



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

**in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



**October 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
9 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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.

## *Harvest Thoughts*

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We are approaching harvest time again and yes it's crept up on me again as it does every year. I am, like a few of you probably are, still running round doing many things at once and losing track of time and where in the year we are. The gift of a good summer this year has particularly helped me to lose track of time and the seasons. But then I was asked to do the October letter and fell back to the reality of the seasons with a bump.



October, that's autumn running into winter, another year gone by in a flurry, another harvest service and time to think about what we have and who we are. And that's what I would like us to do after reading this letter. I just want us to stop and slow down a while, whilst we reflect upon the harvest time and what it means to us today and thank God with all your heart.

In years gone by, people celebrated the harvest season after the crops had been gathered in, with a hope that there would be enough food to carry them through the winter season. A failed harvest then truly meant a strong struggle through the winter or perhaps death. My own family has Irish ancestry and people will know of the failure of the potato harvest, where people starved and were thrown off their own lands and were displaced and had to find shelter elsewhere.

These days though, harvest and its meaning has changed and its importance can sometimes seem confusing. A failed crop to us might make prices higher and be very bad for the farmer involved.

There is a good chance though that we will survive the winter and that the shops will still have a good supply of food. Maybe, just maybe, that's why I don't hear us thank God as much as we used to do because we do have things like food, shelter and many more to add in this country; we have a good life so we don't thank God as much as we should. So this harvest I want to tell you about my little shop I part own in Lahore and its owner Tahir.

Tahir is a good man with a family and a small shop with little stock. He manages to make enough money to eat most days, but not always. The trouble is he can't get enough money to buy more stock for a better life and to eat. A better life in Tahir's eyes is just to have a meal everyday. This is where I helped. I have helped him to stock more goods, whilst he feeds his family on what sells. Now the shop is stocked, they eat everyday and the extra stock allows him to make enough money to live at the poverty line as opposed to the starvation line. Tahir thanks God at every meal and everyday with all his heart for all he has.

So I want us to reflect upon Tahir and what he can teach us about being thankful for at harvest time.

We might complain food has gone up again and we can't stock the fridge as much, Tahir will say thank God we are eating again today. We complain about gas and electricity prices, Tahir will say thank God my candles lasted the night. We sometimes worry or complain at kids running round making noise. Tahir thanks God when his children do that they have survived another day.



I'm sitting in a warm house writing this letter whilst my hot Sunday dinner slowly cooks. The children are watching a film together on the couch with Amanda and I think of Tahir and his family all those miles away a trying to scrape a living and I feel tears in my eyes. This man with nothing thanks God with every ounce of his being for everything he has.

We live in a good and relatively safe country. I want us to become more accustomed to thanking God for what we have and how good our lives are rather than complain at what we don't have. Thank God at this harvest time for what you have and remember those who have nothing and pray for them.

God bless  
Darren.

## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

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### **Holy Baptism**

- August 25      Harry John David Wild  
                      Noah Craig Eric Wilson  
                      Esmé Ellen Bailey
- September 1    Morgan – Lee Simon Ford – Foyne  
                      Brooke Paige -Tee Ford – Foyne  
                      Laura Jennifer Neild  
                      Tylar Green  
                      Mark Green
- September 15   Archie Gray Headley  
                          *We welcome them into the Lord's family*



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

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- October 6      In memory of Joe and Flo Atkinson
- October 13     In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tasker
- October 20     Mrs J Wood
- October 27     In memory of the Mather family

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

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Is there someone who would like to join our numbers? Please see the clergy, wardens or Rosemarie Ashworth if you think you might like to try this job.

Thank You, Rosemarie

## **FROM THE VICARAGE**

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celebrating  
**175**  
years

The celebration marking the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary – the dodsranbicentennial! – of the creation of the parish of Walmersley, takes place at the end of this month with a special service at Christ Church on Sunday 27 October. Our guest preacher that day will be our patron the Revd. Dr. John Findon. The service will be followed by drinks and a big birthday cake.

Everyone is invited - especially those with a connection to the church - baptism, wedding, choir, Sunday School, Rose Queen, to mention but a few.

We hope that this will be a special day commemorating this event. If anyone has any memorabilia of previous Christ Church activities, please consider lending them to us for a display of parish history. Please spread the word and make this a united village occasion.

In 1838 the parish was formed by sub-dividing the ancient, larger parish of St.Mary's Bury. A church was built beside what was then the 'new' road but in 1883 the present church was opened.

There will be no 10.30am service at St.John with St.Mark's that day and the congregation there are being invited to join the celebrations at Christ Church.



The Messy Church service on Saturday 5 October is a new venture in the benefice and will hopefully attract a good deal of interest. At present the plan is to stage this event bi-monthly, with further services on the mornings of Saturdays 7 December and 1 February. Please see the information elsewhere in this magazine.

\* A reminder that 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. The new Bishop of Manchester has agreed to attend this service. There will not be a 10.30am service at Christ Church on that day. 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**.

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

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**Correction** Answers to the questions posed in August!

*Who is the lychgate in memory of?* Humphrey King Hoyle

*Why was the chapel created?*

In thanksgiving for those who served in the First World War

*Who made the bells?* Taylors of Loughborough  
and they were given by Mr Smith of Nangreaves



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER***

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**6 19 after Trinity**

Lamentations 1: 1-6      2 Timothy 1: 1-14      Luke 17: 5-10

**13 20 after Trinity**

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7      2 Timothy 2: 8-15      Luke 17: 11-19

**18 Luke**

Isaiah 35: 3-6      2 Timothy 4: 5-17      Luke 10: 1-9

**20 21 after Trinity**

Jeremiah 31: 27-34      2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5      Luke 18: 1-8

**27 22 after Trinity**

Joel 2: 23-32      2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18      Luke 18: 9-14

**28 Simon and Jude**

Isaiah 28: 14-16      Ephesians 2: 19-22      John 15: 17-27



### ***HOME COMMUNION***

If you are aware that someone is unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home, please contact one of the clergy or readers.

Please let one of the Ministry Team know if you are aware that one of our church members is sick or enters hospital - and may require a visit.





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\* *What is Messy Church?*

It is a time to have fun, food, stories, songs and, of course, to make a mess!

\* *Who is it for?*

Messy Church is for children and adults – a church for all ages to enjoy together.

\* *When is Messy Church?*

It is at a time to suit the many demands on family life – and we would like you to tell us the best time!

\* *Where is it?*

As far away as Australia, Canada, South Africa, The Falklands!  
But as close as here in Walmersley.

Our 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.

We need:

- \* Willing volunteers to prepare food, lead craft activities, welcome new friends.
- \* Everyone to spread the word – to friends, relatives, neighbours (there are flyers and posters – please ask or download from our website)
- \* Lots of you to come and have fun.

For more details please contact the Vicar, Kathryn Bailey, or Barbara Taylor.

## ***JOINT PCC AWAY DAY***

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On Saturday 14th September, just over 20 members of both PCC made the trip to St. John's Bircle for our annual PCC away day. Today was Holy Cross Day, and Dave led us in a brief morning prayer to celebrate this day followed by an informative meditation on the cross, and different cross designs.

The main business of the day was to discuss a Mission Action Plan, which was a theme from the September issue of the Crux magazine. This activity was devised to allow us to see how we imagine our church to be over the coming years, and how we intend to reach our intended aims.

A number of topics were discussed, in particular around the work with children and young people and their families, and how we could retain young people beyond early teenage years. It was also agreed that there was scope for extending our ministry in residential and care homes, in particular Limefield Court, and also at our Friday Lunch Clubs.

Other business matters included a discussion on a children's ministry statement and an update on our joint magazine. An appeal for further help and support with the magazine is likely to be made. We were also given news on the forthcoming Messy Church activities, further details on which can be found in this magazine.

The meeting closed at 12 noon however some members stayed behind for an enjoyable lunch in the nearby Church Inn.

David Robinson

## ***From The Councils***

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*The PCC of St John with St Mark has not held a meeting since that reported in last month's magazine.*

The PCC of Christ Church met on September 14<sup>th</sup>

It was reported that estimates for the repair of the broken window had been received and discussions were underway with the insurers.

Members were reminded of the Open Meeting on November 19/20<sup>th</sup> at which the proposals for the designation as Village Green status of the church field will be heard.

The special service to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish was discussed and it was proposed that a service of Holy Communion would be held at 10.30.a.m. and the congregation of Saint John with Saint Mark be invited.

The PCC was informed of the proposal to introduce "Messy Church" on the first Saturday in October.

It was agreed that the PCC would request someone to inspect the trees on its property to ensure that they were sound and in good condition.

Mr Barry Evans has agreed to act as Health and Safety Officer for the church and the PCC acknowledged this with thanks.

It was announced that work on the dry rot outbreak would begin shortly and that it was likely that services would have to be held in the church hall. (This work has now begun and unfortunately another outbreak has been discovered in the roof of the organ loft which is currently being treated. During the work a list of organ blowers in the late eighteen hundreds has been found inscribed on a wall behind the organ)

## ***HARVEST FESTIVALS - Sunday 13th October***

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Most countries celebrate the bringing home of the harvest – a time for celebration and thanksgiving. Celebrations have in fact been held since pagan times. Several religious festival, such as the Jewish Sukkot have their origins in this opportunity for thanksgiving.

Do come to our services (starting as usual at 10.30 am in both churches) to reflect on, and give thanks for, all that God has provided for us. As always we will be mindful of the work of farmers, fishermen and all those who ensure that we have food on our tables.

There will be contributions from those who have shared in Messy Harvest on October 5<sup>th</sup> as that too will be an opportunity to give thanks for God's goodness to us.

As in previous years, in both churches we will be supporting local charity **Porchboxes** project. This provides immediate crisis support to the most vulnerable people in our community. It relies very much on support from local churches at Harvest time in order to help build up stocks of foodstuff. Tins and packets of dry food are especially useful. (these are welcome all year round too.)



At Christ Church we will hear about the work of **Tearfund** and how they are working to establish self-help projects both overseas and in the U.K. which aim to give hope and a better future for the poorest communities. Envelopes and literature will be available in church from 6th October.



Also at Christ Church we shall be taking **gifts of small plants or flowers** to members of our parish who are sick or housebound.

Miriam Hamilton would be pleased to be given the names of any who should receive such a gift, preferably **BEFORE** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October; and if anyone who could help to take them out after the service, then please let Miriam know.

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

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER  
AT 12 NOON

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
STUART OR ROSEMARIE ASHWORTH  
ADULTS £4.00 & CHILDREN £2.50

*ALL ARE WELCOME*



What if you woke  
UP  
**TODAY**  
with only the things  
that you  
thanked  
God for  
**yesterday?**

## *Saint Luke*

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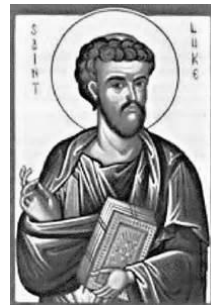
October 18<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Saint Luke; he is regarded as the patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.

Saint Luke is one of the four gospel writers. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles which describes the activities of the disciples after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is thought that originally both books formed one single literary work.

He was a physician born in Antioch in Syria. He was not an eye witness to Jesus' life but he became an apostle of Paul and later followed Paul on his missionary journeys until Paul's death. This is indicated in the last chapter of the Acts of the Apostles where Luke uses the word "we" indicating his presence with Paul in Rome.█

From his writing it is obvious that he was an educated man and was highly regarded as an historian, giving clear facts and dates. His gospel is the only one to describe the birth of Jesus; without Luke we would not have knowledge of the annunciation or the presentation in the temple. The gospel contains some of the great parables missing in the other gospels, such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Luke was a great story teller.

He portrays the humanity and the compassion of Christ showing that Jesus was concerned for the poor, the sick, the suffering and the sinful. His gospel gives emphasis to prayer, miracles and angels. Women are given an important part in his writings.



Luke served the Lord all his life. He was unmarried and had no children. He died in Boetia aged 84.

## AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS

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### *The Prayers of Jesus*

From the end of September you are invited to join an informal group to study "The Prayers of Jesus".

There will be seven sessions:

At Christ Church, one to meet on Monday evenings at 14 Springside Road [Leaders to be announced] and one on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-3pm which will meet in the lower room of the Church Hall and led by Revd. Don Altham.



On Tuesday evenings a group will meet at St John with St Mark's. You are welcome to attend all the sessions or as many as you are able to.

The first meetings are scheduled for

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm- 9pm at CCW
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	evening at SJ w SM
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	2pm-3pm at CCW

For more information please see notices at the back of each church or contact Revd. Dave or Revd. Don Altham

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If we don't teach our children to follow Christ,  
the world will teach them not to.

## FOR QUIET MOMENTS

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*With thanks to Margery Spencer*

### **Week One**

This week we pray for young people throughout the world, that they may find security and love in their homes, and happiness and pleasure with their friends and families. We remember before you all children who are not blessed with these things:

those who go hungry  
those who are abused  
those who live in poverty  
those who suffer as a result of war

We pray especially this week for our new venture of "Messy Church" which provides a different way of experiencing worship for children and adults. May those who come find joy, fellowship and encouragement in discovering Jesus.

### **Week Two**

At this harvest time we acknowledge that all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
Help us to receive them gratefully,  
to use them wisely  
and to share them unselfishly,  
as good stewards of your bounty. Amen.





## Week Three

As this week we celebrate the festival of Saint Luke the physician, we pray for all those involved in the work of healing; doctors, nurses, therapists, technicians and carers. We ask that they have knowledge, skill and compassion as they deal with so many difficult situations. Knowing that Jesus healed those who were sick, we remember before God those who are ill whether at home or in hospital and ask that they may have freedom from pain and anxiety.

Some words of comfort:

*Peace and love will follow me, and I will be your guide.  
The deaf will hear the blind will see, and I will be your guide.*

*When you are troubled walk with me, I'll be by your side  
Peace and love will follow me, and I will be your guide.*

(Elizabeth Grayson from

"Even Angels Tread Softly" a Mothers' Union book of poetry)

## Week Four

*(As I was looking at harvest prayers I found  
this, which made me smile and think)*



Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell.  
While others go hungry, we are eating very well.  
With home and health and happiness,  
we shouldn't want to fuss;  
for by this stack of evidence,  
God's been very good to us.

(Tina Saputo Balding)

We have had a variety of events over the last few weeks and branch members share their reflections below.

We were grateful to Mr Chris Hopkins from Butcher and Barlow solicitors for giving us an explanation of 'Lasting powers of attorney' and the rules and regulations regarding care home fees. It's a complicated area but we are more aware of the issues after his clear talk.

On a happy note we celebrated the branch 104th birthday party and our thanks to all the committee who organised a wonderful party.

Mothers' Union once again celebrated the branch birthday, this year being 104 years' old. There was a fabulous buffet and a celebration cake. Entertainment was a group quiz followed by a musical sing along. Many thanks to everyone who turned up and made the evening a great success

David Andrews shares thoughts of two events he has attended.

Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Falshaws' Ice Cream Parlour.



Falshaws opened specially on Monday afternoon so our Diocesan President could host an Afternoon Tea. Everyone paid ten pounds and the proceeds went to support the Wheels Appeal.

The sandwiches and cakes were excellent and the entertainment was a non-stop cacophony of chatter which only forty plus ladies (*and quite a few gentlemen! Editor*) could have managed without being asked.

In complete contrast the second meeting was a Quiet Day!

This was on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at Bolton Road Methodist Church. Our leader for the day was the Rev. Denise Smith.

After a welcome of introductory fellowship, coffee and a liturgy of Morning Prayer, we moved into a time of silence. Everyone was able to find a quiet corner for their own time of prayer and thought. Denise made herself available for a one-to-one chat for anyone who felt the need. We had brought our own lunches and over the lunch break we talked, and shared our experiences. Denise led us, through some comments on Biblical texts, to our further time of silence and we ended the day with a choral service of Holy Communion, which included the Caribbean setting of the Lord's prayer and the hymn 'Tell out my soul'.



Our meeting on Oct 2nd is a little different. Sara is teaching us 10 ways to wear a scarf! It's an ideal occasion to bring a friend along or come along if you don't attend Mothers' Union regularly. It is £3 for this meeting and tickets are from myself, or Tricia Stokes.

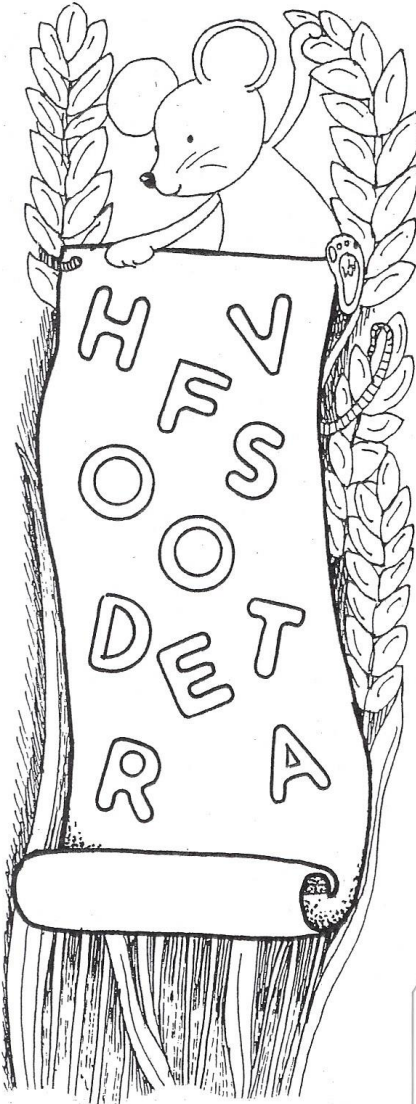
Our meeting on Oct 16th is entitled 'Bits and Bobs' and we are being shown how to make little gifts by recycling older items.

We do want to extend a warm welcome to everyone and hope to see you at our next meetings.

Kathryn Bailey  
Branch Leader



## Worship Our Way



Colour in the seven letters of **HARVEST**  
What word is left over?

### **By the way.....**

What kind of mouse is very, very big?  
*An enor-mouse!*

What do you call a very thin mouse?  
*A narrow squeak!*

What did one mouse say to the other?  
*I've got a tail to tell you!*



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**Autumn days** when the grass is **jewelled**  
And the **silk** inside a **chestnut shell**,  
Jet **planes meeting** in the air to be refuelled,  
All these things I **love** so well  
So I mustn't **forget**, no, I mustn't forget,  
To say a great big **thank you**,  
I mustn't forget.

Can you find the words in bold type in the wordsearch?

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*(from Bath and Wells Harvest Special 2013)*



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

After a brief recess in August, on 4th September the Open Group welcomed back an old friend Pam Kojder to present an interesting and often humorous topic, "School Day Memories".

Pam described her journey through various stages of her academic career in teaching allied to her lifelong interest in the history and development in education through the years. By describing the life and times of a school and its pupils during the late 19th century, and early 20th century brought across the very different world that school children live in today's modern education system.

For most members present their thoughts and memories were described as "sweet memories", or "before I had grown up" or remembering a "fantastic teacher". A time in your life that has often been described as "The best days of your life". Something that we did not realise at the time! Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

Next meeting ~ Wednesday 2nd October  
at 7.30pm in the Library



**Alan Thew will present a talk on  
National Parks & Canyons in USA**

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

## ***BEATING THE BOUNDS***

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### **Parish Boundary Walk**

Normally this would be in May, but the weather was rather inclement and so it was called off. Hoping for better weather it will now be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The whole walk is 12-14 miles dependent on the exact route (there are options if it is a bit squelchy underfoot).

We will set off at 9.30am from St John's Church Hall on Parkinson Street. Proceed to Burrs where we pick up the boundary i.e. the River Irwell. We then head off into Bury town centre, across Moorgate and then up Hudcar Lane to Chesham Fields. Thence up country lanes to Sillinghurst farm, Birtle Edge House , Buckhurst, Nangreaves, and reaching the A56 at Bass Lane. Down Bass Lane, a perambulation around Summerseat, cross the railway towards Springside and then follow the river back to Burrs.

It is possible to join and leave the walk at different points if you don't want to do the whole thing.

If you are intending to join or leave along the route please phone me and I'll let you know approximate times to meet us or how to get home.

Bring waterproofs and a packed lunch.

Hope the weather's good this time!

Paul



## EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

ST JOHN WITH ST MARK CHURCH INVITE YOU TO  
***A BUFFET DINNER DANCE***



**EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCE,  
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET**

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST MARK CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER ~ 7.30-11.00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH AT £7.50 EACH  
***ALL WELCOME***

## *Do you know your bubbles?*

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

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

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

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







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## **SHINE FOR JESUS PARTY**

TO BE HELD IN ST. JOHN with ST. MARK  
CHURCH HALL

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 7.00pm

**An Evening of fun, crafts & games**  
THE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

All Welcome – FREE ADMISSION

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### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

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#### **UNITED BENEFICE SOCIAL EVENT**

# **An Evening of Ceilidh Dancing & Music**

in St. John with St. Mark Hall

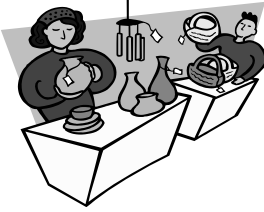
Saturday 23rd November from 7.30pm

Licensed Bar Available

Tickets £5.00, will be available soon from

Stuart or Rosemarie Ashworth at St John w St Mark

ALL WELCOME



## *Christ Church Autumn Fair*

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Church Hall @ 10.30 am**

The annual Autumn Fair will soon be upon us. There will be a café for morning coffee and bacon butties and hot lunches; many of the usual stalls to buy books, toys, homemade produce; as well as bottle tombola and a raffle. Also a new water or wine tombola and the chance to sample Uncle Geoff's winter tonics. Watch out for other attractions which are being lined up including the Mystery Man!

Programmes with all the details will soon be on sale. Please make sure you get one!

You can also support this fund-raiser by donating items for sale on the stalls mentioned. Contact Nigel Silvester for information (0161 761 5645).

Thank you

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**Mothers' Union launched a brand new website on September 18<sup>th</sup> to help promote the organisation and the outreach work its doing to support families across the world.**

Along with its fresh layout and design the site offers practical support to parents and couples and features a brand new members section, accessible by all.

There are prayers and worship resources to download and a section on how to get involved with Mothers' Union.

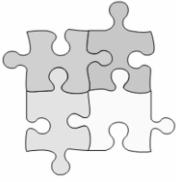
Interactive maps give details of work done by members across the world.

Do have a look at the site today and share with your friends and families

**[www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)**

## **APPEALS FROM ST JOHN WITH ST MARK**

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### **JIGSAWS**

I badly need jigsaws, second-hand and must be complete, for our jigsaw stall at the Fairs. I have no objection to new ones, all will be welcome.

After two very successful sales at the last two Church Fairs I am now very low in number. I am working like mad to do all the ones I have managed to get, as I like to ensure they are complete first, but I need more.

I will collect.

Please contact Joan Pearson if you can help.

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### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The annual Shoe Box appeal is approaching the deadline once again. As of the end of August, 120 Shoe Boxes had been made. However there is still a need for items such as toothbrushes, facecloths and soaps.



If you can knit then we would also be grateful for hats & gloves to fill our boxes, and if you have spare wool please give to Kelly who will pass onto our team of knitters.

If you can help in any way or require further information please speak to Kelly Watson.

**AMAZING FACT**

Since 1990, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoe box gifts through Operation Christmas Child.

## **WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER**

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1	7.30 pm	Study Group SJSM
2	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Ways to tie a scarf (CC Hall) Open Group – Alan Thew SJSM
3	2.00 pm 8.00 pm	Study Group (CC Hall) PCC (SJSM)
5	9.30 am	Messy Church (CC Hall)
6		<b>Nineteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
7	7.30 pm	Study Group CCW
8	7.30 pm	Study Group SJSM
10	2.00 pm	Study Group (CCHall)
11	6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Light Night celebrations in Bury Town Centre Buffet Dance SJSM
12	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Parish Walk 'Bubbles' Evening (CC Hall)
13		<b>Twentieth after Trinity</b> Services as usual Harvest Festival at both churches at 10.30 am Harvest Lunch (SJSM) Mothers' Union in Zip Wire challenge
	1.00 pm 2.00 pm	
14	7.30 pm	Study Group CC PCC (CC)
15	7.30 pm	Study Group SJSM
16	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union "Bits and Bobs" (CC Hall)

17	2.00 pm	Study Group (CC Hall)
20		<b>Twenty First after Trinity</b> Services as usual
21	7.30 pm	Study group CC
22	7.30 pm	Study Group SJSJ
24	2.00 pm	Study Group( CCHall)
26	9.30 am	Diocesan Synod
27		<b>Last after Trinity (Bible Sunday)</b> 175 Celebration at CC No 10.30 am service at SJSJ
28	7.30 pm	Study Group CC
29	7.30 pm	Study Group SJSJ
31	2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Study Group (CCHall) 'Shine for Jesus' Party
Nov 1	7.00 pm	Firework Party (SJSJ Hall)

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***2013 Bury Light Night takes place on Friday,  
11 October 2013 from 6pm until late.***

Venues across the town will open their doors and put on a wonderful mix of arts, music, performance, workshops, tours and much more. There will be plenty to entertain explorers of all ages and interests. Churches Together will be there too!

Come and see Bury in a whole new light!

## **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

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Last month we highlighted the opportunities for children and young people to come together. Here, as promised, are just a few activities for adults, outside the service details listed on page 2.

The magazine and website give details of seasonal activities (such as the study groups mentioned on page 14).

In addition there are many community activities, especially in the Library at St John’s Hall – it is definitely worth calling in and checking out the notice boards. Two art classes meet each week in Christ Church Hall.

GROUPS	DAY & TIME	FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
Art Workshop CC Hall	Monday morning	Margery Spencer
Teatimers (tea and chat) CC Hall	Tuesdays at 2 pm (transport available)	Don Altham
Listening Prayer Group at 150 Walmersley Road	1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm	Ian Banks
Open Group, in Library	Monthly on Wednesday at 7.30pm as advertised.	Phyllis Holt, Joyce Hopkinson & Betty Roe
Mothers’ Union CC Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7.30 pm	Kathryn Bailey



## 'Knit and Natter'

meet in  
St John's  
Library

on  
Tuesday  
afternoons  
and would  
love you to  
join them,  
with or  
without  
needles!

