



**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



FEBRUARY 2015



50p



REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family and Parade 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Service of the Word 5 th Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 nd Parade Service	St John w St Mark

Wednesday

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

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

Saturday

4.00 p.m.	1 st Messy Church	Christ Church
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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.



Both churches have the Child Friendly Church award

Both churches have Fairtrade status



Dear Friends



Over the last few months, both of our Church Councils and their sub-committees have been engaged in thinking about the mission of our churches. A Mission Action Plan is being prepared for each parish and the benefice as a whole.

Amidst all the bureaucracy and building work that is at times unfortunately necessary, the fundamental purpose of any church community should be to worship God and serve Him in the name of Jesus Christ.

During the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday – this year on 18 February – we will be looking at mission and specifically the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted in recent years by the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

In each of the five weeks from 22 February to 22 March inclusive we will analyse one of these marks of mission in both our church services and the weekly Study Groups.

Mission should be the default position of every aspect of church life. It is more than mere words on a page or Action Plan. Neither is it about listening to a sermon or attending a Lent Group. It is a practical task of Christian service that all should share in and all should support. Without mission we would not be here today and without mission the church will not exist in the future.

As we think more deeply about this vital part of our faith in Christ I pray that all of us here in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, can join together in serving God within our communities and beyond – and join in the mission of God’s church.

God Bless you all
Dave

Installation

Barbara Taylor’s installation as an Honorary Lay Canon of Manchester Cathedral will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, 1 February in a service of Evensong beginning at 5.30pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Cars will leave Christ Church at 4.15pm if anyone requires a lift.

BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

1 Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22- 40

8 Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8: 1,22-31 Colossians 1: 15-20 John 1: 1-14

15 Sunday Next Before Lent

2 Kings 2: 1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 3- 6 Mark 9: 2-9

18 Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58: 1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 John 8: 1-11

22 First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter: 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15



ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion Services

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK 10.00 am

CHRIST CHURCH 7.30 pm

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth:
who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

Pope Benedict XVI

The Bishop of Manchester's Epiphany letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



William Temple, the most well-known of all Bishops of Manchester, famously claimed that the Christian Church is the only organisation created primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members. He called the Church of

England to its core task of "saving souls" and affirmed that this goes hand in hand with responding to human need. We owe him a great debt.

To equip us for, and sustain us in this mission, we draw on three types of resources: people, buildings and local structure.

Much of these are given to us as a very precious legacy from previous generations. In many of our poorer communities we may well be the only remaining organisation that is physically present with all three. We are greatly blessed in our diocese by our local clergy and laity, our church buildings and our locally based PCCs and committees.

As in every generation, we are called to consider how we best match these resources to the needs and opportunities of the present day, yet in such a way as to pass them on in good health to those who will follow us.

Many decisions are best taken at the most local level, usually the parish. Others, for example the deployment of clergy, have an impact that stretches beyond the immediate place; the interests and aspirations of one locality need to be balanced against those of others.

To this end Bishop's Council has set up four small working groups, one for each of our resources of people, buildings and

local structure, and one looking at our diocesan committee structures.

Over the next few months, the groups will consult across the diocese, unearthing examples of good practice both from Manchester and beyond, and evaluating what they find. Their work will be coordinated, guided and monitored by a small team of eight, including all three bishops. From this will flow the options for how we might best fulfil 'Temple's mission'. Where governance decisions are called for, they will be made by either the Bishop's Council or our Diocesan Synod.

It would be foolish to pretend that this process will not lead us to some decisions that involve making hard choices. But I am confident that we will approach the challenge to be a "healthy church, transforming communities", in a spirit of opportunity, not of imagined crisis.

Don't be surprised if you are invited to share your views by one of the working groups. Please be patient, and perhaps even grateful, when you or your church is asked to complete a survey or take part in a public meeting.

God has called us to be a people of prayer, faith, hope and love, grace, holiness and mercy. Blessed by these gifts we fulfil our mission; sharing our Lord's own concern for others, particularly the most needy, and the world.

At Epiphany we recall the gifts that the magi brought and offered to Jesus. It is a timely moment to begin the next phase of discerning how our own three gifts: people, buildings and structures, can also be laid at His feet, to be used in his service.

Yours ever

David Walker
Bishop of Manchester



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov 16 Louie Jackson Wright
Dec 14 Damien Parker Field
Dec 18 Daniel O'Brien

".....in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Funerals

Nov 24 Robert Sandbach
Dec 1 Jean Salter
Dec 17 Harry Crowther

Interment of ashes

Nov 19 Edith Taylor
Dec 14 Edith Fitton

"I am the resurrection and the life"



FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 1 In memory of Fred Williams

February 8 In memory of the Ronson family

There will be no flowers during Lent but there are several vacant dates during the year. If you would like to pay for flowers in memory of someone or in celebration of an event, please contact Betty Winterbottom.

For the benefice of Walmersley Road

- Sunday** For all our worship services.
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.
Those who read, lead the intercessions and serve in our church services
- Monday** Links with our local communities.
Sixtown Housing. Bury Library Service.
The PCCs and their committees.
Those who provide and arrange church flowers.
- Tuesday** All the educational establishments in the parish.
School Governors. Nurserys, Pre-schools,
Primary Schools, Bury CE High School.
Our pastoral care to all the community.
- Wednesday** The Vicar and the Assistant Priests.
The Licensed Readers Our Study Groups.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.
Our ministry to those bereaved and have had funerals in church
- Thursday** The Sunday School /Junior Church.
Our work with young people. Those preparing to be married in church. Our baptism ministry.
- Friday** Our music ministry. The retired clergy.
Those interested in offering themselves for lay or ordained ministry. Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- Saturday** Links with other church communities across the world. Mothers' Union.
Our care of the church buildings.

FROM THE VICARAGE

* The Golden Jubilee meal held at St.John with St.Mark at the beginning of December was a fitting finale to the 50th anniversary celebrations of the consecration of our church building. Three of the six incumbents were in attendance – Huw Thomas, Ian Stamp and yours truly. Jonathan Tallon represented the various Curates that have served in church over the last 50 years. The three course meal was followed by a quiz and the evening was finished with a service of Night Prayer. Thanks to all those who contributed to a very enjoyable event, especially Rosemarie, Stuart and their team of caterers.

* Anyone wishing to be confirmed should have a word with me. At St.John with St.Mark, the opportunity for receiving Holy Communion before being confirmed is available for children from the age of 7. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please speak to Janet.

* There are still a few of the 2015 benefice diaries available. They are free of charge but a donation of £1 is suggested if you wish to contribute in this way.

* Please look in the NewsSheet / Bulletin for details of the walks arranged by our newly formed Walking Group. Recent treks have been to Waugh's Well, Simpson Clough and Peel Tower. For further information speak to Paul Sanderson.

* Please see elsewhere in this magazine for details of the Lent Study Groups, beginning in the week commencing 22 February.

* Material for editions of this parish magazine should be given in by the 14th of the preceding month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk

* The Family & Parade service at Christ Church in January was a combination of Messy Church and Café Church on the theme of the Baptism of Christ. Feedback was very positive and discussions will be held to worshipping in this style on a regular basis. Thanks to all those who helped on the day, especially to Linda, Barbara, Kathryn and Cath for the preparation of the event. This month's Messy Church takes place on Saturday 7 February from 4-6pm.

* The Parish Office at St.John with St.Mark's Hall every Wednesday evening arranges baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or is an opportunity perhaps for a chat with one of the clergy. We meet between 6.30pm-7.00pm.

* A reminder that a service of Evening Prayer is said at 5pm at St.John with St.Mark Mondays – Thursdays each week. All are welcome to attend.

11/24 Scout Group



We would like to thank the congregation for their support and generous donations of unwanted spectacles. As a Scout group we collected 200 glasses, which will be donated to Vision-Aid.

In collecting these spectacles it has enabled our Scouts to work towards the global conservation badge. Also as part of this badge the Scouts enjoyed a trip to Viridor in Bolton, which was informative and smelly.

Many thanks again
The Scouts

IN MEMORIAM: The Right Revd. Michael Hare Duke

The Right Revd. Michael Hare Duke, Vicar of St.Mark's Bury from 1956 – 1962, died on 15 December 2014, at the age of 89.

Michael is still fondly remembered in the parish for his energetic role as St.Mark's Vicar together with his wife Grace, known to all as Baa. They arrived in the town from a curacy in London and moved to Nottingham after 6 years in Bury. In 1969 he was elected as Bishop of St.Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane in the Scottish Episcopal Church – a post he held for 25 years until he retired in 1994.



A former church member in the Diocese was quoted in the Church Times as saying, "He was always forward thinking and was at the forefront of bringing the diocese and the Episcopal Church into the modern age, and equipping it for the 21st Century".

Locally, parishioners recall his cajoling of local shopkeepers in offering items for Summer and Christmas Fairs at St.Mark's and his regular column in the Bury Times. Known popularly as "The Duke", he returned to Bury for St. Mark's Day in 1998, where he presided and preached at a special communion service that took place at his former Vicarage - 150 Walmersley Road. After the service Michael and Baa enjoyed lunch in the church hall and met many old friends.

Bishop Michael remained in Scotland after his retirement, being active in a number of different areas, including serving as the Chair of Scottish Association of Mental Health and Age Concern Scotland. Baa died in 2012 and Bishop Michael's death in Perth was followed by his funeral there at St.Ninian's Cathedral on 23 December.

We give thanks to God for the life of Michael Hare Duke.
May He Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.



Sat, 7 February

4 – 6 pm

Christ Church Hall

This month's theme is MESSY JONAH

Come and enjoy songs, stories, crafts, games

Then fish fingers and chips for tea!

For all the family (children, please bring an adult)



May 31 – Trinity Sunday

10.30 am

At Christ Church

Theme:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit



NOTES FROM THE COUNCILS

CHRIST CHURCH PCC MEETING OF 15TH DECEMBER 2014

Members of the PCC met with the police and the person who had broken into church two years ago under the Restorative Justice scheme.

A quote has been received for repair to the roof of the tower and to provide a new hatch to close the access opening in the roof of the tower.

The treasurer reported that he had paid for the church building insurance at a cost of £5,000 and had so far paid £25,000 towards the parish share cost of £34,471 in 2014.

The new versus modified church approach was further discussed and again it was decided that visits to local new and modified churches needed to be organised.

Messy church will be at the January 2015 parade service and the service will be held in the church hall. Messy church held on the 6th of December was very successful.

It was reported that soap dispensers and paper towels had been installed in the church hall toilets.

Committee reports were received from Pastoral and Synod.

In vicars remarks, the vicar outlined that the study groups for lent in 2015 would be the Five Marks of Mission.

The next PCC meeting will be a joint one with St John and St Mark on the 31st of January 2015.

ST JOHN W ST MARK PCC MEETING OF 11 DECEMBER 2014

Thanks were given to all who organised the 50th Anniversary meal on 5th December. The evening was greatly enjoyed.

A final design for the West Window was submitted to the PCC. It was agreed to speak to the architect and then hopefully apply to DAC for a faculty. It was also suggested that we remove a small number of loose pews from the back of Church, which are no longer used.

A new notice board has gone up on the Sunny Avenue side of the building, put up by local firm Superior Signs, at a cost of £377.00. Other recent items purchased included a new keyboard for the Church and pump for the cellar.

We have a problem with the Chapel heater. We are hoping this is a minor fault and its repair is being looked into, however for now the Chapel is being heated by 2 stand-alone radiators. Thanks are beginning to be received from some of the charities we have agreed to donate to as part of our annual charitable giving.

It has been confirmed that our Christmas Fair raised £1854.00. It was suggested at the meeting that some of the Uniformed Groups should be charged rent to contribute towards the costs of the running of the Church Hall. Other Churches currently do this. The suggestion is that groups may increase subs to cover this cost. This issue was discussed in great length and it was agreed to take this up with leaders and representatives from the various groups. Feedback on this will be given at a future meeting. We finished this our last meeting before Christmas with mince pies and drinks.

The next meeting is the joint Benefice PCC Day on Saturday 31st January at 9.30am at St. Andrew, Ramsbottom. Our next individual meeting is Thursday 5th February at 8.00pm

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week 1

During this week we celebrate Candlemas and the time when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus into the temple where he was recognised by the priest Simeon with the following words: -

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared : before the
face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and
to be the glory of thy people Israel.



Simeon and Anna Thank God
Luke 2

Week 2

Loving God,
may our service reveal your sacrifice,
may our discipleship confirm your dependability,
may our kindness build your kingdom,
may our presence bring your peace,
may our words express your wisdom,
may our living show your loving,
may our giving reflect your generosity,
may our caring mirror your compassion,
may our journeying be with Jesus,
our seeking be through the Spirit
and may our prayers be said confidently to you,
our patient, providing, and ever-present parent. Amen.

Paul Martin

Week 3

On Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. And as Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us.



As we give up some luxuries during Lent, help us to remember those for whom luxury is clean water, a roof over their heads, a warm bed or safety from war. As well as forgoing things in Lent may we become more loving and caring, less critical and self-centred. **Amen**

Week 4

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. We pray especially for the children from Syria living in camps under extremely difficult conditions and often having seen their parents killed.

Bless those who work to bring them relief often at considerable risk to themselves; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We concluded the last year of Branch meetings with a Christmas meal at the Red Hall Hotel in December. Friends and family accompanied our members and we enjoyed a delicious seasonal meal in a private room. This made it possible for Secret Santa to visit and the evening finished with sharing gifts with each other.

And so we look forward to a New Year of branch activities. The committee look to include a variety of topics in our branch meetings, fun and fellowship being essential but also meetings to help us in our individual spiritual journeys so we are better equipped to resource the Mothers' Union projects at local level, nationally and internationally. We use the Christian calendar to offer a structure to our programme.

We begin our new year sharing Communion together, in the Hall, followed by a bowl of soup. We are delighted to welcome Joyce Herdson, who having been told a lung transplant was the only way of survival, will share her story of a God who reveals treasures in the darkest of places and hardest of times. She shares a story of hope and faithfulness.

This theme is continued as we have Paul Sanderson and Ian Banks leading us in our Lenten thoughts.

Our meeting on April 1st will be an opportunity to join in with the Seder meal at St John with St Marks.

Dates for the diary:

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| 4th Feb | Joyce Herdson 'Take my breath away' |
| 4th March | Rev Paul Sanderson |
| 18th March | Mr Ian Banks |
| 1st April | Passover Seder meal at St Johns |
| 15th April | Branch AGM |

Advance notices

The announcement that **Barbara Taylor** (past Diocesan Mothers' Union President and now Provincial President for York) is to be an Honorary Lay Canon at Manchester Cathedral was made some time ago but we now have a date for her installation. It will take place on **Feb 1st at 5.30 pm during Evensong**. This is a wonderful honour in recognition of her significant ministry in the Diocese and beyond. Barbara sees this as an honour for Mothers' Union and a recognition of its place in the church. Please make this a date in your diaries to support Barbara.

The **General Meeting** takes place in Nottingham on Friday 26th June. Tickets go on sale on January 26th

A coach has been booked for travel to Nottingham from Manchester and includes a visit to Southwell Minster - cost dependent on numbers booking the coach.

Hotel accommodation is available in central Nottingham - prices include breakfast:

Twin room (sharing) £44.50 per night

Single room £85 per night

Contact Tricia Stokes to book accommodation as soon as possible as places limited.

Tickets (free) are required to attend the service on Thursday evening; tickets for the AGM on Fri 26th June are £8.50 and for a special 'Mum's the word' presentation on Friday evening tickets are £10.

Tickets can be obtained from Judith Hilton at 90 Deansgate (0161 828 1427).

Kathryn Bailey
Branch Leader

CARING FOR THE NATION'S CHURCH BUILDINGS

The Church of England has welcomed the recent publication of the latest edition of English Heritage's At Risk register, which for the first time includes a comprehensive survey of churches. It shows that only 6% of listed places of worship are physically "at risk", fewer than previously thought.

ChurchCare - which supports those looking after the CofE's 16,000 churches and 42 cathedrals - has assisted English Heritage by managing a review of quinquennial inspection reports for all churches. This makes this investigation the most comprehensive survey ever undertaken of the condition of England's places of worship.

The findings show that of those 6% of venues at risk (amounting to 887 buildings of which 806 are Anglican churches) roofs, gutters, and high level stonework are the major issues resulting in churches becoming liable to structural failure. Such problems are often also caused by vandalism and metal theft.

The Right Revd. Dr. John Inge, the Bishop of Worcester who is the lead bishop for cathedrals and church buildings says. "The fact that fewer churches are at risk than was expected is good news and testament to the hard work of countless people up and down the country. This important work cannot be done by congregation members alone, and I would urge all communities to get involved in the maintenance of their local churches to ensure that they are still to be enjoyed and used by future generations.

Our churches are a precious and unparalleled treasure; they not only represent an invaluable part of our built heritage, they provide space for people to meet, reflect and pray – as well as serve their communities in all sorts of ways.

APPEALS FROM ST JOHN WITH ST MARK

A lot of people are providing money for memorial flowers at St. John with St. Mark now, for which I am very grateful. They aren't however signing the flower rota on the notice board at the back of Church.

The new rota for 2015 will be up very soon. Could I please ask people to sign for the week they wish their memorial flowers? Flower money can be handed to the wardens or myself at any time.



Thank You, Rosemarie Ashworth



My appeal for gift bags is still open, any occasion, any size.

I would also like to appeal for tissue paper, any colour. It need not be new but reasonably uncreased, like you get in shoe boxes around the shoes.

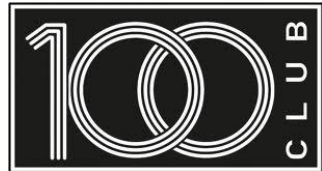
Thank You, Rosemarie Ashworth

DECEMBER 2014 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ 82 David Robinson

2nd Prize ~ 4 Ray Smith

3rd Prize ~ 50 Edith Nichols



CHRISTMAS DRAW 2014 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ 66 Una Kroll

2nd Prize ~ 22 Mrs G L Horsefield

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Job Vacancies

Job Description

Open to both men & women vacancies have occurred to join the prestigious team of "Church Cleaners" at Christ Church.

The job entails you to work no more than two hours on the second Friday of each month from 9am to 11am with coffee break at 10am.

NB These hours are negotiable and if you can only manage one hour this is ok or if you wish to choose some other time during the month to help there are jobs available.

Qualifications No degree required but the expert handling of dusters, dustpans & brushes, mop & bucket and use of Henry [as shown below] is vital. Training to use any of these is available from any member of the team at no cost.

References. Not required.

Terms & Conditions. Working in a happy environment with no contract to sign.

Application. Contact either:
Clare Altham or
Hilary Riddick



COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Saturday 28th February from 10.00am

BOOKS

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CAKES

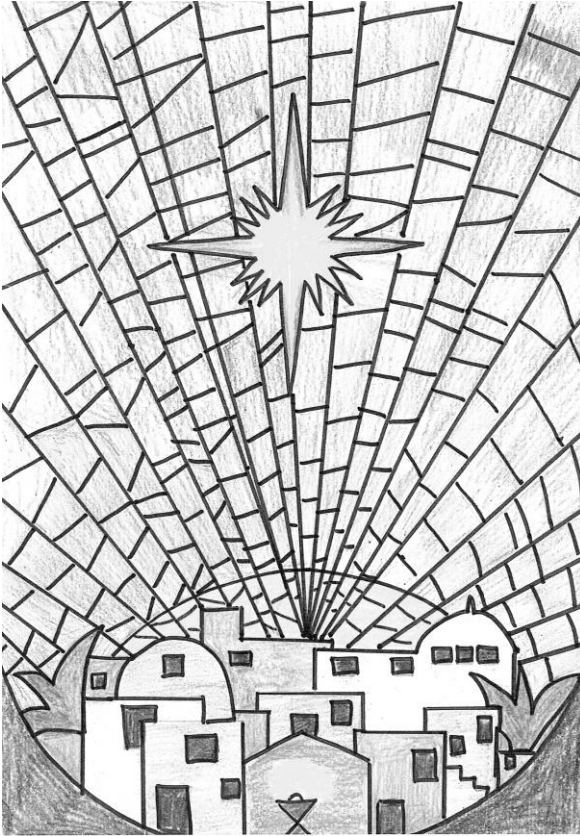
BACON SANDWICHES

TEA & COFFEE

OTHER STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

Congratulations



This is the Christmas card which the Headmaster of Bury Church High School chose for the school to use. It was designed by James Baumber, who is a pupil at the school and attends Christ Church. Congratulations James!

Christmas cards

Thank you to everyone who bought the Christ Church Christmas cards. £305 has been paid into church funds. Sue Walker also sold the original painting and has donated half of the sale price to church funds. Thank you Sue for allowing us to use your painting and your generous donation.

Daily Bible Reading Notes



Find it hard to read the Bible or time to study it in more detail then why not try using one of the many very good Daily Bible Reading Study Books available to purchase in the Christian book shop at St. Marys, the Parish Church, Bury or on line.

If you would like to sample them there are one or two back issues available on the table at the back of Christ Church for you to take. Publications differ, some with two months readings others with more. Cost varies but charge is approx. £3 per copy. If you want to you can look on line at two sites –

www.cwr.org.uk which publishes "Every Day with Jesus" & "Cover to Cover" or

www.brf.org.uk which publishes "New Day Light" & "Quiet Spaces".

There are other sites to search of course.

Frank & Jean Slater are happy to order & deliver to you if you decide you would like to use one. Speak to or contact Frank or Jean

LENT STUDY GROUPS

studying the Five Marks of Mission

weeks beginning 22 February – 22 March inclusive



Mondays 7.30pm - 14 Springside Road

Tuesday 7.30pm - 150 Walmersley Road

Thursday – 2.00pm Christ Church Hall

ALL WELCOME

Well, that was different!

It certainly felt different arriving for the 10.30.am service at Christ Church on January 11th. The church hall was laid out with tables on which craft materials were set out and there was the delicious aroma of coffee.

The welcome was warm and there was a buzz of friendly chatter as we accepted the drinks provided, but the atmosphere became more focused once the service began. We sang an opening hymn – with the words projected onto a screen – and then began sharing our ideas about baptism with those seated near us. We actually discovered that one person had been baptised twice!!

The service followed the themes of the symbols used in baptism – and for each there was the opportunity to talk about the symbol and then take part in an activity.

We made **crosses** out of pipe cleaners

We took small amounts of **water** and poured them into a bowl.

We made candle holders for the **candles** on the table.(some of us made them upside down!)

We wrote prayers on templates of doves and these were posted on a prayer board (you can see them at the back of church).

Throughout there were songs and prayers and at the end we lit the candles and reaffirmed our baptism promises.



I went with some apprehension but found the service enjoyable, thought provoking and moving. For someone coming for the first time it was a wonderful opportunity to meet others. And to end it all there was a lovely lunch – faith, food and fellowship – what more could you ask?

Margery Spencer

Fairtrade Fortnight 2015

Your support is needed for Fairtrade Fortnight 2015:
23 February - 8 March 2015

Dressing up as a giant
banana is not mandatory...



We've come so far since the first Fairtrade Fortnight in 1995, educating the public on why to choose Fairtrade and increasing sales on Fairtrade terms for marginalised producers. Over the past 20 years, together we've made the Fairtrade mark the biggest and best known ethical label in the UK. 78% of the UK public recognise the FAIRTRADE Mark. From UK sales alone, £26m of Fairtrade Premium was invested by producers in 2013.

But we know there is still a long way to go to make all trade fair – just 1.2% of cocoa and less than 10% of tea globally is traded on Fairtrade terms.

So for Fairtrade Fortnight 2015, we're going to celebrate the impact of Fairtrade and ask you to turn a spotlight on the producers who grow the products we love. By sharing their stories in a fresh and compelling way, we can remind the UK of the dramatic difference choosing Fairtrade makes and how much it is still needed.

- Make a donation
- Help to fundraise
- Buy from the stall
- Keep in touch
- Spread the word

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight-2015>

The Forum

The Bury Muslim/Christian Forum meets regularly to encourage communication and spiritual participation between members of the two faiths. At times members of the Jewish community join the forum and engage in our discussions.

In February, study-circles have been arranged for :

Tuesday 10th February 8pm at Bury URC

Tuesday 17th February 8pm at Fletcher Street mosque.

Study Circles have also been arranged for April.

We are proposing these to be with our Jewish friends looking at the role of Abraham in our religions.

All dates and venues are to be confirmed or arranged.

Provisional dates are:

Tuesday 21st April at 8pm

Tuesday 28th April at 8pm.

Tuesday 5th May at 8pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these meetings. If you would like any further information, please have a word with Gill Smith, from Christ Church, or The Vicar.

Make a Mother's Day

This Mothering Sunday help change a life

Support **Make a Mother's Day** again this year and solve the difficulties of finding a suitable Mothering Sunday gift, or take the opportunity to transform a life and at the same time remember a loved one. Pick up a brochure or visit www.makeamothersday.org for virtual gifts which include helping to end violence against women and girls, teaching a person to read and write, providing holidays for families facing adversity.

Benefice Quiz

How much do you know about our United Benefice? Have a go at this quiz. The answers will be in next month's magazine. We hope you will find it interesting and if you can add any information or correct any mistakes, we will be glad to hear from you.

1. At the southern end of our benefice is the once pretty area of Fernhill. What is there now?
2. What was the original name of High Hope farm. Nangreaves?
3. There are two pubs – Hark to Dandler and Hark to Towler. Who or what were Dandler and Towler?
4. Where was the original St John's church?
5. Who was the Walmersley motor cyclist who was famous during the 1920s for competitive riding, winning the International Six days Trial in 1928 and during the 1930s became a top English speedway rider?
6. Why was the New Inn, now a children's nursery, once called Glorybutts?
7. Why does Burnley Road have a gap in it and not go to Burnley?
8. Which farm is known for the songbirds which used to fly high over its land?
9. There is one Station Road in the benefice. Where is it?
10. What was the name of the pub which stood at the bottom of Limefield Brow and was cut in half when the Brow was widened?

(Thank you for this Alison. It has made me realise how little I know about the Benefice. Margery)



JOINT SOCIAL EVENT

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK CHURCH, HALL

Friday 20 February 7.30pm £7

CHINESE BUFFET & entertainment
to celebrate the Chinese New Year
Please write your name on the list in either church

MOTHERING SUNDAY

FAMILY SERVICES

10.30am at both
St.John with St.Mark, Bury
Christ Church, Walmersley

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

St.John with St.Mark: Sunday 19 April 12 noon

Christ Church : Wednesday 29 April 7.30pm

COME ALONG & INFLUENCE THE WAY
YOUR CHURCH OPERATES

Please note:

Only those on the Church's Electoral Roll may vote at the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please have a word with
one of the Church Wardens to obtain an application form.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

1		Candlemas Services as usual
1	5.30 pm	Installation of Barbara Taylor as Lay Canon of Manchester Cathedral
4	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union – Joyce Herdson (CC)
5	7.30 pm	PCC (SJM)
7	4.00 pm	Messy Jonah
8		Second Sunday before Lent Services as usual
15		Sunday before Lent Services as usual
16	7.30 pm	PCC (CC)
18		Ash Wednesday
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion (CC)
20	7.30 pm	Chinese Buffet (SJM)
22		First Sunday of Lent Services as usual
		Check out Lent Groups (p24)
28	10.00 am	Coffee morning and Book Fair (SJM)





THIS FEBRUARY THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF
ST JOHN WITH ST MARK CHURCH PRESENTS

Sleeping Beauty

ON THURSDAY 12TH, FRIDAY 13TH
& SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM

ST JOHN WITH ST MARK CHURCH HALL

PARKINSON STREET BURY

TICKETS PRICED AT £73.00 FOR CHILDREN & £5.00 FOR ADULTS.

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CALL 0161 761 6592 OR CONTACT CHURCH WARDENS