



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



SEPTEMBER 2016



50p



REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

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| 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

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| | Monday@2 | 49 Fairlands Road |
| 7.30 p.m. | 1 st Listening Prayer | 150 Walmersley Road |

Wednesday

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

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| 2.00 p.m. | 1 st 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



Past, Present, Future – a Life of Change

Whoever said 'plus ca change' (the more things change) obviously had a year similar to the one I've had this last year. It seems to have been absolutely everything I thought was usual, normal, regular, dependable has altered in some way; some things just a little; some things quite measured; some things suddenly and quite dramatically.



Actually the complete phrase is 'plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose' which is approximately rendered: the more things change the more they stay the same. But change they do without a doubt!



So looking forward, especially for those of tender years who have major changes of class, school, college, employment looming, how are we to face constant change much of which may well be outside our control - change of job; change of lifestyle; change of finances; change of health; change of family make-up? We certainly can't escape change, it's a part of life and life would be somewhat poorer for lack of change. So what do we do about it? How do we live with it?

Do you expect change and meet it head on or do you challenge change, stick your head in the sand and pretend it isn't happening? Do you fear change, always afraid of what lies (or may lie) ahead? Whatever you think about change, it's important to remember that whether it's welcome or not, God is always with you and will provide you with whatever you need.

In Philippians, Paul writes:

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.... And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4 v12, 13, 19.

And there is no need to worry about things in the future.

In Matthew chapter 6, we are given lots of reasons not to worry about change:

v25: the same God who created life in you can be trusted with the details of your life

v26: worrying about tomorrow hampers your efforts for today

v27: worrying is more harmful than helpful

v28-30: God does not ignore those who depend on him

v31-32: your faith needs to be stronger than your worry

v33: there are real challenges that God wants you to pursue and worrying keeps us from them

v34: living in the present keeps us from being consumed with worry

So 'change', like it or loath it you can't ignore it. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus put it this way, 'There is nothing permanent except change' and Charles Darwin said of change, 'It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives, it is the one that is most adaptable to change'.

We really are fearfully and wonderfully made and 'God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.' So here's to the next months and years of change and challenge in His service.

Every blessing, Gill x

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

at Christ Church & St.John with St.Mark

HARVEST FESTIVALS – Sunday 9 October
Family & Parade Services – 10.30am in both churches

Donations of Harvest produce welcome.
Gifts will be distributed locally including via the Porch Project,
Caritas and the Booth Centre.

HARVEST SOCIAL
St.John with St.Mark after the 10.30 am service

THE SPRINGSIDE SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE
At Christ Church: Date to be notified in the next edition.

PRIORY Highbank Harvest Service
Wednesday 12 October 2.30pm

“All good gifts around us,
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love.”





BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

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| Sep 4 | 15 after Trinity Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 | Philemon 1-21 | Luke 14: 25-33 |
| Sep 11 | 16 after Trinity Exodus 32: 7-14 | 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 | Luke 15: 1-10 |
| Sep 18 | 17 after Trinity Amos 8: 4-7 | 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 | Luke 16: 1-13 |
| Sep 25 | 18 after Trinity Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 | 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 | Luke 16: 19-31 |

FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

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| Sep 4 | Mr John Clegg |
| Sep 11 | No flowers |
| Sep 18 | In memory of Alex Farnworth |
| Sep 25 | In memory of the Birtwistle and Slater families |

We are delighted to welcome Denise Ives, Lilian Lees and Anne Nuttall to the flower arranging team and thank them for their involvement.

Anyone who would like to donate flowers for church,
or is interested in helping with flower arranging
please contact Betty Winterbottom





FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 19 Alexander Greenhalgh Joseph Hamilton
July 17 Molly Faye Davies
July 31 Harrison Keogh Sofia Davies

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

Marriages

June 18 Paul Hesketh & Kathy Cowie
June 29 Geoffrey Perkins & Janet Ingham

"Those who God has joined together let no one put asunder"

Funerals

July 26 Alan Garvey

Interment of Ashes

June 19 Roy Cooper

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

WALKING GROUP - NEXT WALK

Saturday 3rd September – 3 Reservoirs Walk
Approx. 10 miles and led by Paul Sanderson.

Meet at the Lych Gate, Christ Church Walmersley at 9.30am
for transport to Jumbles Reservoir.

All welcome, with the usual packed lunch and other essentials.

Christ Church Garden of Remembrance

I would like to say a big thank you to Barbara and Nigel Silvester, Barry Evans and Jason Edwards for all their hard work transforming the garden of remembrance into a place we can be proud of. I am sure that everyone who visits the garden will agree that it is now a beautiful memorial to the people who are buried there.

This work was carried out at no cost to the church but if anyone would like to make a donation towards the continued upkeep of the Remembrance garden or the church yard it will be gratefully received

The hard work is done and we must continue to keep it weed free and presentable.

As stated in the Church of England (Diocese of Manchester) CHURCHYARD MEMORIALS booklet, all plastic and other synthetic materials, plastic flowers, except Remembrance poppies will not be allowed in the garden of remembrance and the church yard. All plastic flowers will be gradually be removed.

I must not forget to thank the Thursday boys Ian Riddick, Geoff Hamilton and Jason Edwards for doing the repairs to the church, church hall and yard.

Jennifer
Warden

FROM THE COUNCILS

Joint PCC meeting

The PCCs met on Tuesday 21st June. The prime topics were the latest from our Mission Action Plans and the updates from the Parish Questionnaires issued earlier in the year.

Before we began, Dave outlined some of the findings from the Archdeacon's Parish Visitation on 1st June, in particular around record keeping and the application for faculties.

MAP

We reviewed how we had progressed in Mission Action Planning (MAP) over the last 12 months. The Men of the Benefice (MOB) has now been in operation for a year and had regular Monday meetings, usually at the Sundial. We have had a few speakers, a quiz night and discussed inspirational songs. Cafe Church has also begun at St. John with St. Mark this year.

Our attention is now focussed on new items on the MAP's. A ladies' group has recently been set up to complement the men's group. This will be nurtured over the coming weeks and months. Whenever we have a five Sunday month, the last Sunday will be a joint Benefice service (starting 30th October at Christ Church). Our aim will be to plan and structure these services, and also joint social events.

QUESTIONNAIRES

The questionnaires were looked at from both sides of the Benefice, in particular the responses to service times, building and facility standards and activities outside Sunday morning worship.

Although useful, it was felt we could benefit more from receiving feedback from the wider communities. Therefore the possibility of questionnaires being issued to the public either by mail or through the websites may be looked at in the autumn. An open day for people to discuss further is also an option.

Next joint PCC meeting will be Monday 12th December at 7.30pm at Christ Church Hall

FROM THE COUNCILS, cont.

Christ Church –

1. Bury Council had confirmed that planning permission was not needed for the installation of the new gates on Ackworth Street.
2. Quotes were received for electrical work in the church hall and the church and this work had been carried out by approval of the standing committee. A quote was also received for the replacement of all the high level lights in the church at a cost of £3,049.
3. A donation of £100 had been received for payment towards the strimming of the churchyard which the PCC hope to do twice per year.
4. A view of the accounts up to the end of June was received from the temporary book-keeper. This position needs to be filled by someone new before next December.
5. The worship Questionnaire was discussed at some length and further discussions will take place at coming PCC meetings.
6. The Architects feasibility study on the vision for the future of the church had been circulated to all PCC members.
7. There will be a confirmation service at Christ Church Walmersley next year on either the 1st or the 3rd Sunday in July. The date has yet to be confirmed by the bishop.
8. The secretary was asked to circulate the committee structures to all PCC members before the next meeting.
9. The secretary was asked to thank everyone who had been responsible for doing the work on the Garden of Remembrance
10. It was proposed and carried that we strim the graveyard extension again as soon as possible.
11. Thanks were given for the work of the Young Farmers in strimming the churchyard.

FROM THE COUNCILS, cont.

Saint John with Saint Mark –

Meeting held on July 11th

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults – Joan Wild has volunteered to be the new co-ordinator.

Upcoming social dates were confirmed, including the Church BBQ on Sunday 28th August and a change of date for the autumn coffee morning, which will now be on Saturday 24th September.

More statistics from the Website viewings were provided.

Correspondence has been received from St. Joseph's Players thanking us for the use of our Hall over the last 40 years.

Dave discussed the findings from the Archdeacon's Parish Visit in June. More or less all was fine. We were advised that there were concerns regarding the amount of paper registers retained in our building and were informed of the correct procedures for archiving records. Clarification was also given with regards to faculties and what jobs require a faculty. The interior church notice board has also recently been tidied up.

Janet Moore retires as head of St. John with St. Mark Primary School in July and plans for her celebrations were outlined. The school will be using our Hall on Tuesday 19th July for a farewell event. Janet will be attending the 10.30am service on Sunday 17th July. The new head Steven Ollis will take up his role in September and it also hoped he will attend a Sunday morning service.

Before the PCC meeting, a Parade service took place in the Hall. This was one of the aims on our Mission Action Plan, to establish an occasional midweek parade service. It was felt the service was enjoyable and there were 35 children and 17 adults, including leaders, in attendance.

The next PCC meeting will take place on Thursday 8th September at 8.00pm.



FROM THE VICARAGE

* I wish to record my thanks to all those who have helped with the tidying up of the Garden of Remembrance at Christ Church in recent months. Under the supervision of Barry Evans, the area now looks much better and I have received many positive comments.

Thanks also to those who have contributed financially for this maintenance work. If anyone wishes to contribute any more towards this, please speak to one of the Christ Church wardens

* 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 6.30-7.00.

* The 2017 Church Diaries are available at the back of both churches. A donation of £1 per diary is suggested.

* At 2pm on Monday 5 September a fundraising afternoon tea is being held at Falshaws, to mark the 140th year of Mothers' Union and contribute to its £1.4 million target to help those in need around the world. Tickets are now available from Barbara Taylor.

* Looking ahead to Christmas - please speak to Gill in the next few weeks if you are interested in helping to staff a Christmas Day community meal.

* The next meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – takes place on Monday 26 September. We meet at The Sundial beginning at 8pm.

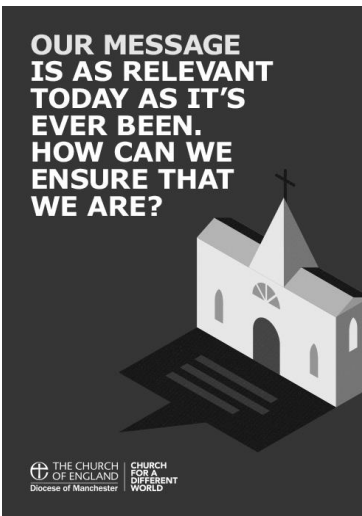
*Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the wardens.

* The next PACT meeting (Police and Communities Together) for the North Manor ward will be held in Christ Church Hall on Wednesday 12 October, beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

* 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 (June Banks for St.John with St.Mark and Jennifer Wood for Christ Church) if the building is otherwise occupied before anything is arranged.

* Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email

Dave



You should have received a copy of the pocket guide distributed at the recent archdeaconry roadshows. If not please have a word with one of the ministry team.

The diocese has produced lots of resources which you will find on the website under

**Church for
a different world**

- tools to help churches have conversations in their own community

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One

A prayer for all those young people who will be experiencing changes:

For those who will be starting school for the first time;

For those moving into a new class;

For those moving to Secondary school;

For those moving on to Further Education;

For those moving on to Higher Education;

For those moving into employment.



Lord grant that they may not be overwhelmed by the changes but face the challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm.

Week Two

A prayer used at Morning prayer in July which I have been asked to include.

Lord,

When my prayers do not seem to be answered, keep me praying.

When I knock at the door and do not hear an answer, keep me listening.

When I seek for things that are inappropriate, show me what is necessary.

A stylized graphic where the words 'ASK', 'SEEK', and 'NOCK' are stacked vertically. Each letter is contained within a square frame, and the frames are arranged in a grid-like pattern. The letters are bold and black.

Keep me asking for that which is good;
Keep me seeking for that which is true;
Keep me knocking until my faith is sure.

Week Three

Thanks to Meg Schofield who brought this back from a holiday in Jersey

A smile costs nothing but gives so much...

It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.



None is so rich or mighty that they can get along without it, and none is so poor but that they can be made rich by it.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote to trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile; give than one of yours, that their life may be brighter.

Week Four

If God Brings You To It

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

Bil Keane

On Tuesday 9th August the new Archdeaconry Banner was dedicated at St Mary's Rawtenstall. The new Archdeaconry banner, which has been under wraps for over 12 months, was finally unveiled to an excited congregation and the response was overwhelming.

The banner was designed by Tricia Stokes of Christ Church and with the help of Sheila Smith from St Catherine's in Farnworth, it took shape. The banner depicts the hills and vales of the valleys throughout Bolton and Rossendale showing each Deanery within the boundaries.

The Archdeaconry President Christine Faulkner only viewed the Banner for the first time on arrival at the church and was very pleased to see the final product. She said with pleasure, "That's what I call a banner." To the delight of both Tricia and Sheila the banner was a big success with many congratulations given by all who attended. It was a joyous and emotional night for both of them.



On September 7 we celebrate the creation of our branch with a party in the hall at 7.30 pm

Our meeting on 21 September will be a great opportunity to find out lots about Mothers' Union when Pam Hoyle will be the mastermind behind a quiz.

News from our Church School

* The retirement of Janet Moore as HeadTeacher after 15 years at St.John with St.Mark was marked with a number of special events at the end of last term. Janet and her husband John attended the church service on July 17 and were thanked for their contribution to church and parish life. On Tuesday 19 July all the children and staff met at the Church hall for a "This is your Life" event with over 50 invited guests. After a buffet lunch there was a musical extravaganza with all the children involved. A similar performance was held in school the following day which was Janet's last day in school. It was good to see so many former pupils and staff members attending on these days.


We welcome Mr.Steven Ollis as our new HeadTeacher. Steven makes the short journey south from his position as Head at Summerseat Methodist Primary School.

* There are a still a number of vacancies on the School Governing Body which usually meets once every term. If anyone is interested in serving on this important committee please speak to the Vicar or the Sue Law, the Chair of Governors.

The School has a vision of a diverse, inclusive, tolerant and equitable society. It is present in our mission statement which permeates every aspect of school life. We intend that all our children develop an interest and pride in their family roots, and their emerging cultural allegiances and their religious and spiritual identity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH OUR
CHURCH SCHOOL

St.John with St.Mark School, Athlone Avenue, Bury. BL9 5EE
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Come and give thanks
for the wonders of
creation.

Evening worship in an
informal setting
(with coffee/tea and
cake!)

Creation Praise

Sunday
25 Sept.
7pm at CCW
Church Hall
(back room)

MISSION ACTION PLANNING

The Manchester Diocese is encouraging parishes to prepare Mission Action Plans as part of our aim to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. MAPs have been on the agenda of both PCCs for over two years. Items are discussed at each meeting and the benefice MAP is reviewed and updated at the joint PCCs that are held in June and December. At the June 2016 meeting the following were identified as our mission priorities.

JOINT BENEFICE:

- * Encourage more social activities across the benefice.
- * Establish a pattern of joint benefice services on the 5th Sunday of a month
- * Set up a Christian basics group to nurture new believers
- * Respond to the issues identified in the questionnaire issued to Electoral Roll members in Lent 2016.

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK:

- * Increase the number of midweek Parade Services
- * Aim for more ecumenical activity

CHRIST CHURCH:

- * Engage more with the community groups to heal the rifts caused by the field issue.
- * Deal with possible sale of church field and secure agreement about use of current church buildings.
- * Engage more with our young people and refresh our approach to Junior Church

Mission Action Planning is an ongoing process that will be constantly under review by the PCCs. If you have any ideas for this aspect of our church life please speak to one of the ministers.

Please pray for us as we continue to seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ within our benefice.

Dave

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP



We were slightly down on numbers for our 2nd July walk, owing to holidays, other commitments and the threat of bad weather, but that did not stop 3 hardy troopers (myself, John Brennan and our leader Michael Ryan) meeting at St John with St Mark Hall at 9.30am. After a brief and civilised discussion we decided to set off to our starter point of the Helmshore Mills Textile Museum for our walk, which this time had a theme – “The Changing Landscape around Haslingden Grane”. We were pleased we made the decision to begin, as barring a brief shower we fared quite well with the elements.

After leaving the museum car park the first landmark we came to was the remote Higher Mill chimney. We then climbed up to the track bed of the former Manchester to Accrington railway line, which was closed by Beeching in the 1960’s, and approached the site of the former Haslingden railway station. Evidence of the old route was still visible as we climbed Hutch Bank. It is also worth noting that the Haslingden Halo, part of the Irwell Sculpture Trail on Cribden Hill, can quite clearly be seen as you climb Hutch Bank. The Halo glows blue at night.



At the top of the climb, which was the steepest part of the walk, we reached the entrance to Hutch Bank Quarry. Good views of the site were there for us as we skirted the southern edge of the quarry.

Further along we then looked down to a cemetery and 'the church that was moved'. The Church, dedicated to St. Stephen, was built in 1868 on a site two kilometres away from its present site to serve the residents of Haslingden Grane. The population inhabited farms and cottages built for Calf Hey Cotton Mill, however when the mill closed and most of the population moved, the Church was rebuilt in 1927.

We then continued along a stretch of the Rossendale Way for a good distance when at this point we experienced our only shower. Michael noticed a parking and picnic site on his map. Therefore we took a detour to the site and actually came to the Clough Head Visitor Centre, where we had tea and coffee and Michael purchased a book of the local area.

After crossing Grane Road we paused for a lunch stop before continuing to Calf Hey & Ogden Reservoirs, once again picking up the Rossendale Way and through Tenements Farm before making our way back to the cars at the museum.

Despite the threatening weather we were pleased we continued. Thank you Michael for organising the day.

NB – Since we returned, Michael has researched his book and discovered that the name 'Grane' comes from the Old Norse word 'grein', which means a smaller valley which forks from a larger valley. Haslingden derives from the Old English for 'hazel tree valley'.



Best Foot Forward,
David Robinson



ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP

The Open Group met on 13th July and welcomed David Andrew to provide us with an illustrated talk on the Scientific History of Manchester from 1850. Most of us spend a great deal of time in the city for a variety of reasons. However it is interesting how much you do not notice, so the evening's presentation was an eye-opener.

Our journey began at Victoria station, and despite a huge refurbishment programme over recent years, evidence of past times are still present. Particularly the tiled Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway map and the decor of the refreshment rooms, both of which survived the Second World War blitz in 1940.

David then discussed his former school, the William Hulme Grammar, and explained the House system. At the time the Houses were all named after influential Mancunians, pioneers of their time. To name a few:

John Dalton, a Physicist who became renowned for discovering colour blindness, then known as Daltonism. His statue stands in the city's Town Hall.

James Fraser, a reforming Bishop of Manchester appointed by Liberal PM Gladstone.

Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist whose works include the Biography of Charlotte Bronte.

David also explained the history of some of Manchester's buildings:

The Abel Heywood Hotel, near Shudehill, is named after a publisher from Prestwich who introduced an illegal newspaper in the 1800's before the law caught up with him and he was ordered to pay the tax back.

The Portico Library on Mosley Street, on which stands a plaque honouring famous readers, who included Dalton & Gaskell and our own Sir Robert Peel.

David discussed some of the statues that are present in the city centre, most of which are contained within Albert Square. Particularly Prince Albert, and statues dedicated to people we had previously discussed, including James Fraser and William Gladstone. Piccadilly Gardens houses some notable monuments, including Queen Victoria and Sir Robert Peel.



Finally, a recommendation from David that the splendid Manchester Town Hall is definitely worth a visit. However sooner rather than later as it is in need of a bit of renovation. (There is a very good café on the ground floor.)

David ended his journey back where we started at Victoria Station, for the tram home!

There was no meeting of the Open Group in August



Our next meeting
Wednesday 14th September
at 7.30pm in the Library

'The latest on the Shoe Box Appeal '

Led by Carol Hartley

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



PEOPLE

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone may destroy overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people may forget tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it's between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



THIRD THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCH

Salad, sandwiches, baked potatoes, or similar with tea/coffee.

Come and meet up and chat over a friendly snack!



WALMERSLEY
CHRIST CHURCH
HALL

ONCE A MONTH ON
THE THIRD
THURSDAY –
NOON TILL 1.30PM

NOTE THE DATES -
JULY 21ST,
AUG 18TH,
SEPT 15TH

NO SET CHARGE –
JUST GIVE A
DONATION

ANY PROFITS WILL
GO TO CHURCH
FUNDS

Further information,
or if you want to help
out, please contact
Barbara & Nigel via
www.ccwalmersleybury.org.uk

Following hot on the heels of our inaugural GOA meeting in June, when we all agreed that we needed to 'do this again', the GOAs, by popular request, ended up at the cinema in Bury to watch a screening of Ab Fab on 1st August.

We met very early in the evening as there was only one showing but we still had a good number in spite of trips (glad to see you're better, Pam, but I reckon Patsy and Edina have had equally good shiners in their time) and we were also invaded by one male of the species (you're welcome) who sadly didn't rise to the challenge of joining us in disguise – not for want of practice though, Paul?

And we had a good evening although this activity wasn't on our original to-do list. So no-one can say that we aren't at least adaptable. Again, watch out for the next outing whatever it is as we will try to vary the type, time and day. And bring a friend!

Gill

Artistic yearnings?

The Art workshop begins on Monday September 5th at 10.00 am in the Christ Church Hall. There is no tutor but members are willing to share expertise. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Margery Spencer 764 3919



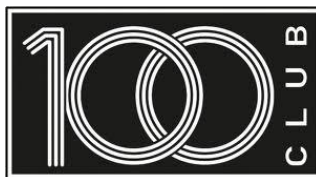
Art classes with a tutor begin on Friday September 9th at 10.00am and 1.00pm There are vacancies mainly in the afternoon group. Contact Alison Fewtrell 764 9663

JUNE 2016 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Joan Birch

2nd Prize ~ Margaret Duckworth

3rd Prize ~ Betty Alty



JULY 2016 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Margaret Whittall

2nd Prize ~ Joan Robinson

3rd Prize ~ Archie Wardle

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Café Church

Please join us at 10.30 am on Sunday,
11 September in Christ Church Hall.

And at 10.30 am on Sunday, 25
September in St John with St Mark's Hall

*Food

*fun

*fellowship

Café Church is just another way of
"being God's Church" – and all are
welcome.



EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Afternoon Tea

at Falshaw's



Do something today that will transform a family for life

Monday, 5 September

*All profits towards Mothers' Union's
140th year target of £1.4 million*

Tickets (from Barbara Taylor) £14
includes Falshaw's afternoon tea, with
Prosecco or non alcoholic alternative,
and goody bag

Raffle, quiz



COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Saturday 24th September from 10.00am

BOOKS

BRIC A BRAC
CAKES

BACON SANDWICHES

TEA & COFFEE
OTHER STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

EVENTS FOR ONE WEEKEND IN OCTOBER



Joint Benefice Social Event

BARN DANCE & SUPPER

St John with St Mark Church Hall

Friday 7th October ~ 7.00pm-10.30pm

MORE DETAILS & TICKETS AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER



FORMBY AWAY DAY

Saturday 8th October

A taster day of fellowship, fun, good food and reflection in the beautiful surroundings of St Joseph's Prayer Centre - for those who have been before and those who have never been

OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE BENEFICE.

MORE DETAILS FROM IAN BANKS OR GILL BARNETT

St John with St Mark Church Hall

Sunday 9th October after the Harvest Parade Service

ORGANISED BY THE SCOUT GROUP

AND TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE AUTUMN



WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

September

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| Thu 1 | 2.00pm | Thursday Prayers (CC) |
| Sat 3 | 9.30am | Walking Group (CC) |
| Sun 4 | 10.30am | 15 after Trinity Services as usual |
| | 3-4pm | Churches Together: Praise in the Park (in Whitehead Park, Ainsworth Road) |
| Mon 5 | 10.00am 2.00pm | Art Workshop begins (CC) Afternoon Tea Falshaws |
| Wed 7 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC) |
| Thu 8 | 7.30pm | PCC (SJM) |
| Fri 9 | 10.00am) 1.00pm) | Art Classes begin (CC) |
| Sun 11 | 10.30am | 16 after Trinity Café Church (CC) Other services as usual |
| Wed 14 | 8.00 pm | Open Group (SJM) |
| Thu 15 | 12 noon | Thursday Lunch (CC) |
| Sun 18 | | 17 after Trinity Services as usual |
| Wed 21 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC) |
| Sun 25 | 10.30am 7.00pm | 18 after Trinity Café Church (SJM) Creation Praise (CC) Other services as usual |
| Mon 26 | 8.00pm | Men of the Benefice (Sundial) |



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