Una then reflects on what scripture, reason and tradition have to say about the situation. She concludes each chapter with suggestions of some positive and practical ways by which Christians can pray and change their own ways of living.

The book illustrates clearly how ordinary Christians living quiet lives of prayer and testimony to their beliefs can help to stop the destructive forces at work in the world".

*Jean Slater*

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If you have a book you would like to recommend or words for us to ponder please contact Jean Slater or send to the editor of at [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk)



## ***Do you know your bubbles?***

*Come and taste 6 sparkling wines and  
find out more about them*

*Can you spot the best,  
the cheapest and  
the most expensive?*

*Church Hall  
Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>  
7.30.p.m.*



*Canapes will be served  
Price £10 - all profits to  
the Repair and Restoration Fund.  
Tickets from Alan or Margery Spencer*

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## ***Extract from a magazine of 1883***

"The Consecration of our new church took place this day (September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1883). The church at the morning was well filled and a large number of clergy assembled to do honour to the occasion. The Lord Bishop of Manchester preached. 160 people sat down to luncheon. Tickets were 3/6d. The church at Evensong was completely filled."

The Church cost approximately £5,500.

## Mozambique

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You are very welcome at:  
Tearfund Prayer & Support Group  
Holcombe Brook Methodist Church BL0 9QZ  
Monday September 9th at 7.30 pm.

The speaker is Mike Chesterton, Tearfund's Church Relations Manager, who will be telling us of his recent visit to Mozambique. Mike is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker and inspires us to realise, as individuals and Churches that we can make a difference to the lives of those who live in material and spiritual poverty. He will also bring Tearfund's insights into the IF Campaign.



The IF campaign is supported by over 100 UK charities, and focusses on four big issues that mean so many people do not get enough food.

**Enough Food For Everyone IF** we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families feed themselves.

**Enough Food For Everyone IF** governments stop big companies dodging tax in poor countries.

**Enough Food For Everyone IF** we stop poor farmers being forced off their land and grow crops to feed people, not fuel cars.

**Enough Food For Everyone IF** governments and big companies are honest and open about their actions that stop people getting enough food.

**Together, we can make IF happen.**

## **FREE ON SATURDAYS?**

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### **TABLE TOP SALE & COFFEE MORNING**

**St John with St Mark Church Hall  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
from 10.00am**

**BOOKS    BRIC A BRAC    CAKES  
BACON SANDWICHES    TEA & COFFEE  
OTHER STALLS**



The Parish Walk, which unfortunately had to be postponed, will now take place on Saturday 12 October.

Further details in next month's magazine but please put the date in your diary now.

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Trust in God won't make the mountains smaller, but it will make the climbing easier. Anon.

## **ART CLASSES**

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Christ Church Hall

Mondays from September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10a.m. – 12noon

Workshop – there is no tutor  
but we help each other

Fridays from September 6<sup>th</sup>  
10a.m – 12 noon  
and 1.00p.m – 3.00pm  
Tuition provided by a professional artist

For details contact Sybil Fryer for Friday  
classes and Margery Spencer for Monday  
classes



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## ***Sponsored Walk***

Sunday 29th of September at 1pm  
Starting from Christ Church  
Approx. 6 miles or for those who are more energetic 6-12miles

Sponsorship forms in church or contact me direct for further  
information.

All money raised will go towards the repair  
and restoration fund.

Jennifer Wood



## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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1		<b>Fourteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
2	2.30 pm	Afternoon Tea at Falshaw's with the Mothers' Union President
3	7.30 pm	PCC (CC)
4	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union 104 <sup>th</sup> Party (CC Hall)
	7.30 pm	Open Group - Pam Kojder (SJSM Library)
7	9.30 am	Quiet Day, Bolton Road Methodist Church organised by Mothers' Union
	10.00 am	Table top sale & coffee morning (SJSM)
8		<b>Fifteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
14	9.30 am	Joint PCC Away Day, Bircle
15		<b>Sixteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
16	7.30 pm	Churches Together in Bury, Manna House
18	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall) – Sue Wood
22		<b>Seventeenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
24	7.30 pm	Deanery Mission & Pastoral committee
29		<b>Eighteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual  Sponsored Walk

## ***REGULAR ACTIVITIES***

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We do not have space each month to list all that happens within our walls! Services always appear on page 2 but there is lots more to join!

This month we list children's activities. Next month we will list activities for adults.

### **At St John with St Mark**

in the Parish Hall or Library

Rainbow Guides	Monday at 6.00 pm	Sue Plumbley & Eileen Smith
Brownie Guides	Wednesday at 6.30 pm	Clair Hardman & Joan Wild
Beavers	Monday at 6.00 pm	Kelly Watson & Joy Dures
Cub Scouts	Monday at 7.00 pm	Margaret Duckworth
Scouts	Monday at 8.00 pm	Keith Duckworth
ABC Toddler Club	Thursday at 9.15 am	June Banks
Youth Group	Sunday at 7.00 pm	Nickie Kelley or Darren Dunn

### **At Christ Church**

in the Church Hall

Rainbow Guides	Monday at 6.15 pm	Joan Wild
Brownie Guides	Monday at 6.30 pm	Barbara Duncan
Guides	Friday at 7.30 pm	Rosemary Taylor
Rangers	Wednesday at 8.00 pm	Kirstie Lee
Beavers	Tuesday at 6.00 pm	
Cub Scouts	Tuesday at 6.30 pm	Alison Devenport
Scouts	Tuesday at 7.30 pm	Carol Nicol

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining any of the groups, or come along and meet the leaders.

We thank the children and staff of  
St John with St Mark's School  
who have designed and painted  
these colourful crosses for our two churches

