



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



November 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



Seasons and Times Change

They say a change is as good as a rest.

Having just celebrated Harvest, we are now in a period of waiting and change. We are waiting for Advent to start. This is a time of anticipation, waiting and change. I am waiting in anticipation for the change from serving in the UBWR Team to serving in the Roch Valley Team.

As I write this letter, it will be my last as a Minister in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road. It will be the last letter to my family who have shared so much of the past 15 years of my life. We have shared the ups and downs, the happy and sad times, the joy and laughter, but, most of all, my journey into ministry. You have walked with me and been my support.

Having a young family, working full-time, studying (virtually full-time) for three years, leading originally 3 services on a Sunday, often followed by a baptism and rounding off the day with youth group, was sometimes tough and tiring. After finishing my first 3 years of training followed by another 4 years of much of the same, whilst pulling together a portfolio which, in effect, was just like doing the first 3 years again! It was, at times, a tough and long 7 years.

Would I change any of it?

NO. I was chosen by God for this journey and life in ministry. He called me by name, I was His choice and I accepted.

So, what has my time as a minister meant to me? It has meant the world. For the support I have received. For the friends I have made. For the experiences I have been given. It has been humbling to walk alongside people, be on their journey with them, to serve people and to share the Eucharist. Being part of the family of this United Benefice has been a privilege.

I am especially proud of the children's work and all the people who give 100% time and effort, often with little thanks or acknowledgment. Thank you to all those people, and please, keep up the fantastic work you all do. This was my initial ministry here and I make no apologies for the stance I have made for our young people. They are our future today and deserve to have a voice.



I pray for the future of the benefice as it moves forward. I pray that you support Vicar Dave as he leads the benefice, which may include changes. I pray for all those who minister in the benefice that their journeys may continue to flourish.

I will always be thankful and humbled for my time here. I will keep you all in my heart and my prayers. I do leave this benefice with a heavy heart as it has given me so much. I hope that I have given, even if it has just been a little, to you all in return.

All my love, prayers and blessings go to each and every one of you.

Your friend, Janet. XXXX



At the services across the Benefice on Sunday 4 October it was announced that the Revd. Janet Lyssejko, Ordained Local Minister of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, is to move to the parish of Roch Valley, Bury as a Non Stipendiary Minister. The parish of Roch Valley includes the churches of St. Peter's on Manchester Road and St. Thomas' on Rochdale Road. Janet will be known there as Associate Priest. Her last date in this benefice will be on 15 November. We give thanks for Janet's ministry amongst us and pray for her in this new role.



BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 1 All Saints' Day

Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44

Nov 8 Remembrance Sunday

Jonah 3; 1-5,10 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 1: 14-20

Nov 15 Second before Advent

Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8

Nov 22 Christ the King

Daniel 7: 9-11, 13-14 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37

Nov 29 Advent Sunday

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36

Journeying with the Church Year

The four weeks prior to Advent are known as the Kingdom season – and they come at the climax of the Church Year. All that we celebrate from Advent – Trinity focuses on Jesus and his God-given power to re-shape human life for good. This is his King-ship over all.

The kingdom season begins with the celebration of All Saints, remembering God's holy people across the ages. This concept of remembering continues with Remembrance Sunday – a very significant day in community and church life in across the country. The pinnacle of the Kingdom Season comes with the celebration of Christ the King on the final Sunday of the Church Year. The gospel reading for that day includes Pilate's conversation with Jesus with the question: "So you are a King?" On Advent Sunday, we move into Year C of the three year lectionary. During this year most of the gospel readings come from St.Luke and his distinctive and practical way of encouraging people to be more confident in their faith.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

September 27 Edward Stewart Havers
 Robert William Havers

October 4 Charlie Steven Brooks

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

Interment of ashes in the garden of remembrance:

Sept 20 Tom Hopkinson

"I am the resurrection and the life....."




ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2015

Sun, 29 Nov	6.00pm	Advent Songs of Praise	CCW
Mon, 7 Dec	6.30pm	Christingle Services	CCW & JMB
Sun, 20 Dec	6.30pm	Benefice Carol Service	JMB
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Crib Service	JMB
	6.00pm	Family Service	CCW
	11.30pm	Parish Communion	CCW & JMB
Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Communion	CCW & JMB
Sun, 27 Dec	10.30am	Joint Benefice Service	JMB

Our Benefice Prayer Diary

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services.
Those who play the organ/keyboards.
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.
Bury Library Service. The PCCs and their committees
Those who provide and arrange church flowers.
- TUESDAY:** All the educational establishments in the parish.
Nurseries, Pre-schools, Primary Schools,
St.John with St.Mark CE School. School Governors.
Our pastoral care to all the community.
- WEDNESDAY:** The Vicar and Assistant Priests.
Licensed Readers & ALM.
Our Study Groups.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.
Our ministry to those bereaved.
- THURSDAY:** The Sunday School /Junior Church.
Café Church services. Our work with young people.
Those preparing to be married in church.
Our baptism ministry.
- FRIDAY:** Our music ministry. The study groups.
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.
Mission Action Planning

FROM THE VICARAGE

- * Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival arrangements. The harvest gifts were distributed to the Porch Project, Caritas and the Victoria Night Shelter at Openshaw.
- * The autumn Study Groups looking at the book of James were well attended. Thanks to Ian and June Banks for their hospitality. Advent groups will be arranged. Please look out for the details in the church notices.
- * The MOB (Men Of the Benefice) Group meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting is on 30 November, beginning at 8.00pm and the speaker will be Nigel Silvester. The venue will be announced on the church news sheets.
- * Remember that the next edition of the magazine is a bumper two month issue so events in January should be forwarded. If you wish to send Christmas Greetings through the magazine, please send them to wrub@live.co.uk
- * The Porch project are currently struggling to meet demand and asking for more foodstuff. Both churches have a box at the back of church to support this worthy cause. 
- * The Diocesan magazine CRUX is looking for lay people who would be willing to share their story of how God has been moving in their life in the Brief Encounter section of the publication. If you would like to share your story please have a word with me.
- * 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.

* Any enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc should be made at the Parish Office at St.John with St.Mark's Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.

* Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the choir at Christ Church should speak to Geoff or Tricia Stokes.

*Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the wardens.

* Both of our Church Halls are available for a whole range of activities for use by church and community groups. Please however check with the bookings officers if the building is otherwise occupied before anything is arranged. The contact details are at the back of this magazine.

* The Churches Together in Bury organisation meets bi-monthly on the third Monday evening of the month. The next meeting takes place on November 16. Both PCCs are looking for representatives to attend these meetings. If anyone is interested, please have a word with me.

ALL SOULS



SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

3.00pm

St.John with St.Mark Church

ALL WELCOME

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One

As I tidied out a cupboard this week, I found a card with this on it:

Jesus is pleased.

Jesus is pleased to come to us

As the truth to be told
and the life to be lived,
as the light to be lighted
and the love to be loved,
as the joy to be given
and the peace to be spread.



Mother Teresa

Week Two A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered
From the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Week Three

In the ruins of Coventry Cathedral I came across these prayers

In Industry	God be in my hands and in my making.
In the Arts	God be in my senses and in my creating.
In the Home	God be in my heart and in my loving.
In Commerce	God be at my desk and in my trading.
In Suffering	God be in my pain and in my enduring.
In Government	God be in my plans and in my deciding.
In Education	God be in my mind and in my growing.
In Recreation	God be in my limbs and in my leisure.



Week Four

An Advent Prayer



God of hope
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting
and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship
and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 8 November

*This year marks the 100th anniversary of the famous poem
– In Flanders Field by John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, 1915

PARADE SERVICES with Acts of Remembrance.



10.30am Christ Church

10.30am St.John with St.Mark (with Communion)

“We will remember them”



Real Advent Calendar

Challenging the new media driven rhythm of the year

Have you noticed how the Christian year is being increasingly replaced by the agendas of the media and consumerism?

Advent has become the time of the X Factor live shows and counting down to the race for the Christmas number one.

We feel that The Real Advent Calendar, with its daily treat of really good chocolate, a line from the Christmas story and the unique 32 page Advent story booklet, allows us to challenge that focus in a fun way and share the fulfilment of God's promise in the birth of his son.

This is a simple but powerful way to show that Christmas starts with Christ.

It is also one of the ways in which we remember those less fortunate than ourselves as we prepare for Jesus' birth as a donation to a baby clinic in Kenya and to Traidcraft's campaign for trade justice is made from each purchase .

I now have a small stock of these Calendars at Christ Church for sale at £3.99 each

Barbara Silvester



FROM THE COUNCILS

Report of Christ Church PCC meeting 15 September 2015

- The mowing of the graveyard has been completed.
The gaps in the rota for paying for flowers in church that was reported at the last meeting have now been largely filled.
- It is intended to hold the service at which the top ten hymns chosen by the congregation will be played on Sunday the 29th November at 6pm.
- A survey entitled "Response to Poverty" was received from the diocese. PCC members were asked to review the questions and let the secretary have their replies.
- There is to be a choir concert by the choir of St Martins in the Field from London on the 24th of October in the church. A flyer will be produced and tickets will be available in advance and on the door.
- The parish share for Christ Church for 2016 will be £33,927. Changes to the system mean that the parish share is now set for three years and the income and attendance surveys will take place together in October.
- It was proposed and accepted that we pay a further £2000 towards our 2015 parish share.
- When the junior church copper collection reaches a total of £100 it will be donated to the Joshua Wilson brain trust charity.
- The fund raising race night made a total of £195 and was enjoyed by all who attended.
- The sale of the field was discussed again and it was decided that a meeting with the diocesan registrar would be appropriate before any action is taken. The vicar and certain PCC members will attend a meeting.
- A faculty for the fitting of a handrail to the vestry steps has been received and the handrail is in manufacture.

- It was proposed and accepted that we install two new LED external lights to the church and church hall.
 - The vicar noted that the "Messy Church" at Seedfield Methodists was working wonders and was attended by up to 60 individuals.
 - In Vicar's remarks the following points were raised.
 - The mission action plan is ongoing.
 - The Men of the Benefice brewery visit is scheduled for the 2nd October.
 - There is to be a basics group to nurture new believers.
 - Sister Joan from CARITAS who run all sorts of social activities for people, had been in contact with the vicar and anyone who thinks someone in the parish would benefit from a visit should contact the vicar.
 - The next PCC meeting is on the 11th of November.
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St. John with St. Mark

The next meeting is October 22nd , which will not give time for a report in this magazine. The following meeting is on December 3rd.

There will be a joint PCC meeting on December 8th.



“May God direct our thinking and our decision making”

Recently at Deanery and Diocesan levels we have celebrated belonging to a world-wide organisation. The Celebration service held at the Royal Northern College of Music gave us an overview of the many diverse projects that Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union is involved with, at local level with the 'Just up your street' initiative, to Diocesan projects with the goody bags and soup for students.

However it is right and good that we are reminded that our national organisation is involved in campaigning for projects that can effect change both here in the UK and worldwide. So we are encouraged to pray for and support the campaign detailed on the following page.

Thank you to all who supported the Deanery festival held at Christ Church. It was encouraging to see the branches of the deanery gather together in worship, prayer and praise. The donations of cake were very well received and we have received a card from the Deanery leader thanking us for hosting this event. Thanks to Tricia Stokes who collected and set up the display at the back church highlighting what Mothers' Union is all about. Please take some time to have a look at it.

Dates for the diary:

Nov 4 Corned beef Hash supper
followed by Holy Communion (in the Hall)
On this occasion we are eating first.
Please arrive promptly.

Nov 18 'Rhymes and wines' - an opportunity to share favourite poems and rhymes over a glass or two of wine

Advance notice for December

Dec 2 Revd Gill Barnett will lead us in our Advent meditation

You are assured of a warm welcome if you would like to join us at our meetings.

Kathryn Bailey, Branch Leader

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence



Mothers' Union wants violence against women and girls to end before it even starts.

Mothers' Union is proud to be participating for a third year in the 16 Days of Activism against gender violence campaign as part of its ongoing work to stop violence against women and girls. Beginning on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ending on 10th December, Human Rights Day we encourage our members and supporters to join in and be a part of this year's campaign.

The campaign is used by individuals and groups around the world to call for an end to all forms of violence against women by:

- Raising awareness about gender-based violence at local, national, regional and international levels
- Strengthening local work around violence against women
- Establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women
- Providing a forum in which organisations can develop and share new and effective strategies
- Demonstrating the solidarity of women around the world, standing up for violence against women
- Creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women

Throughout the world our 4 million members work across 83 countries in order to create favourable conditions for family life in many of the areas in which we operate to end violence against woman and girls through prayer, practical support and advocacy & campaigns.

The impact of this work is wide reaching; for example in Kenya Mothers' Union have carried out extensive work in different communities to raise awareness and support for those who have experienced, or who are at the risk of genital mutilation. Members hold workshops with church leaders and those in authority, raising awareness of this harmful practice. Following this work in sensitising the community, coupled with other organisations, the Female Genital Mutilation Act outlawing the practice was introduced in Kenya.

As well as our grassroots work in communities, Mothers' Union lobbies governments and policy makers at local, national and international levels. Whilst laws and policies relating to gender equality, discrimination and violence against women and girls can vary across the world there are a number of policy principles we believe need to be implemented globally including age appropriate relationship & sex education and legislation outlawing all forms of violence against women and girls.

Whilst much progress has been made there is still much to do! Mothers' Union has developed an activism pack to support and offer practical advice and ideas for anyone wishing to participate in 16 Days of Activism. It can be found on our website:

<http://www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/campaign/16-days-activism-against-gender-violence>

The pack includes the following;

- Information about 16 Days of Activism and gender-based violence
- Ideas on raising awareness and campaigning on gender-based violence
- Resources such as press release template and poster
- Prayer and worship resources
- Planning materials

For any further support and/or information, please do not hesitate to contact Mothers' Union at policy@mothersunion.org

A HEART WARMING STORY

This morning whilst shopping, my car keys were dropped as the car door was opened. Unfortunately they dropped into a grid. This happened on the Rock in Bury.

A young man came to help but couldn't do anything.



My heart sank at the thought of obtaining new keys, with all the inconvenience and expense involved.

I was panicking when three large tattooed young men appeared. They tried to remove the grating but to no avail.

Off they went into a nearby shop and purchased a long-handled brush with which to probe into the drain. Still no luck.

Next, with great effort they were able to move the car and eventually lifted the grating. They spent some time probing and fishing and eventually after I had given up hope, retrieved the keys.



I was immensely grateful to them. They had given their time, money and energies to help me, when they could easily have passed by.

They refused my offer to buy them a drink and would not even let me pay for the brush.

Good Samaritans are not only found in the Bible – they are alive and well in Bury!

Pat Mongey

This month, both Gill and Ralph have submitted thoughts about prayer which will make us reflect on our prayers and help us to pray.

From Ralph

Prayer is the peace of our spirit,
the stillness of our thoughts,
the evenness of our recollection,
the seat of meditation,
the rest of our cares,
the calm of our tempest,
the issue of a quiet mind
the daughter of charity, and
the sister of meekness.

And from Gill

It is said that on the morning of the first battle of the English Civil War, Jacob Astley, who was to lead the combat, prayed,

'Lord, I shall be very busy this day. If I forget thee, do not thou forget me.'

Sometimes we don't know what or how to pray and sometimes life just overwhelms us and we forget this most important life-line. At least if we can begin and end each day with prayer then we can be confident of God's hand being on us even if we are too busy to notice.

A Prayer for a Stranger

We may not know the person sitting opposite us on the bus or in the park but feel that they need to know God's blessing:

To me you are anonymous: God calls you by name.

To me you are a mystery: God knows your every breath.

To me your destiny is unknown: God guide you safely there and may His blessing be yours now and always. Amen.

HARVEST AT THE PRIORY

A group from Christ Church led a Harvest celebration at the Priory Highbank Centre on Wednesday 14 October 2015. This continued the series of services at the Centre in recent months.

Harvest hymns were sung as well as a collection of Bible readings and prayers as well as a story from the Vicar. Gill played the keyboard. The Christ Church group also sang "Beauty for brokenness".

As always there was a very good attendance from patients, families and staff at the Centre. There were also some refreshments afterwards giving everyone the opportunity to chat.



A gift of Harvest produce from the Priory was presented to Dave who took them to the Booth Centre in Manchester the next day.

Thanks to all who joined us in this outreach service. Our next visit will be the Carol Service on Wednesday 16 December when the service will begin at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us at this special event.

FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

- Nov 1 Mr & Mrs Brian Crow
- Nov 8 In memory of past Mothers' Union members
- Nov 15 Peter, Steven and Tina Jones in memory of Jennifer Jones
- Nov 22 Vacant
- Nov 29 In memory of Jennifer Melling and Mary Illesley

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Congratulations if you managed to make the cookies from the recipe in last month's magazine!!!! You certainly would not have won "Bake Off" with them.

The recipe should have read:

Makes 12-16
Prep Time 10 min.
Cooking Time 10 min.

Ingredients

1 cup of peanut butter
½ cup of sugar
1 egg

(you can vary the recipe by using smooth or crunchy peanut butter or a different nut butter or using a different sugar)

Beat the three ingredients well together. Form into equal cookie-sized pieces and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 10 mins at 180C. Leave to cool for a couple of minutes before taking off the tray.



CCW –Our “Top 10” Hymns

An extra-special Evensong service will take place on:



Sunday November 29th,

Advent Sunday, at 6.00 pm

during which we will sing our “Top Ten” favourite hymns, as voted for by the congregation. These will be interspersed by a selection of readings.

Please use as many strips for nominations as you wish, make your choice(s) and place them, along with 50p per entry, into the box at the back of church or give to any of the ministers.

Last date for entry is **Sunday 22nd November**
after which the count will begin!



CCW –Our “Top 10” Hymns

My favourite hymn is - _____

A donation 50p per of entry to be made to Church Funds.

Please place your nomination and donation in the box at the back of Church. You are invited to enter as many times as you wish.

Many thanks.

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP

Our most recent adventure took place in October. Seven of us (+ 2 dogs) met at the Owd Betts pub on Edenfield Road to begin our 11 mile round trip. We set off at 10.00am in rather misty conditions with the expectations of this lifting early. It soon became apparent however that this would not be the case.

We began our journey up towards Scout Moor. As we journeyed along the footpaths through the windfarm, we were unable to make out the turbines in the thick mist until we were right up close to them. They looked very eerie in the cloud and mist.



We arrived at Waugh's Well for elevenses. The well was built in 1866 at Fo' Edge Farm on the moors above Edenfield to commemorate the life of the Lancashire dialect poet Edwin Waugh. We paused for a short while to reflect on his life and some of his work at the information post.

Continuing along the Rossendale Way towards Cowpe and then along Rooley Moor Road, we passed many hundreds of sheep and other livestock, before pausing for lunch overlooking Greenbooth Reservoir. A very scenic place and we were blessed with a lull in the mist at this point.

We reached our intended destination, the pillar at the summit of 400 metre high Knowl Hill, with our heads literally in the clouds.

Our final adventure came when John Brennan & Michael Ryan attempted to rescue a stranded quad biker. They were unsuccessful but their offer of help was appreciated nonetheless.

NB – Don't worry, the biker's friends eventually arrived to help him. We finished back at our starting point about 3.30pm and a drink at the Owd Betts would have been lovely but time did not allow it.

Despite the mist, the walk was greatly enjoyed by all and we appreciated the leadership of Paul, who navigated us through the elements perfectly.

Best foot forward, David Robinson



NEXT WALKS - EXPLORE THE IRWELL SCULPTURE TRAIL

Over three stages this Autumn & Winter

Saturday 7 November – Salford Quays to Burrs Country Park
Meet at Bury Metrolink at 9am

Saturday 12 December – Burrs Country Park to Rawtenstall
Meet St John's Church Hall at 9.30am

Saturday 9 January – Rawtenstall to Clough Head, Bacup
Meeting time TBA

Everybody is welcome to come along.

Please bring a packed lunch, sensible footwear and
waterproofs.

If you would like further information, please speak to Paul.

*We must move from asking God to take
care of the things that are breaking our
hearts to praying about the things that
are breaking God's heart.*

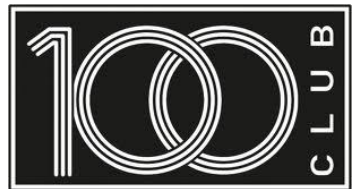
(Margaret Gibb. In The Breath of the Soul by Joan Chittister.)

NOVEMBER 2015 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ David Robinson

2nd Prize ~ June Banks

3rd Prize ~ Eileen Smith



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

The word *posada* comes from the Spanish to *lodge* or *shelter* and there is a tradition in many countries especially Mexico of a travelling nativity. This custom of Mary and Joseph travelling around from house to house during Advent is one in which we have joined within the benefice in previous years. It is a great opportunity to share our faith with others. If you would like to take part please sign the sheets at the back of our churches.

Earlier this year the Board of Education in Manchester Diocese had the brilliant idea of encouraging children in its many church schools to be involved. The idea was to provide Mary, Joseph and a donkey, and Mothers' Union in Manchester was approached to see if members would be willing to knit these figures.

Cath Hilton and the trustees asked members at Council and there was sufficient interest for them to go back and say, YES. At the time of writing 67 schools have 'signed up' for this and each will complete a scrapbook to describe the journey. Our schools are among those who have applied.

if you are interested in knitting figures do have a word with Cath – soon!

Let us all pray that this initiative will take the Advent promise into hundreds of homes in our diocese and in this benefice.



FIREWORKS AND KARAOKE

Friday 6th November from 7.00pm
St John with St Mark Church Hall



FIREWORKS

KARAOKE

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

HOT FOOD

LICENSED BAR

Tickets - Adults £2.00, Children £1.00, Family Tickets £5.00

ALL ARE WELCOME



North West invites you to

ENGAGE WITH

your community, local schools, young people.
3 workshops with practical ideas, resources and discussion

16th November 2015, 7 – 9.30 pm
at Bolton Road Methodist Church
Registration required. See Gill for more details.

St. John with St. Mark Christmas Fair

**Saturday 28th November 2015
11am - 2pm**

Traidcraft

Cake stall

Tombolas

Cards and Gifts

Toys & Games

Books & Jigsaws

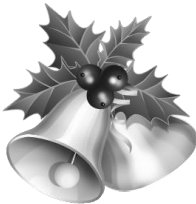
White Elephant

Raffle & much more



Lunches Available

Visit Santa in his Grotto



Please come along and support this event
and enjoy our friendship.

If you have any new ideas for stalls or attractions, or can
supply items for the stalls, please
speak to the wardens or clergy in advance.



Christian Muslim Forum

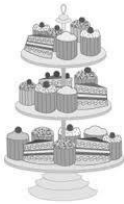
Tuesday November 17th. 8pm
at the Church Hall, School Lane, Walmersley Bury

Muslim-Christian-Jewish responses to the question
'Why do interfaith dialogue?'

Tuesday December 1st 8pm
at Maqam (The Women's Centre) Fletcher Street Bury (Behind
Noor ul-Iism Mosque, Yarwood Street).

Questions and Answers:

ask the thing you always wanted to ask our Muslim, Christian
and Jewish panel.



A Christmas Afternoon Tea

WHEN ? Tuesday 8th December

WHERE? In the Church Hall at

CCW

WHAT TIME? 2.00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

St. Andrew—November 30

The feast of Saint Andrew invites us to consider his response to
Christ's call: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Are we hesitating to respond to Christ because we are waiting for just
the right moment, that perfect circumstance? Sadly, we may find that
while we are waiting, we miss opportunities to respond with the
generosity of a true follower of Christ.



WANTED ~ TOYS

All toys - boys & girls, young & old, noisy toys & quiet toys.
For our toy stall at the Fairs at St John with St Mark.

SOFT TOYS OUTDOOR TOYS GAMES

DOLLS

BOARD GAMES

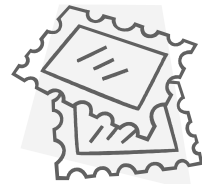
TOY CARS

AND MORE!!

If you can help, please contact Jackie Yates at St. John with St. Mark Church. Thank You.

LITTLE VOICE STAMPS

Please saved used stamps, especially as Christmas cards start arriving, which will be sent to the Little Voice charity. The stamps can be placed in the box at the back of church at Christ Church or handed to David Peters or any of the ministers.



David has been given a collection of First Day Covers and if anyone would like to make a bid for them please contact David, otherwise they will be sent to Little Voice to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

6.30pm

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

Please bring a toy for a local child in need

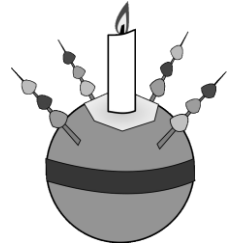


TABLE TALK for CHRISTMAS

“Table talk for Christmas” is an all-age family game that explores the spirit and meaning of the Christmas story. It enables family and friends to have a conversation about what is the important message of Christmas.

It is an ideal gift for anyone wishing to spread the good news of the birth of God’s Son. It is available free on iOS and GooglePlay. For details of how the scheme works go to the www.uglyduckling.company.com and follow the links.

Do try it this Christmas.





The Quiz night at Christ Church was once again a successful evening. The winning team, who had only met on the night, scored 83.5 points out of a possible 105. So the Stan Parkinson trophy is now in the possession of Gill and Peter Smith and Jean and Eleanor from Ramsbottom. Second place with 80 points went to Ian Riddick's team and the third to Margery's team with 78 points.

The event raise £280 pounds for church funds.

Many thanks for your support and to our quizmaster John Clegg from our quiz setter, Alison Fewtrell

P.S. The pies at the interval were very good.

Creation



In September, during the Creation season, Café Church used this as its theme. As we heard a dramatised version of Genesis chapter one (with impressions included!) we added :

darkness and light;
land and sea;
grasses, plants and fruit trees;
sun, moon and stars;
whales and fish and eels and dolphins and squid;
chickens and eagles and owls and woodpeckers;
lions and tigers and bears;
worms, ants and lizards,
bees and elephants;
cats and dogs and slugs;
man and woman;

And God saw that it was good; it was very, very good.

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***A BUFFET DINNER DANCE
– WITH AN EARLY FESTIVE FEEL***

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCE,
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL
ON FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH
£7.50 EACH

ALL WELCOME



ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP

The Open Group met on Wednesday 14th October. Linda Thompson held a craft night. A full review of what we got up to will be in the next magazine.

Our Next Meeting
Wednesday 11th November
at 7.30pm in the Library

'The Story of Coffee'
Led by Ian Banks



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

Please also remember our stall at the Christmas Fair on
Saturday 28th November. If you have any items, please bring
them to the meeting on 11th November, or hand to a member
of the Open Group committee prior to the Fair. Thank You

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Sun 1		All Saints Day Morning Services as usual 3.00pm Service for the Bereaved (SJM)
Wed 4	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CCW)
Fri 6	7.00pm	Karaoke and Fireworks (SJM)
Sat 7	9.00am	Walking Group
Sun 8		Remembrance Sunday Services as usual - acts of remembrance
Mon 9	7.30pm	Listening Group 150 Walmersley Road
Wed 11	7.30pm 7.30pm	PCC (CCW) Open Group (SJM) with Ian Banks
Fri 13	7.30pm	Buffet Dance (SJM)
Sun 15		Second Sunday before Advent Services as usual
Mon 16	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury
Tue 17	8.00pm	Christian Muslim Forum (CCW)
Wed 18	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CCW)
Sun 22		Christ the King Services as usual
Wed 25		16 Days of Activism begins
Sat 28	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM)
Sun 29		Advent Sunday Morning Services as usual 2.30pm Mothers' Union Advent Service, St Peter 6.00pm Advent Songs of Praise (CCW)
Mon 30	8.00pm	MOB (venue tba)



There are spaces in the Art Group at Christ Church on Friday afternoons – why not go along?

To see more work by those who currently attend visit the gallery on the website

<http://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/we-invite-you/art-groups/art-gallery.php>



For these paintings we thank Alison Fewtrell, Marion Traynor and Ian Riddick