



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



NOVEMBER 2016



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
7.30 p.m.	1 st 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 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



REMEMBRANCE

Remember, Remember the Fifth of November – gunpowder, treason and plot!

November really is a month for remembering; it begins with All Souls' Day when we remember those who we have loved but who have died, and in remembering we give thanks for their lives and their love for us.

And then it is November 5th when we remember Guy Fawkes and his group of followers who attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. That event is remembered by fires on which effigies of Guy Fawkes are burned. However, I must admit as a child I was more concerned about obtaining pennies for pushing a guy made from old clothing around in a pram, along with the fireworks, the burnt baked potatoes and the treacle toffee, than the history lesson.



And very quickly comes November 11th, Armistice Day and of course the associated Remembrance Sunday. Then we remember the signing of the Armistice which ended the First World War and all the men and women who lost their lives in that conflict and many others since.

On Armistice Day last year my elder daughter and her partner went to France and cycled from Arras to Cambrai where my uncle is buried after being killed just before the end of the war in 1918. He was nineteen and at the age when many young people are now on 'gap years' or beginning university he was fighting in the squalor of the trenches. It is good to think that even though I never knew him he is still remembered along with so many others.

And each Sunday we remember Jesus and his sacrifice for us with the words "Do this in remembrance of me," in the communion service as the bread and wine are blessed.



Memories, remembering times, places and people can give us joy and sometimes sadness. I often use a prayer for bereaved people in funeral services "Grant them joy in their memories." I pray that they may look back at the life of their loved one with happiness and smile.

But remembering should not just be nostalgia, it should affect our lives. When we bring Guy Fawkes to mind we should realise the value of the democracy we live in and do all we can to preserve it.

It is not enough just to say "How terrible that so many people have died in wars." It is inadequate just to buy a poppy and then forget for twelve months. Remembering the suffering of those involved in wars should cause us continually to pray and work for peace in our homes, our land and the world.

And remembering Jesus – it is not sufficient to think "Isn't it wonderful that Jesus died for me" although that is important. The knowledge of his sacrifice on the cross should influence our lives, the sort of people we are, the way we treat others, the attitudes we show and the thoughts we express.

What will we be remembering this month and how will it affect our lives?

Yours in Christ

Margery

BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 6 **3 BEFORE ADVENT**

Job 19: 23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38

Nov 13 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Malachi 4: 1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19

Nov 20 **CHRIST THE KING**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Nov 27 **ADVENT SUNDAY**

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-end Matthew 24: 36-44

FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Nov 6 Mr & Mrs B Crow

Nov 13 In memory of past Mothers' Union members

Nov 20 In memory of the Booth family

Nov 27 No flowers (Café Church)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms Sep 18 Luka Zion Hitchman
 Oct 16 Thomas Coulson
 Alice Greaney

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Funeral Oct 6 Marian Turner
 Oct 7 John Wild

I am the Resurrection and the life

FROM THE VICARAGE

* I would like to thank all those who helped both parishes celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving in October. It was a busy weekend with the Barn Dance on the Friday evening and the trip to Formby on the Saturday. As always there were good attendances at the Parade Services and both churches were beautifully decorated. The Harvest gifts collected were taken to the Porch Project depot at Bradley Fold for distribution to those in need in the area. The Porch project are always in need for more foodstuff to help local families. Both churches have a box at the back of church to support this worthy cause.

* St John with St Mark, Christ Church and Seedfield Tenants' & Residents' Association are offering a traditional Christmas Day lunch for anyone who would enjoy company at this time of the year. Further information from Revd.Gill

*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.

* Thanks to those who completed the diocese's Annual Income Survey. This is needed for the calculation of parish share which is the amount of money requested from each parish for diocesan and clergy support. These surveys are confidential.

* The Churches Together in Bury organisation meets bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is on 21 November. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

* The MOB (Men of the Benefice) Group usually meets on the last Monday of each month (excluding Bank Holidays). This month's meeting will be held on 28 November at The Sundial from 8.00pm.

* Please note that shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child should be returned as soon as possible. They have to be delivered at the start of November.

* 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 (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 to wrub@live.co.uk

Please note that the next edition of the magazine is a two monthly issue covering December & January. So any items in the New Year should be included. There will also be the opportunity to send Christmas greetings through the magazine.



Lay Canon

We offer our congratulations to Catherine Hilton, who has been invited by Bishop David to be a Lay Canon of Manchester Cathedral, in recognition of her work in the Diocese.

Cath's installation will take place at Evensong, 5.30 pm Sunday, 11 December to which everyone is invited. It is customary for the title to be used immediately.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

PLEASE WEAR A POPPY: by Don Crawford

"Please wear a Poppy," the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head,
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun:
"Lady," said he, "May I have one?"
When she pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant ones who died in war.

And because they did, you and I are free,
That's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.

He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by he learned and grew,
And became a man – as you will, too.

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile
But it seemed he had been with us just a while
When war broke out, he went away,
And all I could do was wait and pray.

His letters told of the dreadful plight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
and the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won –
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks lady, I'm glad to know.

That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son – did he come back all right?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same:
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed
Though our freedom was bought - And thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all,
When asked to answer their country's call.
That we at home in peace might live.

Then wear a poppy,
Remember
And give.

**PARADE SERVICES Sunday 13 November
with Acts of Remembrance**

10.30am Christ Church

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

"We will remember them"





Christmas Day Lunch 2016



Will you be alone this Christmas or do you
know of anyone who doesn't like spending
Christmas Day alone?

The churches of St John with St Mark and Christ Church together
with Seedfield Tenants' & Residents' Association are putting on a



Christmas Day lunch in the hall on Parkinson Street.

Doors open 12.30pm

Lunch at 1.30pm



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- ❖ We offer a traditional Christmas lunch to anyone who would enjoy company at this time of the year.
 - ❖ Please take a flyer for yourself or someone you know who may be interested.
 - ❖ There is no charge for the meal but donations would be welcome.
 - ❖ Enquire at either church or Moorside library for more details.
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You **MUST REGISTER** your interest for this event by calling or
emailing Rev'd Gill Barnett on:

0161 971 6318 or barnettgill@hotmail.co.uk



FROM THE COUNCILS

Meeting held at Christ Church on 10 October

The PCC meeting was attended by the Archdeacon, Ven David Bailey and the Deanery Lay Chair, Mr Steve Clark.

The main item for discussion was the Archdeacon's Quinquennial Visitation report. The report was split up into the following main headings; Church Building, Documents and Registers, Churchyard, Parsonage house, Other Property, Vision, Mission and Ministry.

The following are the main points raised for action from the report. Maintenance of the building is important and in conjunction with the church architect a priority list of actions should be drawn up.

- Disabled access needs to be improved.
- Health and Safety needs to be reviewed using the guidelines from Ecclesiastical insurance.
- Documents and registers were in good order except that the Terrier is not complete and requires updating.
- Canon Law requires that a church log book is kept.
- The child protection policy should be reviewed in light of the new Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.
- A stewardship campaign should be considered in the near future.

After discussing the above report at length the following further PCC matters were discussed.

The list of Eucharistic assistants was reviewed and amended as proposed by the vicar, all were in favour.

The vicar noted that Andrew Hawksworth, one of the architects who produced the report on the proposals for the future of the church was leaving Byrom Clark Roberts.

The lighting conductor survey report was received and the system is non-compliant. A quote for £820 plus VAT was received to carry out the repairs necessary. This was proposed to be carried out by Ian Riddick seconded by Patricia Stokes all in favour.

Brian Crow proposed that we pay £1000 in in November towards the Parish share seconded by Dave Thompson carried by majority, not all in favour

A TASTE OF A TASTER...



It is tradition for the folk at St. John with St. Mark to experience a three-day retreat at the St. Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby, leading up to the late May Bank Holiday. It was decided to give people a taste of this experience with a one day visit on Saturday 8th October.

Thirteen of us from across the two congregations met at 9.00am for a car share to the Centre, arriving just after 10.00am for coffee and a brief history of the Centre by Sister Nora, who then gave us a tour, showing us around the chapels, meeting rooms, bedrooms and rest rooms.

Our theme for the May retreat was Christian Devotional Meditation and this theme was continued today. Gill opened our first session with 'The Raisin Meditation'. We each had two whole minutes to examine and consume one raisin, concentrating solely on the raisin and how it looked, felt and tasted. We then read, studied and discussed five passages from scripture based on the theme of Christian Mindfulness, the gentle effort to be continuously present and an awareness of ourselves and the world around us.

After our first session we made our way to the dining room for a lovely roast pork lunch served by the Sisters, followed by a selection of desserts.

There was some free time after lunch and as it was such a beautiful day we used the opportunity to walk through the dunes to the Formby beach. Along the way we encountered an outdoor gym. I must congratulate Jennifer Wood on conquering the equipment much better than I did. (*Editor: see back page*) We sat at the beach in the Autumn sunshine for a while before returning back to the centre. Ian led the afternoon for us, when we studied the story of Elijah on Mount Horeb. There was a final reflection from Ian before we closed the day with worship led by Gill and shared Communion in the Chapel.

We made our way home to Bury around 4.30pm and the general feeling was that everybody who had attended had benefitted from and enjoyed the whole day.

David Robinson

ADVENT

The season of Advent marks the Church's preparation for Christmas. The four Sundays of the season act as a countdown to the great celebration of our Lord's birth and is an important time in our spiritual lives. The colour of the season is purple which reflects the solemnity of this time in the Church Year.

Traditionally churches use an Advent wreath to symbolise the passage of the season. A candle is lit each week as the liturgy reflects the coming of Jesus as a child and in time as Lord and Judge. On Christmas Day, the central candle - coloured white – is lit to signal the fulfilment of Advent and the arrival of the Son of God.

Advent Prayer

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us away from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.



John Wild

Joan & family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, condolences & messages of sympathy; also for the support received since John passed away.

They would also like to thank Paul for such a wonderful service and for all the people who attended, and for the donations to Bury Hospice.

Thank you once again
Joan, Vicki, Megan, Bethany & Jack

Report from Autumn Council 2016 – 8 October

from Tricia Stokes

The meeting once again was very vibrant; a change of venue from St Thomas to Church House 90 Deansgate filled to capacity, bringing to members so much exciting news and updates on what is happening and will be happening in the future. There were a number of speakers.

The Rev Ellie Trimble from The Church of Apostles Miles Platting was one. Ellie runs a regular project, Food for All at the church each Sunday providing 75+ homeless or persons in need a hot Sunday roast and pudding, providing support and outreach. One lady travels from Stalybridge for food and fellowship. Nancy who came in from the street is now a regular volunteer. Sunday evening volunteers are needed from 5pm - 8pm.

Annette Maudsley, from "Greater Together Manchester" and Project worker for "winter night shelter" told how there had been a 50% increase in rough sleepers in the past 18 months. Manchester has the second highest number of rough sleepers outside London. Annette stated 4 key points - Support, Help, Build, Change. Last year 6 churches in Manchester, supported by Mothers' Union, opened their doors providing night shelter to the homeless, involving an impressive total of 112 beds, 6 churches, 186 volunteers, 36 guests (referred), 733 bed spaces, 5,700 free hours, 308 loads laundry, 352 meals, for 3 months. From 1st November 2016 this is being extended to 6 months at 7 churches. Volunteers are wanted from 5.30-9.30pm, 9.30pm-6.00am and 6.00-9am. Please ask for details if you could help. Again Mothers' Union will be providing support

Another speaker was Lydia, working with families of domestic abuse in Trafford. 1 in 3 women, 1 in 6 men, 1 in 5 children are affected.

We were introduced to another charity - Nightstop, which aims to alleviate homelessness throughout communities, by hosting 18 to 25 year olds. DePaul UK are the founders of this much needed support for young people. There 33 Nightstops in the UK but only one in Manchester Diocese to date. A need has been recognised and they are seeking grants to make this happen.

Our 2017 theme is Faith in Action. Let's do exactly what it says.

If you want to see some ways Mothers' Union is making a difference go to www.MothersUnion.org and watch the new video One Vision, some of which was filmed in Manchester.

Dates: (This is a correction to the published programme.)

Nov 2 Souper supper followed by a service of Holy Communion led by Revd Gill Barnett

Nov 16- An illustrated talk on Chinese painting by Lesley Taylor

Nov 27 Deanery Advent service, 2.30pm, St Andrew Ramsbottom

Dec 7 Advent reflection - Revd Paul Sanderson

Everyone is welcome so do please come along.

GOA



GOA had a lively evening last month when girls, ladies and women from both churches together with neighbours, friends and relatives tipped up at June and Ian's home (Ian graciously holed-up elsewhere for the duration).

We ate cheese (lots of) and drank wine (moderately) and generally had a very pleasant, relaxed evening. We hope for more in the future. It's nice to see a mix of faces at these events. The afternoon tea is still on the cards but cheese and wine this week made a great contrast to all the MacMillan teas.

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One Most of us know the beginning of this prayer but I thought it would be interesting to have the full version.

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr 1892-1971

Week Two



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.

John McCrae

Week Three As the winter months approach we remember all refugees.

Heavenly Father,
you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.
We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.
Help us now to open our arms in welcome,
and reach out our hands in support.
That the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,
who fled persecution at His birth
and at His last triumphed over death.
Amen

Week Four

Advent God,
we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King,
ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us
if on our journey we are distracted
by the tempting offers of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame
with the hope of Christmas,
and the promise of a Saviour.
Amen





THE WALKING GROUP

Our October walk should have originally taken place in September, but following wet weather, we moved our scheduled walk to 1st October, and it was certainly a good decision to make as we experienced a lovely early Autumn day from beginning to end.

Our route took us through three Reservoirs of Bolton, Turton and Edgworth. Six of us met at 9.30am for transport to the first reservoir, Jumbles Reservoir, where we parked up for the day. The other two Reservoirs on the route are the Turton & Entwistle and Wayoh. There was much to enjoy on the route and all three reservoirs have their own unique characteristics about them. Much of the day was spent on and off the Witton Weavers Way long-distance footpath.



After leaving the first section of the Witton Weavers Way, we shortly came to Chapeltown, and the Turton Tower, which some of us climbed to overlook the Blackburn to Manchester railway line.

On our way to Entwistle Reservoir we passed Yarnsdale and a gritstone crag known as the 'Fairy Battery'. We also had some good views of Winter Hill. On reaching Entwistle Reservoir we paused for our elevenses stop. There were many people around on this day enjoying the lovely weather.

Continuing towards Edgworth, we had our lunch stop overlooking large parts of the region including Holcombe Hill, Deeply Vale and the tower blocks of Manchester.

We arrived at Entwistle Railway station and resisted the temptation to call in the Strawberry Duck, so just passed by on our way to the final reservoir, the Wayoh.

Picking up the Witton Weavers Way once again we continued to the Wayoh. Crossing the walkway at the water purification

works we left the Reservoir at Embankment Road and continued to the village of Turton Bottoms before arriving back at the Jumbles Country Park for transport home.

We covered about 10-11 miles on the day and the good weather and views made it very pleasant.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

NEXT WALK

Saturday 5th November – Led by Ralph Mallinson

Meet at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall at 9.00am for transport to Hollingworth Lake. Please note the earlier start time, due to reduced daylight hours in the afternoon.

The walk includes areas around the bottom of Blackstone Edge, Summit & Littleborough. All welcome with the usual essentials.



THE 2016 REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

A great way to share the Christmas story

- * Free 28 page Christmas book
- * Charitable Donation to Funzi Clinic and Traidcraft Exchange
- * Uses quality Fairtrade chocolate
- * 24 festive milk chocolate shapes
- * recyclable box and tray

Please use the sign up form in church if you would like to order a calendar.

£3.99



THE OPEN GROUP

As is now tradition for the Open Group, our October gathering involved an evening of crafts led by Linda Thompson. This is our opportunity to begin our Christmas preparations with an attempt at our own festive decorations. This year, it was a Christmas card. I think we can get away with it, as I did spot this year's first Christmas cards in the shops at the end of July.

We were asked to craft a 'stepped' Christmas card, called this as the card was folded into a tiered shape. Linda arrived with a wallet for each of us containing articles including pictures of Mary & Joseph, the donkey, star and various Christmas greetings as well as the card itself, which thankfully was pre-folded into the correct shape for us.

For the next thirty minutes we were each given the opportunity to assemble our card with the aid of scissors, tapes and double-sided sticky fixers (I had to Google that one) available.

Linda was patiently on hand for anybody who needed assistance and thanks to her and each other's support, we were all successful. Finally, the delicate task of placing it in the envelope; it just comes down now to what verse we will write inside and who will be the recipient at Christmas. I think we were all pleased with our end result. Tea and coffee were served as usual.

Thank you Linda for leading our evening and you are booked in again for the same time next year.



Our next meeting
Wednesday 9th November
at 7.30pm in the Library

'Storytelling'

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.

APPEAL FROM ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK



WANTED ~ TOYS

All toys - boys & girls, young & old,
noisy toys & quiet toys,
for our toy stall at the Christmas Fair 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 or the Wardens or Clergy who will
speak to Jackie. Thank You.

September 2016 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ J Kelly

2nd Prize ~ G Horsefield

3rd Prize ~ R Smith



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 26th November 2016
11am - 2pm**

Cake stall

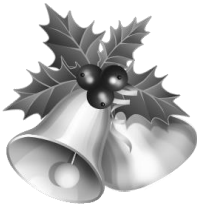
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Cards and Gifts

Toys & Games

Books & Jigsaws

Raffle & much more



Refreshments Available

Visit Santa in his Grotto

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

We may still have some stalls needing volunteers at the Fair. This is your opportunity to help raise funds for your Church. Without volunteers we cannot have these stalls. If you wish to help and do not normally do so, or have any new ideas for stalls, please speak to Rosemarie or June in advance of the Fair.

BARN DANCE

The barn dance on 7 October was thoroughly enjoyed by all - whether dancing, just watching or eating pies. Jean, our caller, was enthusiastic enough to get almost all of us up and dancing at some point in the evening, from 2 years to 82 years old. And it was generally agreed to be a 'reet good do'! See you at the next one?

Gill



Firework Party

At St John w St Mark, Friday 4th November, 7.00pm.
Tickets £2.00 from Church with food available to purchase separately. Bar open

Quiz night at Christ Church
Church Hall School Lane
12th November 2016



7pm for 7-30 start
Quiz master John Clegg
£4 entry including tea and cake
Come and join us for this enjoyable event

BUFFET DANCE



Buffet dance, with guests Lite Music Group
Friday November 11th from 7.30pm
St John with St Mark Hall

Tickets £7.50

Bar open

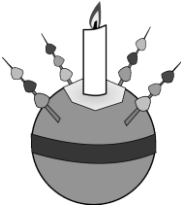
PRAYER DIARY

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services. Those who play the organ and keyboard
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.
The PCCs and their committees.
Those who provide and arrange church flowers.
Bury Library Service and all who use our halls.
- TUESDAY:** All the educational establishments in the parish.
School Governors. Nurseries, Pre-schools,
Primary Schools, St John with St Mark primary School. Our pastoral care to all the community.
- WEDNESDAY:** The Vicar, Curate and the Assistant Priests.
The Licensed Readers & ALM 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. Café Church Services. 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.

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Sun Oct 30		4th before Advent
	8.30 & 9.00am	Services as usual
	10.30am	Joint Benefice Service (CC)
Wed 2	7.30pm	Mother' Union (CC)
Thu 3	2.00pm	Basic Christianity Course (CC Hall)
Fri 4	7.00pm	Bonfire Party (SJM)
Sat 5	9.00am	Walking Group (SJM)
Sun 6		3rd before Advent
		Services as usual
Wed 9	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Fri 11	7.30pm	Buffet Dance (SJM)
Sat 12	7.30pm	Quiz Night (CC)
Sun 13		2nd before Advent
		Services as usual
Wed 16	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 17	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC)
	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Sun 20		Sunday before Advent
		Services as usual
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise (CC)
Sat 26	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM)
Sun 27		Advent Sunday
	10.30am	Café Church (CC)
		Other Services as usual
Mon 28	6.30pm	Christingle Service (CC & SJM)
	8.00pm	MOB (Sundial)

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES



MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

6.30pm

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

Support the Children's Society with your offering
Please bring a toy for a local child in need

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

Sunday 27 Nov	10.30am	Café Church	CC CC & SJM
Monday 28 Nov	6.30pm	Christingle Services	
Sunday 18 Dec	6.30pm	Benefice Carol Service	CC
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Crib Service	SJM
	6.00pm	Family Service	CC
	7.30pm	Parish Communion	SJM
	11.30pm	Parish Communion	CC
		Holy Communion Services	
Christmas Day	8.30am		SJM
	9.00am		CC
	10.30am		SJM
	10.30am		CC





*Rest and relaxation
takes many forms in Formby*

