



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

**In Jesus we find  
we are loved with  
all our limitations,  
by God whose love  
has no limits.**

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY

**July/August 2016**



**50p**



## ***REGULAR SERVICES***

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### **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 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Family and Parade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion 4 <sup>th</sup> Service of the Word 5 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parade Service	St John w St Mark

### **Monday**

	Monday@2	49 Fairlands Road
7.30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Listening Prayer	150 Walmersley Road

### **Wednesday**

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

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

Saints days and other services as announced  
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church  
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.



Both churches have the Child Friendly Church award

Both churches have Fairtrade status



Dear friends,

The author of the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes writes some very profound words, which it is good to contemplate.

These words have featured in a number of church funerals in recent weeks.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace."

As we enter the traditional summer months of July and August, these words are particularly relevant. During this time, our rhythm of life often changes as we perhaps take a break from our everyday lives.

For many people July – and especially August for those with school age children – are times of holidays.

It is vital that we take a rest from what we would regard as our daily routine. For the benefits of body, mind and spirit, different experiences can provide rest and refreshments.

The approach of autumn and winter will be upon us very soon. I feel that in so many ways our church life mirrors education as a new school year begins.

Similarly, the pace of our church life hastens as we enter the last quarter of the year and we experience Harvest, the various remembrances of November prior to Advent and Christmas in December.

May God bless you during these summer months and refresh you to continue working in His service.

Dave

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## *SUMMER PRAISE AT THE PRIORY*



Wednesday 27 July

The Priory Highbank Centre  
Walmersley Road

2.30pm

ALL WELCOME



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY/AUGUST***

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- Jul 3     **St Thomas**  
Habakkuk 2: 1-4     Ephesians 2: 19-22     John 20: 24-29
- Jul 10     **Seventh after Trinity**  
Deuteronomy 30: 9-Colossians 1: 1-14     Luke 10:25-37  
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- Jul 17     **Eighth after Trinity**  
Genesis 18: 1-10a     Colossians 1: 15-28     Luke 10:38-42
- Jul 24     **Ninth after Trinity**  
Genesis 18: 20-32     Colossians 2: 6-15     Luke 11:1-13
- Jul 31     **Tenth after Trinity**  
Ecclesiastes 1: 2,     Colossians 3: 1-11     Luke 12:13-21  
12-14, 2:18-23
- Aug 7     **Eleventh after Trinity**  
Genesis 15: 1-6     Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16     Luke 12: 32-40
- Aug 14     **Twelfth after Trinity**  
Jeremiah 23: 23-29     Hebrews 11: 29- 12:2     Luke 12: 49-56
- Aug 21     **Thirteenth after Trinity**  
Isaiah 58: 9-14     Hebrews 12: 18-29     Luke 13: 10-17
- Aug 28     **Fourteenth after Trinity**  
Proverbs 25: 6-7     Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-     Luke 14: 1, 7-14  
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	<i>You may be the only Bible some people read...</i> <i>You may be the only Jesus some people see...</i>	
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## ***FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH***

Jul 3	No Flowers
Jul 10	Mrs A M Peters
Jul 17	In memory of the Crowley and Ives families
Jul 24	In memory of Mr & Mrs Dutton and Mr & Mrs Annis
Jul 31	Vacant
Aug 7	Mr & Mrs A Standring
Aug 14	In memory of Mary and Norman Leake
Aug 21	Mrs B Winterbottom in memory of Fred and Malcolm
Aug 28	Mr & Mrs I Riddick in memory of their parents

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



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## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

### **Baptisms**

May 29      Ronson Lack      Reggie Ingham      Jack McNulty

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

### **Funerals**

May 23      Gladys Smith

### **Interment of Ashes**

May 22      Elizabeth Mather

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

## ***FROM THE COUNCILS***

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### **Christ Church – 17 May**

The vicar attended the service of farewell to Bishop Chris at Bolton Parish church.

An email had been received from David Lord regarding the removal of the names on the wall behind the curtain in the Lady Chapel. A letter of reply with an explanation has been sent indicating that the names were removed when the dry rot was dealt with in the mid 1980's but that a photograph of the names is displayed at Remembrance Day services and special occasions.

The vicar recorded his thanks to Cath Black for her work as book keeper for the PCC over the last 12 months.

The PCC decided to pay £7000 this month towards the parish share.

Nigel Silvester has volunteered to be the book keeper for a 12 month period only. A bookkeeper is required for 2016 to work along with Nigel. The PCC voted to purchase new accounting software that complies with the charity commission's new rules. The worship questionnaire was discussed and will be further discussed at the joint PCC meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

The Young Farmers had offered to cut the grass in the new part of the graveyard. The PCC also approved cutting the grass in the remainder of the churchyard.

The architect's proposals for the three options for the future of the church buildings were discussed.

There will be an Archdeacon's parish visitation to Christ Church and St John with St Mark on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Reports were received from the church hall and fund raising committees.

The PCC voted to go ahead with installing gates at the entrance to Ackworth Street.

A request was made for more volunteer flower arrangers and also more sponsors for flowers each week in church.

The PCC decided that there would be an agenda item once a year where the question of charities that the church gives to will be discussed.

The Archdeacons Roadshow is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June at Bolton Road Methodist Church from 9.45am-3.30pm

## **Saint John with Saint Mark – 23 May**

Matters arising included:

Future social dates - including the possibility of a joint social event with Seedfield Methodist;

More statistics from the website were available.

Benefice outing and feedback on Parish questionnaires – to be discussed at the joint PCC meeting on Tuesday 21st June;

The proposed change to the Parish boundary on The Rock area is to be discussed at a future PCC meeting when a map is available;

The West Window has now been completed and will be dedicated at our family service on Sunday 12th June;

Recent items of expenditure include replacements to barge boards above the new West Window, new panelling in the corridor between Church and Hall, and repairs to the organ.

The Church has been given one of the ceramic poppies from the recent display at the Tower of London by our Scout group. This will be installed next to the memorial stand and Book of Remembrance initially. However advice will be sought at the Archdeacon's Parish Visitation to see how this fits into the new faculty system that has now been introduced.

A new Sunday readings and notice sheet is being trialled over the coming months, and is being supplied by Redemptorist Publications.

The Vicar informed us that a new head teacher has been appointed as Janet Moore will be stepping down at the end of the summer term.



The PCC were advised that the Youth Group wished to take a holiday between 22nd and 24th July. This was agreed. We are to hold a weekday evening Parade service on Monday 11th July. This will be followed by the next PCC Meeting at 8.00pm.

## PARADE SERVICE

at St.John with St.Mark

MONDAY 11 JULY

Church Hall

6.30pm



Thank you to all who supported  
Christian Aid Week in May.

Especially to those who organised and prepared our  
luncheon platter and to those who attended.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way.  
A total of £529.50 was raised for Christian Aid.

John Brennan – Christian Aid co-ordinator at St John with St Mark

## ***FROM THE VICARAGE***

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\* We have received a letter from the family of Ronson Lack who was baptised in St.John with St.Mark on 29 May:

"Please accept our thanks for yourself, to Paul and to the church and congregation for welcoming us to the church for our son Ronson's baptism. This as you know was despite being exiled to Derby due to work for the last 20 years. Paul gave a good service and in one part, it involved the children in a game which they thoroughly enjoyed including my elder son. Paul's centurion hat was particularly fitting and I was so surprised how unchanged the church was since I last went there, flags, decor etc and there were a few familiar faces. Brought back memories. The party afterwards at the Garsdale also went well and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all."

\* Alison Etheridge is getting married on Friday 19 August at 2.00pm. Alison and Alan would like to invite the St.John with St.Mark church family to the service. They are not doing formal invitations but would like as many people to attend as possible. All are welcome.

\* 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.

\* Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday over the weekend of 11/12 June. The Summer Fair at St.John with St.Mark was a big success and at both Parade services the day after the Queen's birthday and also her role as a Supreme Governor of the Church of England were celebrated. Also on that day at St.John with St.Mark the new West Window was dedicated.

\* 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 6.30-7.00.

\*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 Diocesan publication, 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 diocesan magazine. If you would like to share your own story please contact me.

\* 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk)



Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear  
no evil.

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"The Cathedral is a vibrant, inclusive, worshipping community, seeking to serve Christ. We meet daily in this holy place of prayer. We also host concerts, exhibitions and other events." The Dean of Manchester, The Very Reverend Rogers Govender.

- The Anglo-Saxons first built a wooden church on the site in 632 when the Romans occupied Manchester.
- In 1421 a licence was obtained from King Henry V and the Pope for the founding of a new "collegiate church". The building took about 100 years to complete.
- In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Manchester was transformed into a great industrial city. The church served a vast population in the surrounding areas. In 1834, 3,157 couples were married in the cathedral, up to 30 couples at a time, lined up along the rail at the high altar (including Margery's great grandparents.). Three years later, 7,285 people were baptised in the building.
- In 1847, the Collegiate Church of St.Mary, St.Denys and St.George became Manchester Cathedral This reflected the creation of the new Diocese of Manchester on 1 September that year.

Today it is the mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester, the seat of the Bishop of Manchester and the city's parish church. The Cathedral Centre is situated directly opposite the south door of the Cathedral. This building has a Café, the St.Denys' Bookshop and a meeting room.

For more information, please visit  
[www.manchestercathedral.org](http://www.manchestercathedral.org)



## ***Game changers***

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On Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am at Christ Church The Good Ship Game Changer will be making a goodwill visit to Walmersley.

We will be seeking crew of all ages to join us on board. It would be good to have sea-going dress on display – especially those of a buccaneering/pirate variety! No cutlasses please – we are peace-loving ship mates.

There will be a treasure chest of songs, readings and prayers which will help us to focus on how we can be God's game changers – changing the world for Jesus.

Expect a very maritime flavour.

Do come along ..... the press gang will be looking out for you!!

P.S. It's Sea Sunday!



God's love for you is deeper than the oceans and His presence is everywhere. Whenever you're at the beach just thank God for His beautiful creation. If His hand has the power to create the seas then rest assured His hand will guide you through trials in life.

## FOR QUIET MOMENTS

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### Week One

A special collect which was used in church at the celebration of the Queen's official birthday

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years and all that she has given her people.



Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her as you gather us in celebration unite us also in love and service to one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Week Two

A Prayer for Sea Sunday

Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work at sea. Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress. Strengthen them when weary, lift them up when down and comfort them when far from their loved ones. In this life, bring them safely to shore and, in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen



### Week Three

Heavenly Father,  
help me to live each day in the light of your love,  
with its joy bubbling up in my heart,  
its laughter shining from my eyes,  
its message shaping my life.  
So may others , seeing the difference it has made to me,  
discover the difference it may make to them.

## **Week Four**

We pray for all those going on holiday this Summer and thank you for the refreshment which holiday brings to our lives; for the excitement of anticipation and planning; for the freedom from routine, and for new experiences and opportunities.

You have given us a world with so much variety that wherever we go we are surrounded by things which are different and bring new experiences.

Help us to use our holidays to see your creation.

Help us to use our freedom to understand more clearly the fullness of life you are constantly offering us.

Accept our thanks for the rich variety of life which is your gift and when our holidays are over, help us to return to our homes safely with a new vision of your will for us.



## **Week Five**

Sometimes, Lord it is difficult to believe; when I am ill, when there is discord in the family, when I see the atrocities which occur in the world, when I feel hopeless in situations.

Help me Lord, to trust in you and let you direct my thoughts and prayers so that I may find your way through doubt.

Saint Thomas did not find it easy to believe but eventually he knew that you were the risen Lord.

Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief.

## Week Six

On Tuesday the ninth of August we remember Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union, so I have included her personal prayer:



All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee; and in every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken , whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live.

She provides us with a fine example.

## Week Seven

A thought for our busy lives.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you're going.



Life is not a race, but a journey to be treasured each step of the way.

## Week Eight

We pray for peace in our communities this day.  
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions, and those who work to uphold law and justice.  
We pray for an end to fear,  
For comfort and support to those who suffer.  
For calm in our streets and cities,  
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.  
In your mercy, hear our prayers,  
now and always.  
Amen



## ***PRAYER DIARY***

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### for THE UNITED BENEFICE OF WALMERSLEY ROAD

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services.  
All who receive Holy Communion at home.  
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 the Assistant Priests.  
The Licensed Readers Our Study Groups.  
Ecumenical Links within the benefice. Our ministry to those bereaved and have had funerals in church
- THURSDAY:** The Sunday School /Junior Church. Our work with young people. Those preparing to be married in church. Our baptism ministry.
- FRIDAY:** Our music ministry. The retired clergy.  
Those interested in offering themselves for lay or ordained ministry. Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- SATURDAY:** Links with other church communities across the world. Mothers' Union.  
Our care of the church buildings.



### **'Happy birthday to you'**

We celebrated as a nation the 90th birthday of the Queen. There were the big occasions and the local occasions but wherever they took place it was with gratitude for all she has given in service over the years of her reign.

Mothers' Union has enjoyed over 100 years of Royal patronage, and The Queen has been Patron of Mothers' Union since 1952. As a Christian organisation our members have been touched and inspired by the way The Queen has not only spoken openly about the importance of her Christian faith, but also by the way she has lived out that faith in service to Britain and the Commonwealth. Family life – which lies at the core of Mothers' Union's work to put faith into action – is also clearly close to The Queen's heart.

Speaking ahead of attending the ceremony on The Mall, Chief Executive Bev Jullien said, "The Queen's patronage gives a sense of solidarity in faith, commitment to family, and consistent values of service to others which inspire Mothers' Union members across the generations."

Over 400 members born in 1926, and who therefore share the year of The Queen's birth, are pictured in a birthday card from Mothers' Union to The Queen. (*see back page*). These are members not only from the UK, but from Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, USA, and from Uganda and South Africa.

Do visit the Mothers Union website and follow the link to the timeline of Her Majesty's involvement with the Mothers Union.

To hear that Cath Hilton, our Diocesan President and branch member, was selected to attend the Picnic in the Mall was wonderful news and Cath shares her thoughts about the whole experience. (See p34)



The commemorative booklet produced by the Bible Society entitled 'The servant Queen and the King she serves' beautifully illustrates the Queen's call to serve not only her country but 'her king' and is indeed a celebration of her faith.

Revd Simon Cook continued this theme in recognition of the Mothers' Union theme for 2016 'Celebration of faith'. He encouraged us to be prepared to share our stories of our faith journeys. At some point on our journeys we are invited to make a personal commitment to Jesus and this becomes a powerful witness to others and impacts on the way we live our lives.

In his role as Area dean he rejoices in the diversity in the Church of England and the richness of the traditions and urged us to work together for the glory of God even if we are facing different customs and traditions from what we are used to.

"I pray also for those who will believe in me .....that all of them may be one" John 17 v 20-21

May we follow our Queen's example where our faith is integral to our daily lives.

This edition of the magazine covers the summer months but there will be plenty happening in Mothers Union!

In June a celebration of Holy Communion was followed by a delicious supper with a strawberry theme (or raspberries for those who preferred!)



We have a variety of speakers and events at our Branch meetings, our summer meal at Owens restaurant in Ramsbottom, and the possibility of a 'Big summer event' as mentioned last month. Once again we join with members of the Catholic Women's League and Union of Catholic Mothers at a fundraising social evening at Holy Cross. Tickets are £5 including supper (take your own drinks). There is the opportunity to join with other members and friends at the Archdeaonry Festival, being held this year at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall.

#### Dates for diaries:

July 6	The work of a paramedic
July 20	Summer meal at Owens
July 27	United in Support, Holy Cross College
Aug 3	Meet the Community Police team
Aug 9	<i>Archdeaonry Festival at St Mary's, Rawtenstall</i>
Aug 17	'Boys will be boys' - an evening led by our men!
Sept 7	107th Branch birthday party and the admission of a new member

More details about these events will be announced at Branch meetings or details can be found in the weekly sheet. The new programme for the Autumn will be distributed on or following the birthday party.

We would love to welcome everyone to our meetings so please consider coming along one evening.

Kathryn Bailey  
Branch Leader

## Operation Mattress

An occupational therapist friend of Kathryn's, whose husband was an associate priest with David in Beverley (it really is a small world), has started Mothers' Union in Argentina where her husband Nick is Bishop. AMARE (meaning "I will love"), as it is known, has grown in two years to almost 900 members!



Planning their first conference, a three day event, Catherine appealed for contributions – especially for mattresses to soften the cold, hard floor of the local sports centre. Members clearly felt they would not like to be in that situation themselves as by the end of our meeting that evening we had £25 to send to "Operation Mattress". Thank you to all who contributed and will give comfort to participants not just in July but for years to come.

Barbara Taylor

## 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



## ***SATURDAY WALKING GROUP***

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It has become apparent that we may have to do a bit of travelling about to our destinations now, as we seem to have explored most local walks, unless we repeat some of course. Therefore Paul decided to take us a little

further afield on 4th June and we crossed the border to Yorkshire and the South Pennines.

Paul also wished to use this as a 'recce' for a walk he is leading with the HF Group in October. I was hoping to regale you with some photographs this time but unfortunately the summer sunshine meant they did not come out fantastically on my phone, therefore it is just the write up once again.

Eight of us gathered at St John with St Mark Hall and assembled in two cars, driven by Paul & Michael, and made our way to the Ryburn Reservoir car park. It was a little misty at this point but it soon became a cracking day.

Making our way through Higher Wormald Farm and Grey Stone Edge we walked for around 90 minutes before having late elevenses at Cat Moss, which, keeping to the pet theme, happens to be situated alongside Dog Hill. We enjoyed the view of Stoodley Pike whilst having a rest.

We continued through Rishworth Moor along the Old Packhorse Road, reaching the ancient Aiggin Stone. Believed to be around 600 years old, the stone is thought to be a medieval marker on the boundary of the two counties.

We then began our ascent up to Blackstone Edge (1549ft above sea level). Once at the top we paused for lunch, and a few of us attempted the scramble up the marker post at the summit (pictured above). Our descent took us through Robin Hoods Bed and towards the M62 Pennine Way motorway bridge.

Continuing towards Green Withens Reservoir we then once again began an ascent up towards Dog Hill. After this it was downhill all the way as we made our way through the farming community near Sowerby Bridge. Geoff remarked that this was the setting of the recent popular BBC drama 'Happy Valley'.

Our journey ended back where we started at the Ryburn Reservoir car park just after 4.00pm. It was a very enjoyable day and thanks to Paul for organising things for us.



#### NEXT WALK

Saturday 2nd July to Haslingden Grane  
Led by Michael Ryan – Approx 10-11 miles

Meet at St John with St Mark Church Hall at 9.30am for transport. Please let Michael or David know if you wish to come so we can work out how many cars are needed

'I will also walk among you and be your  
God, and you shall be my people.'  
*Leviticus 26:12*

## ***A PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST***

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*Issued by Embrace the Middle East,  
seeking to transform  
lives and communities in the Middle East  
by the compassion of Christ.*

Heavenly Father, when we see the devastating images of war and hear the inconsolable cries of those who have lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones, our hearts break.

In the face of so much, suffering and despair, come Lord Jesus and help me  
to see with your eyes,  
hear with your ears,  
think with your mind,  
speak with your lips,  
walk with your feet,  
love with your heart,  
so that I can reach out with your hands and be a future maker  
to my brothers and sisters in Palestine, Israel and Lebanon,  
Egypt and Syria.

Raise up leaders in the Middle East who will turn from the violence and seek your ways of peace that may act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God.  
We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.



## ***BORN BEFORE 1950?***

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We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, frisbees and the pill. We lived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before dishwashers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. We thought 'fast food' is what you ate during Lent, a Big Mac was an oversized raincoat and we had crumpets for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers, when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were here before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We had never heard of F.M. radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and men wearing earrings. 'Time sharing' meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't a word.

Before 1950, 'made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams and a stud was something that fastened a collar or shirt. Pizza, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of, cigarette smoking was fashionable and El Dorado was an ice cream.

We must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are confused and there is a generation gap. But we have survived.

*Sent by Marjorie Evans*



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

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The Open Group met on a warm spring evening on 8th June and welcomed Ian Banks for one of his bi-annual informative talks, this time centred on the origins of place names. Although mainly featuring our local area, we explored places a little further afield at times, or places that were familiar to some of us.

We discovered that many of our towns, villages, cities and our own roots and DNA can be traced back to the days of the Celts before the Roman Empire and later to Anglo-Saxon Britain. We learnt how settlements and borders were formed, and changed, by different eras in British history to become the places we know and love today. Difficulties with pronunciation led to several place names being changed; eg did you know that Nottingham was previously known as Snotingham from the Anglo-Saxon times, but due to the Norman's problem with pronouncing 'sn' this was soon dropped.

We then discovered the generic form of some of our place names. To name a few: caster & chester (Lancaster & Manchester) were reminders of Roman origins meaning camp or fortification, pen (Pendlebury) was Celtic meaning hill, ton (Bolton & Broughton) was Anglian meaning enclosure and by (Formby & Crosby) meant a Viking settlement. As for our own town, Bury was derived from a Mercian term for a fortified enclosure. The list goes on.

Ian concluded by letting us having a go at plotting his route to work based upon what we had learnt during the evening. This did trip us up a bit, but we had a go. There was an opportunity for questions and for us to research other place names in the books that were available at the end of the meeting.

Thank you Ian, for an enjoyable evening.



Our next meeting  
Wednesday 13th July  
at 7.30pm in the Library.

## 'Historical & Scientific Manchester'

Led by David Andrew

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



# 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 21<sup>ST</sup>,  
AUG 18<sup>TH</sup>,  
SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup>

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## ***Bury Parish Church Summer Proms***

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Sunday 10 July 6.30pm

**Songs of Praise**

Monday 11 July 7.30pm £7

An **Evening of Brass** starring the award-winning Besses Boys Band

Tuesday 12 July, 7pm £5

**Bury Youth Prom:**

featuring Derby High School Concert Band, Conductor James Holt; Bury Young Voices and choirs from 5 Bury Primary Schools – Christchurch, Walshaw; Unsworth; Holcombe Brook; St Thomas's C. E. and St John with St Mark, all under the direction of Katie Geelan.

Wednesday 13 July 7.30pm £7

**Songs from the Shows:**

Romantic Songs, Duets and Trios from Musical Theatre and Light Opera with soloists Laura Hassall, soprano; Maggie McDonald, mezzo-soprano; John Findon, tenor and Elin Rees, accompanist.

Thursday 14 July 7.30pm £10

**The Houghton**

**Weavers**

– a wonderful evening of song and humour guaranteed.

Friday 15 July 7.30pm £7

**An Evening of Jazz**

with JAZZvibe, a Jazz quartet inviting you to an evening of smooth jazz.

Saturday 16 July 7.30pm £7

**Last Night of the**

**Proms** The first half will feature all your piano, organ and trumpet favourites. You, the audience, are invited and encouraged to join in all the fun of a traditional 'Last Night' celebration in the second half.

Sunday 17 July 6.30pm

**'Come and Sing'**

**Choral Evensong** at Bury Parish Church an opportunity for anyone who has ever wanted to sing Choral Evensong to do so in the beautiful setting of Bury Parish Church and under the direction of Marc Murray, Director of Music. There will be a preliminary rehearsal in the church at 4.00pm.

Enjoy every event with a season ticket for just £35

## ***GNO to become GOA***

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June saw the inaugural meeting of the Walmersley (and wider) GNO – Girls' Night Out. 18 of us met in the bar in Owen's Restaurant in Ramsbottom and were soon transported upstairs to complete an enjoyable evening of eating, drinking and being merry together.



There were ladies from up the road, down the road, middle of the road and Prestwich – but we didn't mind at all! We shared our expertise in choosing wine. 'Just a small lager,' soon became 'Oh, make that a large glass of white' and we even managed to get the chef to swap his delicious pepper sauce for plain gravy. No airs and graces about us! (But we did draw the line at asking for a piece of bread to mop it up with).

Some ladies eschewed the most delicious ice-cream (raspberry panacotta) for posh coffee. And finally, we all agreed that we needed to do this again. So we drew up a list of places to eat, drink and be merry within reasonable distance of Walmersley (it's a long list). **And are definitely decided that this must happen again.**

We'll try to change the day each time to avoid those who have commitments on particular evenings. Suggestions for where to go are readily encouraged. Watch the press for news of the next GOA (Girls' Out Alone), probably towards the end of July. You have been warned!

Gill B

**Meet Wara – locals call her 'God's miracle'!**

Wara's husband stood watching as medical workers covered his wife's body in chlorine and wrapped her in a body bag. Wara had died of Ebola, so no-one attending the burial was allowed near her. Before the outbreak, Wara lived a normal, happy life. Her husband was a farmer and she ran a successful shop selling sugar, flour and sweets in her home village, in Masuba, Sierra Leone.

**Dreams turn to nightmares**

Then the most widespread Ebola outbreak ever swept across the country. Wara's joy at finding she was expecting a second child turned into a nightmare. Their baby daughter was born and, thankfully, healthy. But when the infant was only months old, the virus spread to Masuba. Wara contracted Ebola while looking after a critically ill relative. Because she was breastfed, her baby daughter was also infected. When Wara's condition worsened, she was taken to a treatment centre 90 miles away in the capital, Freetown. There she deteriorated further and was pronounced dead by health workers.

**Lady Lazarus**

Wara's body was taken for disposal to Makeni, central Sierra Leone. As she was about to be lowered into the ground, the local church pastor said a prayer. As he prayed, the assembled crowd were shocked to hear a faint sneeze. Shock turned to amazement as the mourners realised the noise had come from within the body bag. The health workers lowered the bag to the ground – they could see her arms moving. Wara was alive! The mourners, viewing the incredible events unfold, started to cry out and panic.

'It was chaotic and frightening,' says Wara. 'They lifted me out of the polythene bag. I could see wounds all over my body.'

Wara is still overjoyed to still be here. 'I thank God that I am alive today,' she says. 'And I thank God that that I survived Ebola.'

## New life

Because of suspicion and stigma, life is a huge struggle for Ebola survivors. Wara's successful business collapsed because of her illness and lengthy recovery.

But thanks to generous support from people like us, Wara was given a business loan and training so she could start trading again. Thanks to training and support, Wara has a new sense of purpose. 'I have brought a fridge,' she adds. It's the first ever refrigerator in the community, which Wara plans to use to sell cold drinks.

'If my shop continues to be a success, we won't need any more support. We can look after ourselves,' says Wara who is called 'God's miracle' by villagers.

'I want to thank you for all your support to my husband, my children and myself. I am living proof that Ebola is real. But so is God!'

*Thanks to Charlotte Flowers, Tearfund's Ebola Programme Support Assistant for this breathtaking story. And thanks to you, for all your prayers and support during the Ebola pandemic – you've made a big difference in a dark situation!*

With every blessing,

Ben Cohen

Web Editor, Tearfund

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## MAY 2016 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Kelly Watson

2nd Prize ~ Betty Roe

3rd Prize ~ Roy Nuttall



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

## ***EVENTS FOR JULY***

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ST JOHN WITH ST MARK SCOUT GROUP

hosts

### **A CREAM TEA**



St John with St Mark Church Hall  
Saturday 2nd July 2.00pm-4.00pm

FRESH SCONES SERVED WITH  
TEA & COFFEE

Tickets available from Rosemarie Ashworth  
ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



### **COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR**

St John with St Mark Church Hall  
Saturday 23rd July from 10.00am

BOOKS

BRIC A BRAC  
CAKES

BACON SANDWICHES

TEA & COFFEE  
OTHER STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



Christ Church fundraising

*Church Hall, School Lane*

## **Classic Race Night**

Saturday 9th July

First race 7:30pm

Entry £5 includes light refreshments

*Feel free to bring your own wine  
to help you through the evening*



### **MEN OF THE BENEFICE**

The MOB meets

on the last Monday of each month *(except Bank Holidays)*

at the Sundial on Walmersley Road

at 8.00pm

***Next Meeting: July 25***

### **The Queen's 90th birthday!**

I hope you were able to watch the Patron's Lunch on television and got an idea of the wonderful atmosphere of love and thankfulness that was abounding on the Mall.

I was very privileged to have the opportunity to attend that event. Excitedly, I travelled on the tube to Victoria and walked along to Mary Sumner House to meet with all the other Mothers' Union members who had been lucky enough to get tickets. We had a group photo after getting our special polo shirts with the logo and 'Faith in Action' printed on them.

We were determined to show off our pride in the organisation.

As we travelled together to the Mall it started to rain. We had to proceed to Gate 2, which opened at 10am, where we passed through security. As you can imagine, that process took some time as there were 10,000 people attending.

To cut a very long story short, having received a commemorative cup and saucer from PG tips; a bag of goodies from Boots and a plastic mac, it was 11.45am when we entered the Mall and found ourselves queuing for hampers and cups of tea! By this time we were VERY wet but in excellent spirits.

Concession stands with tea (PG tips) of all types; Pimms and alcohol for those inclined and ice cream in many forms were scattered along the roadside. (All complimentary!)

We had allocated seats at two tables in an excellent position with a big screen on one side and toilets on the other!

Then the celebrations began! A wonderful parade with bands, dancers and banners for all the six hundred charities represented. No doubt you can add in all the details yourselves!

When we sat down for lunch and opened our hampers we were amazed at the quality and quantity of its contents. Too much to eat in one go.



The rain abated and then the most exciting part of the day started. Members of the Royal Family arrived and walked and talked to people as they wandered along. Our section had Prince Edward, his wife Sophie and their young daughter, Louise. Edward approached us and chatted to Lynne Tembey who was by my side at the time. It was lovely.

The Queen and Prince Philip passed by in an open topped car and were only an arm's length from us. When the speeches were made we were truly moved and sang the National Anthem with gusto! The Queen is truly a remarkable woman who has devoted her life to service.

A wonderful day!

My visit to London concluded with evensong at St Martin-in-the-fields in Trafalgar Square. The music included the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell' with trumpets; the anthem Zadok the Priest by Handel and concluded with Walton's Crown Imperial, all reminiscent of Royal occasions and chosen specifically to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

The sermon reminded us of the inclusivity of this country of ours and the fact that England is part of a democracy which has also been a monarchy for over a thousand years. It is available to read on the St. Martin's website and I would strongly recommend it especially in the light of the upcoming referendum. The subject being 'What is England?'

Here are the final words.

"And it is not in its glorious history or magnificent landscapes but in the reign of one, who wishes only to enable the flourishing of all, and who lets those all grow in power and creativity and joy, that England comes closest to an image of the ways of God." Dr. Revd. Sam Wells

Many happy returns!

Catherine Hilton

*See back page for photos – Editor*

## ***News from our Church School***

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- The School Choir again entertained us at StJohn with StMark's Summer Fair with a medley of songs and it was much appreciated by all who attended. Thanks to everyone who helped with this performance, especially the staff members, Mrs Geelan and Ms Carney.
- The Governing Body plan to create a Community Sub-Committee seeking to engage with all aspects of the school and wider community. It is aimed to raise the profile of members of the governing body in various ways. Governors will be encouraged to make contact with children and staff by becoming Link Governors of both classes and subjects. They will try to improve links with local faith & community groups. There are 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 end of this academic year marks the end of an era the school as Janet Moore retires as Headteacher. Janet has been at the school for 15 years, the vast majority as Head. She has guided the school on a journey from a "failing school" to one with an excellent reputation, marked as "good" in the last OFSTED inspection in April 2012. On Sunday 17 July, just before school breaks up, Janet will be at the 10.30 church service to receive our thanks and good wishes for the future. Please pray for her as she begins what we hope will be a long, happy and healthy retirement. The Head of Summerseat Methodist Primary School, Mr Stephen Ollis has been appointed to replace Janet as Head Teacher from September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR EVERYONE CONNECTED  
WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

## ***WHAT'S ON IN JULY/AUGUST***

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### **July**

Sat 2	9.30am	Walking Group (meet SJM hall)
	2.00pm	Cream Tea (SJM)
Sun 3	10.30am	<b>St Thomas</b> Café Church ((CC) Other services as usual
Tue 5	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mother' Union (CC)
Thu 7	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod
Sat 9	7.30 pm	Race Night (CC)
Sun 10		<b>Seventh after Trinity</b> Services as usual
Mon 11	6.30pm	Parade Service (SJM)
	8.00pm	PCC (SJM)
Wed 13	7.30 pm	Open Group
Sat 16	10.00am	Clean-up day (SJM)
Sun 17		<b>Eighth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
Mon 18	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (Manna House)
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union
Thu 21	12noon	Thursday Lunch (CC)
Sat 23	10.00am	Book Fair and Bacon Butties (SJM)
22-24		Youth Group holiday
Sun 24		<b>Ninth after Trinity</b> Services as usual

Mon 25	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Sundial)
Wed 27	2.30pm	Summer Praise at the Priory
	7.30pm	United in Support (Holy Cross)
Sun 31		<b>Tenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual

## August

Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sun 7		<b>Eleventh after Trinity</b> Services as usual
Sun 14		<b>Twelfth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
Wed 17	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 18	12noon	Thursday Lunch (CC)
Sun 21		<b>Thirteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual
Sun 28		<b>Fourteenth after Trinity</b> Services as usual

## CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES 2016

11 Sept	Christ Church
25 Sept	St. John with St. Mark
27 Nov	Christ Church

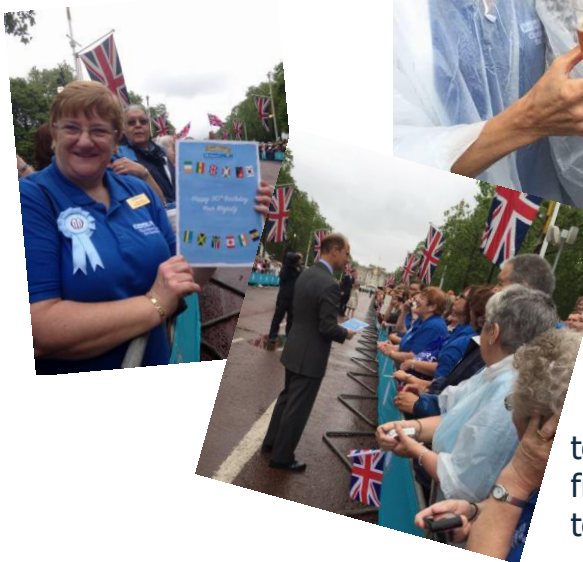


"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." *Ecclesiastes 3:11*



## The Patron's Lunch

Bev Jullien, CEO,  
Cath Hilton,  
a winner in the draw,  
and Lynne Tembey,  
worldwide president,  
drink Pimms on the Mall



and Lynne was able  
to hand over a card  
from Mothers' Union  
to the Earl of Wessex