



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



**Springtime - the signs of new life**

**FEBRUARY 2017**



**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
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

In the staff room of a church school in a former parish, the following saying was displayed:

**2 Teach is  
+ 2 Touch a Life  
4 Ever**

One of the many joys of parish ministry is the opportunities it provides for involvement with local schools. Alongside my colleagues Paul & Gill, I help to lead collective worship at St. John with St. Mark CE School; Chesham Primary, Springside Primary and Bury Church of England High Schools.

As a governor at our church school, I am involved in many aspects of its day to day life including the appointment of staff and monitoring the various policies and procedures required in the education system today.

I see our roles as Chaplains to the whole school family – children, families, staff and governors. It is an enormous privilege to be part of such a wonderful community.

But education is about much more than the issues taught in the classroom. As a child I remember hankering after the day I would leave school and never have to learn anything again. How wrong I was!

We are constantly learning about life and our earthly education should only end when we die.

The Bible teaches that life is a journey that we all undertake and throughout its many twists and turns, as Christians we can be sure of God's guiding presence every day. Jesus told his disciples that he was the way, the truth and the life.

Let us pray that we will learn to hear His voice and find His way.

Let us thank God for those who have taught us the lessons of life in the past.

And may the Lord Jesus Christ teach and touch our lives forever.

With best wishes,

*Dave*

## ***ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS***

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St.John with St.Mark:      Sunday 2 April      12noon

Christ Church:              Tuesday 4 April      7.30pm

### **YOUR CHANCE TO INFLUENCE THE WAY YOUR CHURCH OPERATES**

In preparation for these meetings, the church electoral roll needs updating. If you are already on the electoral roll, you don't need to do anything unless you have changed address. If you have been a regular worshipper at for at least 6 months, please consider filling in a form to join the electoral roll.

These can be found at the back of each church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: please also use the form to give us your new address.

A complete revision of electoral rolls will take place in 2019.

Please note:

Only those on the Church's Electoral Roll may vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

## ***FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH***

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Feb 5	In memory of Elizabeth Mather
Feb 12	In memory of Sarah Melling and Jack Illesley
Feb 19	In memory of Betty and David Brown
Feb 26	No flowers

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of flowers please contact Betty Winterbottom on 7644907. There are no flowers in church during Lent.

## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

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### **Baptisms**

November 20	Jaxon Hakin	Amelia Pollitt	Zack Porter
December 18	Evelyn Roper-Browning	Amelia Band	

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

### **Funerals**

December 23	Betty Collard
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*"I am the resurrection and the life....."*



SERVICES (in both churches)

Sunday 26 March  
at 10.30 am

## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY***

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Feb 5     **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Isaiah 58: 1-9a    1 Corinthians 2: 1-12    Matthew 5: 13-20

Feb 12     **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Deuteronomy 30:1    Corinthians 3: 1-9    Matthew 5: 21-37

Feb 19     **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Genesis 1:1-2:3    Romans 8: 18-25    Matthew 6: 25-34

Feb 26     **Sunday next before Lent**

Exodus 24: 12-    2 Peter 1: 16-21    Matthew 17: 1-9  
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## ***CRIB SERVICE***

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We used this short service to remind ourselves, in the middle of the excitement and busyness of this night, what it is *really* all about.



Using readings and songs, adults and children alike pieced the Christmas Story together as we brought the figures into the stable scene ready to welcome the pink and wrinkly Prince of Peace on Christmas Day.

Our youngest worshipper this year, was Jaxon, at 6 days old!

## *Christmas Day Lunch*

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- was a great success.

The team managed to welcome, feed and entertain 21 diners in total and we put up a couple of dinners for people to take home.

We ate, drank and made merry and spent valuable time with friends old and new.

**BIG THANKS** to those who helped to prepare in the kitchen and in the hall (and to those who helped to clear away after, too) and to all who supported us financially, practically and in prayer.



We have already had a request to start a guest list for next year, phew! Watch this space.

Gill

## ***Revd Dr Una Kroll: In memoriam***

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Una Kroll died at the Franciscan Convent Care Home in Blackburn on Epiphany morning – 6 January 2017. Her funeral will be held at East Lancashire (Radcliffe) Crematorium on Friday 3 February at 1.30pm.

Una was an internationally famous campaigner on matters of equality. She was highly significant in the movement for the ordination of women and a doctor, nun, priest, feminist, parliamentary candidate and spiritual director amongst many other roles.

She was born Una Hill in London on 15 December 1925. After her parents separated before her second birthday, she was brought up by her mother and her wider family in France, Latvia, Italy and Britain, speaking Russian and French in addition to her mother tongue.

Una studied medicine at Cambridge and after becoming a doctor – and a committed Christian – joined the Anglican religious order the Community of the Holy Name. She was sent to Liberia, West Africa, where she met an American monk Leo Kroll who was 25 years her senior. They fell in love. Returning from Africa they were married on 1 June 1957 in Birmingham. After a brief spell back in Africa, in Namibia, they settled in London with Una becoming a GP in Cray. Her experiences of church and society during this time, caused Una to campaign on matters of equality – even standing as an Independent Equal Opportunities candidate in the 1974 General Election. Una and Leo had three daughters and a son.

She was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England in 1970. She served for a number of years in this role in both London and Sussex, actively campaigning for the ordination of women. Leo died in 1987 and within a year, Una retired from work and moved to Monmouth in South Wales.

Una was ordained an Anglican priest in the Church of Wales in 1997 and continued in this ministry when she moved to Bury in 2003. She moved north to be near her son Leo who lives in Ramsbottom.

She joined the Ministry Team at St.John with St.Mark and from her small flat in Hamilton House passed her wisdom and guidance onto hundreds of people.

To the surprise of many she joined the Roman Catholic Church in 2008 and continued to campaign for equality there. In her latter years she worshipped in both demoninations – at St.Joseph's RC Church and at St.John with St.Mark. Una was an active participant of the many study groups held at Ian & June's. She was a regular attender at the 8.30am service until last summer when an accident severely limited her mobility. After a spell in hospital and back at Hamilton House, she moved to the care of the Convent in the autumn.

In a Guardian obituary, Canon Paul Oestreicher, wrote: "Una's life was a passionate stormy affair with the church. In her final years, physically frail but still mentally and spiritually vigorous,, she embraced a solitary life of prayer for the many she loved and for the peace of the world". –

Her wisdom and friendship will be missed by so many in Bury and across the world.

We give thanks to God for the life of Una Kroll.  
May She Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

## ***FROM THE VICARAGE***

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\* Thanks to all who helped – and attended - the Christingle services at the end of November. It was particularly decorative at Christ Church with the candles alongside the church footpaths. Thanks also to those who provided toys for needy children locally, to be distributed via Wood Street mission



\* Christ Church will be hosting a Confirmation Service on Sunday 9 July at 10.30am, led by the Bishop of Bolton. Anyone interested in being confirmed on that occasion, should have a word with me or another member of the Ministry Team. Any child in Year 6 or above is eligible to be confirmed. Junior Confirmation classes will begin after Easter.

\* 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.

\* A Passion Play is being staged in Manchester city centre on Saturday 8 April – the first such event in ten years. Representatives from Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities will be taking part in this special event. It is scheduled for Albert Square, beginning at 3.00pm. More than 150 volunteers are expected to be involved. The organisers of the event are looking for actors, musicians, singers, craftspeople, costume makers and promoters. Anyone interested should visit [www.manchesterpassion.org](http://www.manchesterpassion.org)

\* The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be Holy Communion services at 7.30pm in both churches on that day as well as the regular 10.00am service at St.John with St.Mark.

During Lent there will be study groups at the following venues:

Monday 7.30pm 150 Walmersley Road  
Tuesday 7.30pm Seedfield Methodist Church  
Thursday 2.00pm Christ Church hall.

In addition, there will be a basic Christianity course on Thursday evenings, at 8.00pm in the chapel at St.John with St.Mark. Further details in next month's magazine.

\* The next meeting of the Men Of the Benefice will be on Monday 27 February. We meet in The Sundial from 8pm.

\* It seems that the practice of intinction – the practice of dipping consecrated bread into the wine at Communion – is on the increase across the benefice. The Ministry Team would request that this is only done for MEDICAL reasons and not as a regular custom. If intinction has to take place, please ensure that your fingers do not touch the wine, for obvious hygienic reasons.

\*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.

\* 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 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)

## ***FROM THE COUNCILS***

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### **St. John with St. Mark December Meeting**

We were joined at our meeting by the Archdeacon David Bailey and the Deanery Lay Chair Steve Clark. There was no agenda and the purpose of the meeting was for the Archdeacon to present his report from the Parish Visitation, which was undertaken on 1st June. The PCC had been circulated a copy of the report prior to the meeting. The main points were discussed at length.

One of the key issues raised was the need for faculty requirements, which are currently only raised if we undertake work in the Church alone. It has been confirmed that the faculty jurisdiction should indeed apply to the whole site, including the hall, gardens etc, but would not need to apply retrospectively. This does however mean that these areas would now form part of a Quinquennial Inspection along with the Church.

There was the opportunity for questions and concerns to be put to the Archdeacon about any matter raised in the report.

As this was also our last meeting before Christmas it was necessary to discuss our annual giving to charity. The PCC once again agreed to donate 10% of our previous year's Planned Giving to various charities. The charities range from categories including Overseas Mission, Overseas Relief & Development, UK Mission and UK Secular. A discussion took place and PCC members spoke out about particular charities they would like us to support this year. It was also agreed to donate the loose collection from the forthcoming Christmas services and magazine greetings to North West Ambulance Service.

One other item raised is that it is likely the Church Hall boiler will need to be replaced shortly. The existing one has served us well for around 20 years but is nearing the time of renewal.

Quotes are being sought.

Future PCC dates for 2017: Thursdays, 9th February & 16th March. The APCM will take place after the Sunday service on 2nd April.

## **JOINT PCC MEETING OF 12 DECEMBER 2016**

The two PCCs met at Christ Church Hall for their bi-annual meeting. Before the meeting we gathered to enjoy some of the cakes that had been donated to the successful cream tea earlier in the day.

Once again we looked at our Mission Action Plans and updated them where necessary. The areas when we now currently work well as a Benefice were raised, along with areas when we could perhaps work more closely. One of the areas it was felt we could focus on was the use of Social Media across the Benefice. This was mentioned in the Archdeacons Parish Visitation reports. A discussion took place on this subject and what forms this could include.

The issue of social dates was also raised. It was thought that the two Parishes could co-ordinate their social calendars to avoid future clashes.

It is also hoped to run a Stewardship campaign, possibly next year, and as such a meeting has been arranged with the Diocesan Stewardship Officer James Emmerson for both PCC's on Wednesday 26th April

## **CCW meeting 10 January 2017**

1. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission application form and photos had been sent off. A reply has now been received and this will now go to the Archdeacon for approval.
2. Correspondence has been received from the diocese regarding fees etc.
3. In the financial report it was noted that we had paid the parish share in full for 2016. The parish share for CCW next year is £32,730.32. It was determined to keep the fees for the cost of the church hall and the church for funerals, weddings and organisations the same as last year.
4. It was decided to keep the actions required from the Archdeacons visitation on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. The child friendly award for CCW runs out in June 2017, a letter will be received in spring advising us. A committee will be formed to address the actions for this.
6. There is a confirmation service at CCW at 10.30am on the 9th July 2017, classes will begin after Easter, other churches may be involved.
7. Committee reports were given firstly from the Church Hall committee and a short report from the property committee stated that over 50% of the items that were to be done in the 18 months after the 2013 Quinquennial had been completed.
8. The secretary was asked to check with the church architect regarding the fallen plaster from the wall above the altar.
9. The vicar handed out copies of the latest mission action plan which will be further discussed at the joint PCC meeting in June. A meeting has been set up with the diocesan stewardship officer on the 26th of April. The St Johns Christmas lunch service was reported on by Revd Gill Barnett, saying that it was well attended by 21 people, a good age range and a good geographical area.
10. It was noted that the events list from St Johns for 2017 was to be sent to CCW when available.

Our Annual theme for 2017 : Faith in Action

We follow on from our year of celebration in 2016 when we gave thanks for God's faithfulness to Mothers' Union over 140 years and acknowledged that: *Thus far the Lord has helped us.* (1 Samuel 7:12)

We now look to the future, trusting that God will continue to help us as we share his love in the world through our Christian care for families and communities. We do this by actively putting our faith into action to serve God and his world. This is no new concept for us as Mothers' Union; rather it has always been at the heart of our mission and outreach.

So 2017 is a year for us to highlight the ways in which we already live out our faith though action; it is also an opportunity for us to consider new ways in which to do so, being ever aware of the changing needs of society, and always looking to God for his guidance and provision.

It's one thing to think that it would be good to do something that showed Faith in Action in our own branch, it can be a bit daunting to think about how and where to start and to really make a difference. It would be really great if, during 2017, our branch spent one meeting thinking about how we, collectively or individually, could show faith in action.

But "We can't make much of a difference....." we say.

It's always easy to see that there are things that need to change in the world, the difficulty is how a small group of people can have an impact on major issues. Some members may be familiar with the Story of the Starfish and this can be a good place to start when thinking about how to make a difference in the world.

# The starfish story

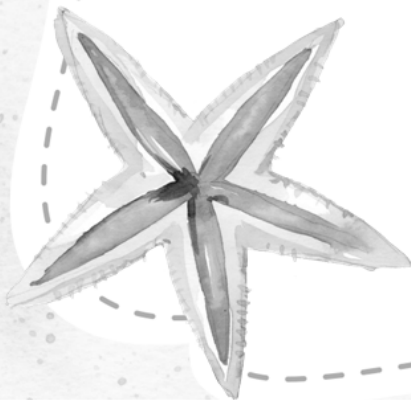
By: Loren Eiseley

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy he asked: "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Do you realize there are miles of miles of miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?" "You can't make any difference."



After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf, then smiling at the man, he said: "I made a difference to that one."

Small actions, even if they seem insignificant, do make a difference and when put together, their impact can be huge. Let's see what we can do this year.

On a personal note, I am stepping down from the role of Branch leader at the AGM, due to increasing time needed with ageing relatives. The last 4 years have been a privilege especially as I wasn't a member when we moved here. I have learnt so much, met delightful people and made many lasting friendships. Please consider and have a word with me in confidence about a new leader. It is not an elected position but prayerful consideration is given to see who can carry on the role. Ours is a very special and active branch so we have a responsibility to maintain it. Thank you for all the support I have been given and please support and encourage the next Branch leader.

**Dates for the diary:**

Feb 1 Desert Island discs - bring along a favourite piece of music to share and a brief explanation of why it is special.

Feb 15 Branch AGM

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday service in Church at 7.30 - NO Branch meeting

Kathryn Bailey  
Branch leader

NEXT PARADE SERVICE  
*with uniformed organisations*

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

Sunday 12 February 10.30am

## FOR QUIET MOMENTS

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### Week One

As we have seen the pictures on television of war, terrorism and conflict, I thought it appropriate include a prayer for peace.

Compassionate God and Father of all,  
we are horrified at violence  
in so many parts of the world.  
It seems that none are safe,  
and some are terrified.



Hold back the hands that kill and maim;  
turn around the hearts that hate.  
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -  
peace that passes our understanding  
but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Week Two

One day a young woman was walking home from work when she saw a little girl standing on the street corner, begging. The little girl's clothes were paper thin and dirty, her hair matted and unclean, and her cheeks red from the cold.

The young woman dropped a few coins in the begging bowl, gave the girl a smile and walked on. As she walked she started to feel guilty. How could she go home to her warm house with its full fridge and warm clothes while this little girl shivered on the street.

She also began to feel angry, angry with God and prayed in protest, "God, how can you let these sort of things happen? Why don't you do something to help this girl?"

And then, to her surprise God answered. He said, "I did do something. I created you."

### **Week 3**

#### **A prayer for encouragement**

God of the lost and found,  
When I lose heart, help me to find hope;  
When I lose strength, help me to find courage;  
When I lose security, help me to find trust;  
When I lose patience, help me to find grace;  
When I lose faith, help me to find you afresh and to rejoice.

### **Week Four**

We sang this version of the commandments at a recent Café Church. Ask any of the young people (or Nigel) for the tune.

Rule One, love the Lord your God  
Rule Two, worship no idols  
Rule Three, do not misuse God's great name  
Rule Four, keep a special day  
Rule Five, Love your Mum and Dad

Rule Six do not take another life  
Rule Seven, be the faithful one  
Eight and Nine, don't lie or steal  
Rule Ten, just be happy with what you've got.

Ten rules, one God in heaven above  
Ten rules one God, the King of love  
Ten rules one God, Moses heard him say  
I am the Lord so follow in my way!

*It helps me remember them!*



## PORCH BOXES – THANK YOU

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As we looked back over the last twelve months we realised what a significant year 2015 was in terms of Christ Church's support of Porch Boxes.

We have moved on from collecting supplies once or twice a year – at Harvest and Christmas – to giving on a continuing basis. Every week the collecting box at the back of church receives items. Every month we fill the boot of the car and drive to the Porch Boxes' depot at Bradley Fold.

Over the year we have taken some 44 boxes. Porch Boxes' target hope – ***"to be able to close the Porch operation because the need has gone away"*** is still a long way away; indeed it is, unfortunately, nowhere in sight at this time despite the 'prosperity' that we associate with the United Kingdom, in common with many western nations.

Regular weekly contributions from churches, schools and businesses are essential to keep pace with the demand from those in need in our community. Your support really does make all the difference.



On behalf of Porch Boxes, and the final recipients of the items you give, thank you so much for your kindness, your generosity and your care.

Barbara and Nigel Silvester

It is during the worst times of your life that you will see the true colours of the people who say they care for you.

*Ritu Ghatourey, Indian author*

## CAFÉ CHURCH 2017

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12 March	Christ Church
19 March	St.John with St.Mark
4 June	St.John with St.Mark
Midweek -	to be arranged, Christ Church
3 September	St.John with St.Mark
17 September	Christ Church
26 November	Christ Church
3 December	St.John with St.Mark



## ***PRAISE EVENINGS 2017***

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Everyone is most welcome, in the Hall at Christ Church at 7pm on these Sunday evenings.

Tea, coffee and cake

Readings, prayers and above all praise

Praise the  
LORD  
oh my  
soul.  
Praise the  
LORD

March 5

April 23

May 28

July 2

August 27

October 1

November 5

December 10



## ***THE WALKING GROUP***

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We stayed local for our walk on December 3rd and undertook a route which included 3 breweries. This walk was previously completed in 2015 however as some of the group had missed it last time it was decided to do it again. It was also ideal for the time of year as it contains lots of footpaths and we were never too far from home when it went dark.

Eight of us met at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall at 10.15am and begun our route down towards The Burrs. Walking along Woodhill Road we continued towards the fire station and Tesco before heading to our first stop, The Clarence on Silver Street. Some of us enjoyed a coffee here as it was a slightly chilly start to the morning. Upon leaving there about 11.45am, we were then joined by Paul's dog Dodger, who had been dropped off – he wasn't allowed in The Clarence!

Continuing back along Castlecroft Road we crossed the Irwell bridge and then picked up the start of the Kirklees Trail. We walked the full length of this to Greenmount, pausing for our lunch stop on the way.

After leaving the Kirklees we continued towards Nuttall Park via Newcombe Road and then picking up a track near Waterside Road, which took us to the park. Our next stop was the Irwell Works in Ramsbottom where we enjoyed refreshment.



Leaving there about 3.00pm we crossed the East Lancs Railway, where the Santa Special was just pulling in, and then continued towards Manchester Road and picked up the track beginning at Whitelow Road. This then took us to the top of Bury Old Road and we continued on towards our third stop,

Leyden Brewery (aka The Lord Raglan). After an hour in the Raglan we made our way home.

It was not just about the breweries today, there was some good walking in between – twelve miles altogether. It was a lovely day from beginning to end and the good attendance made it even more enjoyable. The weather was also pleasant for the time of year.

Thank you also to Gill for taking the last few of us back to her house for some pizza and nibbles in the evening.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

## **MORE FROM THE WALKING GROUP**

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Our first walk of 2017, on 7th January, took us to the familiar area of Waugh's Well, albeit with a variation of the route. It was misty and murky for most of the day, but surprisingly warm for the time of the year. We met at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall for transport to the Lord Raglan. It was great to have Vicky Senior with us today, joining us for her debut walk.

The intention was for us to drive to Owd Betts and commence our walk from there. However we decided to drive the short distance to the Lord Raglan and instead walk to Owd Betts by Cheesden Valley. We arrived at Owd Betts on Edenfield Road around 10.30am and shortly after we began our ascent up Knowl Hill. Once at the top we paused for a brief elevenses stop.

From there, we descended North-West towards Scout Moor and made our way along the servicing road for a while. We made a brief detour off Scout Moor to Whittle Pike and the site of Geoff's Cross, which is a tall wooden cross in memory of former



St. Mark's Scout leader Geoffrey Molyneux, killed in a flying mission in 1955. Our current Scout group have a new plaque for the cross, so whilst there we had a brief discussion as to where it could be placed and how we would get it up there.

We then briefly turned back on ourselves and dropped down to the track to Waugh's Well, where we stopped for lunch just before 1.00pm.

Afterwards, we continued our route along a stretch of the Rossendale Way, eventually arriving on the outskirts of Edenfield and then into the Village of Turn, past Bleakholt and the Fishermans Retreat. Our last leg involved a tough climb over a rugged hill towards Harden Moor. From there, it was back along Bury Old Road and to the Lord Raglan. We stopped here for deserved refreshment before the drive home. Overall, despite it sometimes being tough going underfoot, our group enjoyed the walk. We had covered 11.5 miles during the day.

### **Our Next Walk**

Due to other commitments, there is no scheduled walk in February. However Paul Sanderson will be leading an impromptu walk on Saturday 4th February.

If you are interested in a walk this day, please contact Paul.

Best foot forward, David Robinson



## THE OPEN GROUP

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The Open Group closed the 2016 program of events with their annual Christmas party on Wednesday 7th December, attended by 19 members. There was an opportunity for a drink and a chat on arrival between 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

A delicious meat and potato pie meal was organised by Betty Alty's daughter-in-law Deborah and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Deborah for coming along. A selection of desserts was also available, including the speciality home made trifle by June Banks.

During tea/coffee and mince pies, David Robinson had organised a testing couple of quizzes for members to have a look at.



Everybody enjoyed the food, fun and each other's company. Thank you once again to Joyce Hopkinson, Phyllis Holt and Betty Roe for organising the party and for the rest of the 2016 program of events, and also to our various speakers.

There will be no meeting of the group in February.

David Robinson

## Thursday Light Lunches

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**All are welcome**

12 noon - 1 pm

Christ Church Hall,  
School Lane

No charge,  
just give what you wish

### **DATES FOR 2017**

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

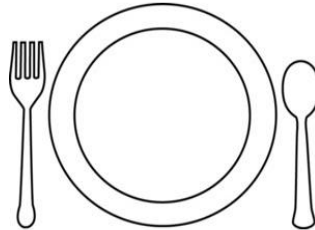
November 16

December 21

Note them in your new diary, come along and enjoy fun, food and fellowship.

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For good food  
and those who prepare it,  
for good friends  
with whom to share it,  
we thank you Lord.  
Amen



## 11/24 BURY SCOUT NEWS

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A huge thank you to all who contributed towards the Shoebox appeal in 2016, in total 168 boxes were sent off last year.

Also in November the Beavers and cubs met the Mayor and had a fantastic time. They all sat in the council chamber asking the mayor questions; what he likes about his job, through to his favourite football team. The Mayor then gave them a tour of his parlour and his finery.



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

St John with St Mark Church Hall  
Saturday 4th February from 10.00am

**BOOKS**

**BACON SANDWICHES**

**BRIC A BRAC**

**TEA & COFFEE**

**CAKES**

**OTHER STALLS**

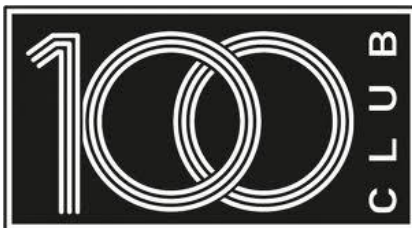
**ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS**

## **NOVEMBER 2016 WINNERS**

1st Prize ~ Rosemarie Ashworth

2nd Prize ~ Archie Wardle

3rd Prize ~ Steve Tanner



## **DECEMBER 2016 WINNERS**

1st Prize ~ Vicky Senior

2nd Prize ~ Margaret Hall

3rd Prize ~ Laura Clark

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

1st Prize ~ Sandra Evans

2nd Prize ~ G Horsefield

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 90th Birthday over the New Year weekend.



Thank you for all my cards, flowers and best wishes and for the people who joined me to celebrate with wine and birthday cake at St. John with St. Mark after the 10.30am service on 1st January.

I appreciated people being there.

Mrs Dorothy Butterworth



## ***FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2017***

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February 27 – March 12

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Fairtrade Fortnight is a time of the year when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

Fairtrade goods are available in all supermarkets and other shops. The list of fairly traded goods is ever increasing, with items such as bananas, honey, coffee, oranges, cocoa, cotton, dried and fresh fruits and vegetables, juices, nuts and oil seeds, rice, spices, sugar, tea and wine able to be bought.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves.

**PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING FAIRTRADE GOODS WHEREVER  
THEY ARE AVAILABLE.**

**(St.John with St.Mark has a Fairtrade Stall  
after Sunday services)**

## ***WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY***

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Wed 1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sat 4	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Book Fair (SJM)
Sun 5		<b>Fourth before lent</b> Services as usual
Wed 8	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Thu 9	8.00pm	PCC (SJM)
Sun 12		<b>Third before Lent</b> Services as usual (with Church Parade at 10.30 am)
Wed 15	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 16	12.00noon	Light Lunch (CC)
	7.30pm	No Holy Communion (SJM)
16/17/18		Aladdin (SJM)
Sun 19		<b>Second before Lent</b> Services as usual
Mon 20	1.00pm	Afternoon tea (CC)
Sun 26		<b>Next before Lent</b> Services as usual
Mon 27	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice

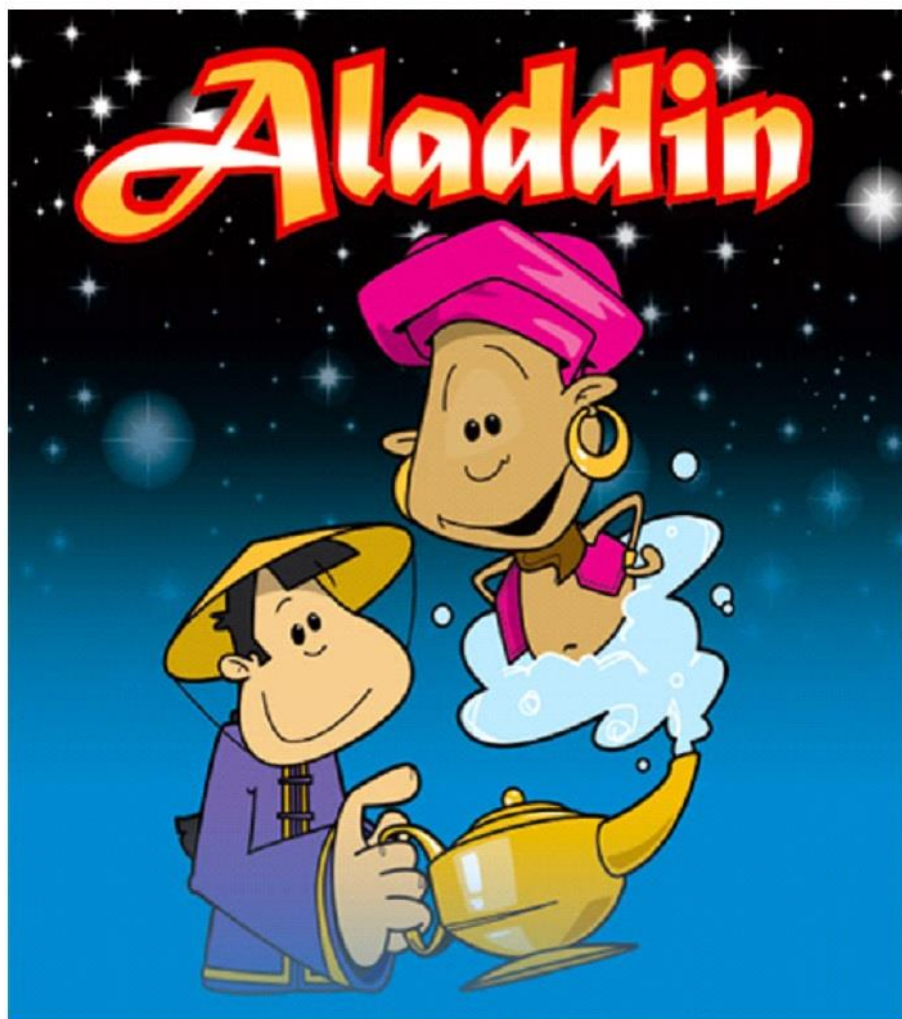
### ***Afternoon tea/coffee and cakes***

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Christ Church Walmersley  
Church Hall, School Lane  
Monday 20 February  
1 – 3.30 pm  
£3 per person



***The Young People of St John with St Mark  
Present***



**Written by Debbie Cooper**

**Thu 16th, Fri 17th & Sat 18th February 2017**

**7:30pm**

**For Tickets Please ring Joan Wild Tel: 0161 761 6592**