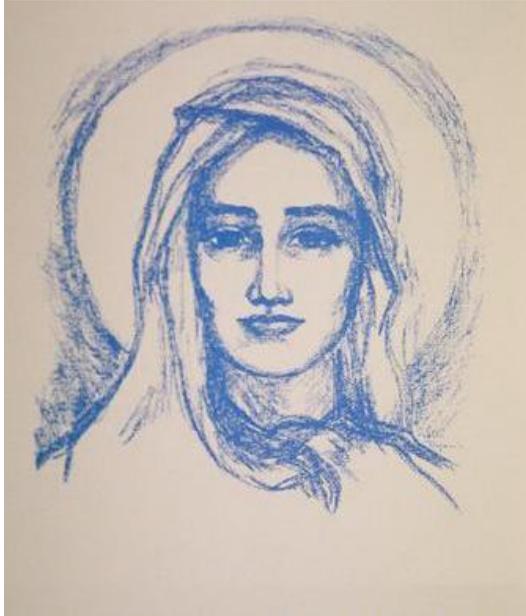




**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



The Virgin Mary – 15 August

July/August 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

Monday Monday@2 49 Fairlands Road

First Monday

7.30 p.m. Listening Prayer 150 Walmersley Road

Wednesday

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

Thursday

2.00 p.m. 1st 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.



Both churches have the Child Friendly Church award

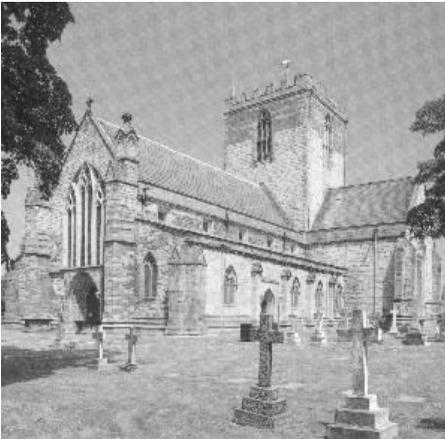
Both churches have Fairtrade status



DEAR FRIENDS

A few months ago I visited the North Wales town of St.Asaph, situated just over the Welsh border on the main road between Chester & Conway.

The town has a Cathedral that is at the heart of the Diocese of St.Asaph. The building has been used as a place of worship since AD 560. One of the very first Bishops was Asaph himself, from whom the place and modern diocese have evolved.



Speaking to the locals they were keen to stress that they lived in a city, in spite of the fact that with their population of around 3,500 they would otherwise be regarded as a small village elsewhere. This is of course, because of the presence of the Cathedral. Indeed St.Asaph is the second smallest city in the United Kingdom – only Wells has fewer residents.

The city is so dominated by the Cathedral that almost every aspect of the town's life seems to be connected with this imposing building.

It made me think about how much God and His church shape our life. Is church a priority in your life? Does God – as Father, Son & Holy Spirit – mould your existence? Can you say that your faith dominates your life in the way that the people of St.Asaph are dominated by their Cathedral?

As time passes we are reminded that God never changes. Worship has taken place in churches and cathedrals for hundreds of years and our worship in the parishes of St.John with St.Mark and Christ Church join with the world-wide praise of the living God.

If you are on holiday this summer, can I encourage you to visit a local place of worship and perhaps experience a service there. Whether you at home or abroad, we all belong to the universal body of Christ – the worldwide church.

As one of the welcome leaflets at St.Asaph Cathedral stated: "May Christ our Saviour draw you to Himself so that you find in Him Crucified, a sure ground of Faith, a support in Hope and the assurance of sins forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

God Bless,

Dave

JOINT SERVICE

of welcome for our new Curate,

Gill Barnett

SUNDAY 30 August at 10.30am
at CHRIST CHURCH.

(No other services in the Benefice on this day)



BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Jul 5 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6: 1-13

Jul 12 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7: 7-17 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29

Jul 19 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34,
53-56

Jul 26 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 4: 42-44 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21

Aug 2 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35

Aug 9 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19: 4-8 Ephesians 4: 25- 5:2 John 6: 35, 41-
51

Aug 16 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 9: 1-6 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58

Aug 23 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14- 18 Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 56-59

Aug 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4: 1- 2,6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-
15,21-23

FROM THE VICARAGE

* Thanks to everyone who supported the Summer Fair at St.John with St.Mark and the various recent fund raising initiatives at Christ Church. I am very much aware of the all the unseen work that goes into arranging such events and I am very grateful.

* We are in the process of purchasing new hymn books at Christ Church in recognition of Arthur Smith's 80 years' service. Geoff Stokes is now settling into the organist's role and if anyone is interested in becoming a member of our choir they should speak to Geoff or Tricia.

* A reminder that we have a Parish Pass to Westminster Abbey in London enabling up to 4 people free entry up to six times during a 12 month period. Visitors are usually charged £20 for entry into the building unless attending worship. If anyone would like to make use of this concession please have a word with me. Many thanks to Nigel & Barbara for obtaining this pass for our use.

* The Community Knit & Natter group – that meets on a Tuesday afternoon in the St.John with St.Mark Church Hall – are in need of wool, any type, size or colour. A lot of their work is prepared for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. If you have any wool, please contact Rosemarie Ashworth or Tricia Stokes.

* The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meet every month – usually on the first Monday evening. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, please have a word with me.

* The MOB (Men Of the Benefice) Group will be meeting on 27 July at a local hostelry to be announced. Please see the Bulletin/News Sheet for specific details.

* A meeting to consider the needs and resources within the Walmersley community will take place on the morning of Saturday 18 July. This is in preparation for a decision to be made with regard to the future of our church buildings. Two representatives from the Manchester Diocese will attend as we look at the future use of our church buildings. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. 9.45am start.

* Please pray for our new Assistant Curate Gill Barnett who is to be ordained in Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 28 June. Gill will be continuing her work as a school teacher until the end of the term and moving into the area later in July. We are holding a joint service of welcome at the 10.30am service on 30 August. There will be more details about Gill in next month's magazine. Please pray for her as she begins her ministry within the benefice.

* July marks the 50th anniversary of the closure of Christ Church CE School and the subsequent opening of Springside Primary School. The School are staging a Decades Week on the week beginning Monday 6 July at which an assembly will be held each day from 9-9.30am focusing on a different year of the school's existence. If you would like to know any further information, please contact the school on 764 2348.

* Four members of our congregations were confirmed by the former Bishop of Sheffield, Jack Nicholls, at a service at St.Mary the Virgin Church, Bury on Sunday 7 June. Please pray for Jack, Jason, Lucas & Alicia as they continue their Christian journey after this special service.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 24 James Denis Thornton

May 31 Leighton Sandford Robinson
Willow Tracey Brianna Kirkby

“...in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

Wedding

May 30 Mark Howarth and Amy Murphy

“Those who God has joined together let no one put asunder”

Interment of Ashes

May 31 Lilian Bond

“ I am the resurrection and the life.....”

2015 PARADE SERVICES

with uniformed organisations

at both ST.JOHN with ST.MARK & CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 12 July 10.30am (Summer Praise at Christ Church)

Sunday 13 September 10.30am (no Parade at SJM)

Sunday 11 October 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVALS

Sunday 8 Nov 10.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Monday 7 December 6.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Jul 5 Mrs A. M. Peters

Jul 12 In memory of Sybil and Norman Mills

Jul 19 In memory of Mr & Mrs L.B. Thew

Jul 26 Vacant

Aug 2 In memory of Margery Greenhalgh

Aug 9 Mr & Mrs A Standing

Aug 16 In memory of Norman & Mary Leake

Aug 23 Mrs. B. Winterbottom in memory of Fred and Malcolm

Aug 30 Mr & Mrs I Riddiick in memory of their parents.

FLOWERS AT ST JOHN WITH ST MARK

I would like to be able to do this every month.

Flowers for May at St. John with St. Mark:

3rd May – J Chesters

10th May – In memory of H. Walker

17th May – In memory of D. Walker

24th May – B. Roe



So please keep signing the flower list at the back of Church.
Thank You, Rosemarie Ashworth

FROM THE COUNCILS

Christ Church PCC May 2015

The meeting began with prayers led by Revd Dave Thompson.

Matters arising – To date a total of £674 has been raised by donations towards new hymn books, in recognition of the service of Arthur Smith to Christ Church Walmersley.

Finance - The PCC voted to pay £8000 towards the parish share, this amount is to catch up on payments that we have not been able to pay due delays in the change of signatories with Barclays Bank. There have been consultation meetings on the parish share by the diocese. Ian Banks from St John with St Mark attended one and brought back information on certain changes, the main one being that the parish share will be decided for a three year period and not one year as at present. The attendance and income survey will be done in October .

Organist – Geoff stokes was formally appointed by the PCC as the organist for Christ Church Walmersley.

Church and Field – The property committee were asked to look at blocking off the unauthorised access to the field in the hedge on Springside road as well as putting up new signs. The gates for Ackworth street were discussed and Jennifer Wood offered to get a new quotation. The vicar has arranged a meeting for the PCC and congregation on the 18th of July in the Church Hall starting at 10am till 12 noon. The meeting is to be addressed by Colin Barston and Heather Ford from the diocese, the subject being a Community

Audit with respect to changes to the church at Christ Church. In order for discussions to proceed the Property committee were asked to get an up to date cost for the outstanding quinquennial items on the 2013 report.

Messy Church – is currently taking a break.

Children's ministry – This is currently being reviewed by the pastoral committee.

Health and Safety – The wardens are to undertake a review of the condition of the gravestones in the churchyard.

Committee reports – The property committee are continuing with the improvements to the Church Hall. The fund raising committee had raised a total of £360.80 from two events, the plant sale and the race night.

Vicar's remarks –

Regarding mission action planning and the 5 Marks of Mission we have already started two of these, the community involvement and the progress on the field. There will be a meeting of the Men of the Benefice on the 29th of June 2015 details will be issued later. The vicar is to meet the Friends of Walmersley again.

AOB – Note received regarding the tree on the side of the church tower. The water heater in the ladies toilet is not working and is to be inspected. Don Altham was put forward to be co-opted to the PCC and duly elected.
The meeting closed with prayer.

M @ 2 - PRAYER TIME

All Christians, followers of the Way of Jesus, need to set aside time for prayer and worship; time to set the busy world to one side, to be still and communicate with God.

Regular Sunday morning worship services provide a time for this but often we find that we need more time. We find we need more time to reflect on and pray about those things which are particularly on our hearts.

Of course we can do this in our private prayer time but sometimes we find that to pray in the company of others gives a meaningfulness and an assurance which only comes when two or three are gathered together. M @ 2 (Monday at Two) offers that special time.

We sing one or two songs; we pray together (e.g. The Lord's Prayer); we may look at a passage from Scripture; we have times of quiet; we pray for each other and for any issues concerning our church and our lives. You can join in or just come and be there. We meet for about an hour but you can come and go when you like.

We are at Nigel & Barbara's house every Monday at 2pm.
Everyone is welcome.

In quiet prayer talk to God if you can. If you can't, just stay there, let God look at you; He may want you just to be still – He may want you just to listen for His voice.



For the benefice of Walmersley Road

- Sunday** For all our worship services.
Those who play the organ/keyboard
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. Nurseries, Pre-schools,
Primary Schools, Bury CE High School.
Our pastoral care to all the community.
- Wednesday** The Vicar and Assistant Priests.
The Licensed Readers and ALM. Our Study Groups.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.
Our ministry to those who are bereaved.
- Thursday** The Sunday School /Junior Church, Café 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. Mission Action Planning
Our care of the church buildings.

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One

A thought for times of trouble

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

By Elizabeth Graydon

Week Two

I am grateful to a friend who gave me this piece about children

A child is like a butterfly in the wind.
Some can fly higher than others,
But each one flies as best it can.

Why compare one against the other?

Each one is different.
Each one is special.
Each one is beautiful.



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Week Three

The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me.

Week Four

We pray for all those going on holiday in the coming weeks asking that they may find rest and relaxation which leads to renewal. May children experience wonder in new surroundings and parents enjoy time to grow closer to their offspring.

May time away from school or work bring
New experiences
Shared laughter
Fresh insights
New friends
Times of peace

Amen



Week Five

We pray for our benefice especially the ministers who serve you and your people. We remember especially Gill as she is ordained and begins her ministry as a curate here amongst us. Lord, show each one of us how to walk alongside her on her journey of faith and ministry that she may find friendship, encouragement and support.

Help us Lord to be a lively, loving community committed to living out the gospel and serving you and our neighbours by thought, word and deed.

Week Six

Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognising what we have in common rather than focusing on what our differences might be. Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy to others. Amen



Week Seven

An old prayer but still valuable at evening

May the Lord support us all the day long
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, in his mercy,
may he give us a safe lodging and a holy rest
and peace at the last.

Week Eight

Back to School



We Pray for children as they return to school after the holidays especially those for this will bring a big change; those starting school for the first time, those moving from primary to secondary school and those going on to Further or Higher Education.

We pray for all who are responsible for the education of children, teachers, headteachers, ancillary staff and leaders of uniformed organisations and Junior Church. Grant them knowledge, wisdom and patience to enable those in their care to achieve their potential.

*The things that we pray for, good Lord,
give us your grace to work for.*

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK SCOUT NEWS

From the Roll of Honour, St George's Day 2015:



Keith Duckworth received his 25 years' service and Pam Colbert her 15 years' service. Four boys received their Chief Scout bronze award: - Joseph Peat, Matthew Keck, Benjamin Ashworth-Tolan and Marcus Mellors.

Also there was a badge designing competition for the district. This was won by Cub, Finlay McDonald from the 11th-24th Group.

The Scouters Crown Green Bowling Team (Scout Leaders, executive members, Scouts and friends) are having a more successful season this year with a never before achieved seven winners in one match in May. The age range of the team ranges from 15 up to late 60s.



Also from the Roll of Honour, two members of **9th Bury Christ Church Walmersley** received service awards: - Luke Page, 10 years' service and Sarah Greenwood, 5 years' service.



The next fundraising event for the 11th-24th St John with St Mark Scout group will be a cream tea on Saturday 25th July.

Trinity Café Church at Christ Church



These are the words we listed as describing God as Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Trinity. We were also creating a triangular hanging to take home to remind us of this day.

Café Church is a different way of worshipping together and it is for everyone. This time we had coffee and croissants at the start – and drinks are always available to help yourself throughout the morning. We used triangles to post our thoughts on the prayer board. We learnt a song unfamiliar to many, "How great is our God" and sung the very familiar words of "Go forth and tell!"

As the second verse says,
God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?

Please invite a friend, a neighbour, a member of your family to our next Café Church, in September.

Teach us to pray

The young people at St John with St Mark were looking at our Father on Father's Day. We began rewriting in our own words The Lord's Prayer.



This is the station to help us focus our prayers.

We wrote or drew things we thought God would like to remove from Earth making it more like Heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread.

We looked at what we need to keep us going every day. The children related it to the bread at communion!!

Forgive us our trespasses.

We talked about boundaries and lines that we shouldn't cross. But being forgiven and also forgiving!!



Lead us not into temptation.



Each wrote something they felt tempted by. We then offered our temptation to Jesus (and talked about His temptation so the children knew it was something everyone did).

Jesus, represented by a candle took our temptations and reduced them to ash.

Amen

During May and June Mothers' Union has been very active again. We learned how our prayer links with overseas dioceses have changed and what the needs of Mothers' Union members in those areas are. Barbara and Nigel gave us much more than a geography lesson, enabling us to know more about the work of Mothers' Union overseas and making us realise how fortunate we are in this country.

Later in the month members brought some of their favourite things and talked about their importance to them. What a range there was, from elephants to stones, newspaper cuttings, holiday memorabilia and one of the ceramic poppies from the Remembrance display at the Tower of London.



June began with communion in the church hall followed by the annual "Strawberry Sparkle". We indulged in: pink butterfly buns, scones with jam & cream, chocolate strawberries, red jelly, plain strawberries with cream, ice cream or natural yogurt all washed down with pink wine spritzer or pink lemonade.

On 17th June we had a crafty night cutting out our hands in fabric which we will turn into a banner, to be displayed at the Evening of Celebration" at the Royal Northern College of Music on 30th September - tickets are priced at £8.00. A coach organised by Bury deanery will pick up members in Walmersley. If you would like a seat on the coach please let Kathryn or Tricia know.

On 1st July our speaker will talk to us about the wonderful work of the "Street Pastors" in Bury who go out on weekend nights giving assistance to the late night revellers in the town centre.

15th July brings our annual meal out with family and friends. This year we will be going to the Peacock Room at the Crimble in Bamford. Barbara has details of the menu and will be happy to take your deposit of £10.00.

Why not join us at Holy Cross College at 7.15pm on 29 July for an Evening of Entertainment – organised jointly by Mothers' Union, Union of Catholic Mothers' and Catholic Women's League. Tickets are just £5 including supper.

On August 5th our speaker's subject will be "On Eagles Wings". Bolton Archdeaconry Festival will be held at St Bartholomew Westhoughton on Monday 10th – let us know if you need a lift. On the 19th we will be getting to know our new curate Gill. And finally, on Friday 21st we will be having a coffee morning / afternoon tea at 14 Springside Road in aid of the Big Wheels Appeal from 10.00 till 12.00 and from 2.00 till 4.00. The cost will be £3.00 and there will also be stall selling home-made produce.

Our 106th Birthday will be celebrated on 2nd September with a bring and share supper in the Church Hall.

Pam Hoyle

Open Group Summer meetings



Wednesday 8th July

'Living in Occupied Denmark'

Led by Mrs Berte Langton

Wednesday 12th August

'Galapagos Islands'

Led by Mr Peter Smith

Both at 7.30pm in the Library

Please remember, the Open Group is just that, open to all.

We would love you to join us for our meetings.



THE OPEN GROUP

On 10th June the Open Group welcomed Reverend Paul Sanderson to give an illustrated entitled 'Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk'.

Paul dressed for the occasion in shorts, and complete with rucksack, set the scene for this walking experience which has become one of the most inspiring long distance walks in the world.

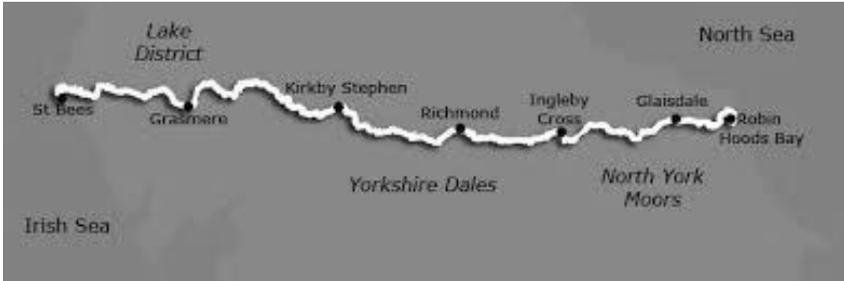
Paul described the challenges that 'coast to coasters' meet when walking the route, which stretches from St. Bees on the West coast to Robin Hood's Bay on the East coast.

In crossing 3 National Parks and at a distance of 192 miles, Paul emphasised the need never to underestimate this journey in which the terrain and weather conditions can often change very quickly. To do it successfully you need to be reasonably fit, have a light rucksack with essential provisions, wear good walking boots and have map and compass.



The national trail described and illustrated by Paul certainly gives the perfect snapshot of England. Paul undertook the journey with friends in 12 planned stages.

It depicted mountains and moors, valleys and lakes and picturesque villages of outstanding scenery and beauty in the English Lakes, to the rugged landscapes of the Pennines, culminating in the rolling hills and often immaculate farmland of North Yorkshire.



Paul described some of the common traditions that walkers share during their coast to coast journey. From dipping your toes in the sea at St. Bees on the West Coast, and pocketing a pebble, and celebrating the end of your journey in Wainwright's Bar at the Bay Hotel in Robin Hood's Bay.

The group thanked Paul for the great deal of work in presenting the event. It was indeed a story of friendship and adventure and of the camaraderie shared with other walkers.



COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Saturday 11th July from 10.00am

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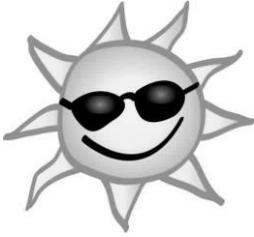
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BACON SANDWICHES

TEA & COFFEE

OTHER STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



BENEFICE SUMMER EVENT

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Sunday 23rd August from 1.00pm

Maybe a barbecue or a cold buffet, however please join us for a get-together on the last weekend before the big return to schools, and perhaps work for some.

Further details nearer the time, but please make a note of this date. Everybody is welcome to join us for this social activity.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

- The Infant School Choir performed several songs at the Summer Fair at St.John with St.Mark's on 13 June. The next day the Junior School choir went on a singing tour to Guernsey.
- There are a number of vacancies on the School Governing Body that meets at least three times a year. If anyone is interested in serving on this important committee please speak to the Vicar or the HeadTeacher.
- The school's website has recently been updated. The address is www.stjohnwithst.mark.org.uk
- The school's Kwik Cricket team took part in the final of a tournament at Greenmount Cricket Club. They beat Gorsefield School and narrowly lost to Holcombe Brook and St.Bernadette's. The Vicar umpired all three games!

- Three new teachers have been appointed to begin work in September. A new building is also planned to deal with the anticipated increase in school numbers.
- The Year 6 Leavers Assembly takes place on Wednesday 15 July, beginning at 9.00am. All are welcome to attend.
- DATES FOR THE DIARY:
 Friday 17 July End of Term
 Wednesday 2 September New school year starts
- *The school strives to be "a place where quality learning and effective teaching are delivered in order to develop a real sense of adventure and wonder".*

PLEASE PRAY FOR MRS MOORE AND ALL THE CHILDREN,
 FAMILIES, STAFF & GOVERNORS
 CONNECTED WITH THE SCHOOL

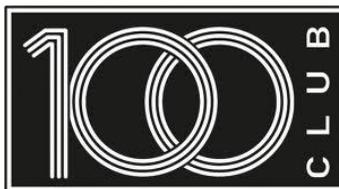
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 Tel: 0161 764 5330*

MAY 2015 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Betty Roe

2nd Prize ~ George Hall

3rd Prize ~ Ian Banks



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP

Why not come and enjoy a walk up the Irwell valley and back on July 4th? Led by Ralph Mallinson

Join the walking group of our Benefice for this not too strenuous trek; there'll be good company, good views, and possibly a pint or two of beer *en route* – not to mention the possibility of seeing a steam train or two on the East Lancashire Railway. Finishing at the Lord Raglan for refreshment.

We meet at outside St. John with St. Mark's Hall for a 9.30 am start, and should be back 10 miles or so later.

On Saturday 1st August Geoff Hamilton will lead a walk to Norden and Greenbooth Reservoir.

Please meet at the Lychgate at Christ Church Walmersley at 9.30am

Everybody is welcome to come along on any of our walks. Please bring a packed lunch, sensible footwear and waterproofs. If you would like further information, please speak to Ralph or Geoff.



The Walking Group now has its own page on the St. John with St. Mark Website. Please have a look at what we have been up to and what we have planned for 2015.



FUNDRAISING

BACON SANDWICHES

TEA AND COFFEE

Christ Church Hall

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

10am – 1pm

Come and join us for breakfast

Photographs of Old Walmersley on display

Booth Centre wish list

From the June newsletter

We're now being visited by over 220 people each week. As you can imagine, we would struggle to continue to offer free meals and drinks to all these people without the generosity of the local community. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to us recently.

At the moment we're particularly short of **coffee, biscuits, rice, sugar, fruit squash, tinned fruit and tinned potatoes**. If you're able to donate any of these things or hold a collection in your workplace or church, we'd be extremely grateful. Thank you.

Rhyming Words – Prize Quiz – Answers

1. Crimson Cot.....Red bed
2. Bantam Contestant.....Lighter Fighter
3. Best Friend.....Great Mate
4. Bouquet Strength.....Flower Power
5. Underhand Woman.....Shady Lady
6. Shy Youth.....Coy Boy
7. Throw Sparkle.....Fling Bling
8. Verdant Panorama.....Green Scene
9. Possesses Boat.....Got Yacht
10. Welshman GrumblesJones Moans
11. Tubby Pussy.....Fat Cat
12. Fresh Menagerie.....New Zoo
13. Wayward Youngster.....Wild Child
14. Which RubbishWhat Rot
15. Nicer Jersey.....Better Sweater
16. Chilly Embrace.....Cold Hold
17. Damp PlankMoist Joist
18. White ChristmasCool Yule
19. Listless Noble.....Bored Lord
20. Prim GirlStaid Maid

The winner is Hilary Riddick who had 18 correct answers. 9 other people had between 15 and 17 correct answers.

Thank you for all your support. The quiz raised £44 for church funds. Alison Fewtrell

SUMMER PRAISE

at Christ Church

**on Sunday, 12 July
at 10.30 a.m.**

Informal worship
with modern and traditional hymns

led by Tottington Prize Band

Weather permitting on the Church Field,
otherwise in Church

EVERYONE is welcome

COPPER COLLECTIONS

Our young people have been busy collecting and our adults have been busy contributing. The weekly copper collection during the last hymn of our Sunday morning services has helped a number of charitable organisations such as Embrace the Middle East, Bury Hospice, Save the Children Fund, Children's Relief Bethlehem and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital in recent months.

Currently St.John with St.Mark are supporting the Joshua Wilson Brain Tumour Charity, inspired by the example of Josh Wilson the 4 year old local boy who died last November after a 10 year battle with a brain tumour. Donations will help Josh's Charity improve the lives of children with brain tumours & post-surgery disabilities, through financial solutions for specialist equipment, house adaptations and advice.

Another local charity that has been suggested for our copper collections is Bury Pipeline – the talking newspaper for the blind. This organisation currently has 45 volunteers who communicate items in local newspapers to 140 listeners. Many Christ Church members help with this charity. Your support and donations will help Pipeline purchase new CDs – about 80 of which are used each week. They have to buy special bright yellow plastic pouches so that the listeners can identify the contents. The pouches are padded to prevent breakages and have to be able to be carried by Guide Dogs with sharp teeth!

Thank you to all who contribute. Little do we realise when the children are collecting our coppers that we are making a real difference to someone's life. If anyone has information about a suitable charity that we can support, please have a word with one of the church officials.

Guides is really good, we always do loads of really fun activities and in the summer we sometimes play rounders!

We go to Big Gig every year and at the end of every term we go on a trip. I really like it and we have loads of fun.

Ruby S

On 13 June, 10 of us in total went to the Big Gig in Sheffield. We saw 8 acts. It took 2 hours 15 minutes to get there.

Katy, Minhha, Ruby R

Guides is great because we do lots of crafts and activities. We have painted pots and planted sunflower seeds which we are going to grow over the summer.

Niamh

Guides is great!

We have so much fun! We go on trips, play games and learn new things.

Recently we have been to the Big Gig which was in Sheffield. There were 8 performances including Labrinth, The Vamps and M.O. It was very entertaining and everybody had flashing lights.

Soon we're going to Wellies and Wristbands and are very excited.

These are just a few of the things we do.

Ella, Annabelle, Freya

Look out later in the year for details of the sunflowers – maybe they will send us some photos.

Editor

Guides is really fun and everything that we do is really fun. We recently went to the Big Gig and it was amazing. We love Guides. *Flossy*

WHO AM I?

Ralph came across these sentences as he was sorting out some papers and suggests they may be helpful for some of us as we reflect and pray.

I am the salt of the earth. (Matt. 5.13)

I am the light of the world. (Matt. 5.14)

I am a member of Christ's Body. (1 Cor. 12.27, Eph. 5.30)

I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in him. (Col. 2.7)

I am a child of God and one in Christ. (Gal. 3.25, 28)

Christ himself is in me. (Col. 1.27)

I am an heir of God since I am a child of God. (Gal. 4.6,7)

I am hidden with Christ in God. (Col.3.3)

I am a friend of Jesus. (John 15.15)

I am chosen and appointed by Jesus to bear his fruit.

(John 15.16)

Study Groups

Autumn groups will begin in September so please watch out for details. These short courses enable us to explore new ideas and to share fellowship without committing ourselves for the longer term. Held on different days and various locations please look to see if there is one to suit you.



Revive a hobby or begin a new one

Do you want to improve your artistic skills or simply enjoy painting with a group of friends?



A new series of Art Classes will begin on September 4th in the Church Hall on Friday morning and afternoon.

Please contact Sybil Fryer
for details

An Art Workshop at which there is no teacher but group members help each other will begin on Monday September 7th

Please contact Alison Fewtrell
for details



Snowdon Challenge

25 of us set off from Pen Y Pass climbing the Pyg Track to the top of Snowden on a slightly overcast but dry day. We made steady progress and as we reached the top we disappeared into cloud.

The group split into two about half going back the easier descent of the Miner's Track whilst Chas and I did the harder route descending on the Watkin path before climbing Lliwedd and then descending to the Miner's track and back to Pen Y pass 8 miles and 4000ft later.

This is to raise funds for the Emseni House of Grace Project in Swaziland. This is a refuge for children who have been abused by their parents; neglected; malnourished; some are double orphans i.e. both parents have died from HIV and Aids.



In total we will have raised about £700 between us so a big thank you to everybody.

Paul Sanderson

Please see the back page for photographs.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY/AUGUST

Jul 1	2.30pm	Songs of Praise Priory Highbank Centre
Jul 1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union – Street Pastors (CC)
Jul 4	2.00pm 9.30am	Wedding and baptism (SJM) Walk along Irwell Valley
Jul 5		Fifth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
Jul 8	7.30pm	Open Group – Berte Langton (SJM) Living in Occupied Denmark
Jul 11	11.00am	Book Sale and Coffee Morning (SJM)
Jul 12		Sixth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual (SJM)
	10.30am	Summer Praise on the Field (CC)
Jul 13	10.00am	Springside Leavers' Service (CC)
Jul 15	7.00pm	Mothers' Union Summer Meal
Jul 18	9.45am 10.00am	Congregation Meeting (CC) Clean up day (SJM)
Jul 19		Seventh Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
	10.30am	Baptism (CC)
Jul 25		Scout Cream Tea (SJM)
Jul 26		Eighth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual (SJM)
	12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
Jul 27	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice
Jul 29	7.15pm	Evening of Entertainment, Holy Cross

- Aug 1 9.30am Walk to Greenbooth
- Aug 2 **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Services as usual
- Aug 5 7.30pm Mothers' Union (CC)
On Eagle's Wings
- Aug 9 **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
Services as usual
- Aug 10 7.30pm MU Archdeaconry Festival
- Aug 12 7.30pm Open Group – The Galapagos Islands
Mr Peter Smith
- Aug 15 10.00am Breakfast with Photographs (CC)
- Aug 16 **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
Services as usual
- Aug 19 7.30pm Mothers' Union (CC)
Meet Gill – our new curate
- Aug 21 10am & 2pm Big Wheels Appeal event
- Aug 23 **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
Services as usual
12.30pm Baptisms (CC & SJM)
1.00pm Benefice Barbecue/Lunch (SJM)
- Aug 29 3.30pm Wedding (SJM)
- Aug 30 **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am Joint Service to welcome Gill as Curate
(CC)
No other services in the benefice



Wave for the Camera

On the way up



Nearly at the top looking down

Chas at the Top



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