



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



**NOVEMBER 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	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parade Service	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> United Service	Alternately CC/SJM

### **Monday**

7.30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Listening Prayer	150 Walmersley Road
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### **Tuesday**

7.30pm	Christian Meditation	St John w St Mark
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### **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

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 Fairtrade status



I was on holiday once, over 25 years ago. I remember it particularly well because I was about 5 months pregnant with my first child (so everything was new to me). We had taken a ferry over to the Irish Republic, hired a car and driven to what felt like the end of the world. It was beautiful.

We stayed in a wing of a working farmhouse. The farmer's wife had had 10 or 12 children so everything was old hat to her but it certainly didn't feel like it to me. She was warm, welcoming, accommodating and very understanding. I suffered my one and only bout of pregnancy indigestion whilst I was there and she couldn't have been kinder. She even offered to bring me breakfast in bed – this was a working farm not a 4\* hotel!

One evening on returning from the theatre (The Playboy of the Western World), the farmer and

**"Hospitality is making others  
feel at home. Some folks  
make you feel at home.  
Others make you wish you  
were." A.H. Glasgow**

his wife had friends over for dinner and were on pudding. There was no way we were going to be left sitting in the guest lounge – we spent the rest of the evening like family, sitting and sharing around the family's table.

I was on holiday once, not so long ago and I went to church on the Sunday. I was spoken to by only 1 person other than the official greeter – and that was to ask me to move because I was sitting in their friend's seat!

Which of these is the best demonstration of hospitality? Which of these is the best representation of heaven? Which of these is the best representation of our church?

Some people who cross our paths may not be like us. They may dress differently, talk differently, vote differently, hold different things in high (or low) esteem. There are people who are not like us. There are people who we don't like. There are people who don't like us. But there is no-one to whom we shouldn't show hospitality.

At the root of the word 'hospitality' is the Latin 'hostis' which means stranger or enemy – where we eventually get hostility from. There's not much of a leap from one word to the other, is there – hostility to hospitality?

My Irish holiday was a fantastic experience of being on the receiving end of true hospitality – and that born out of a business idea. My church experience was unfortunately rooted in the other meaning of 'hostis'. But really, how much more hospitable ought we to be as Christians – born out of sacrificial love?

Peter and Paul both taught the early church to show hospitality:



'Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers'. Romans 12 v13

'Be hospitable to one another without grumbling'. 1Peter 4 v9

'Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels'. Hebrews 13 v2

Remember Jesus was eventually shown hospitality after the 'no room in the inn' episode – I bet my Irish landlady wouldn't have turned Mary and Joseph away. Which version of 'hostis' do you practise – not only to visitors to church but on a day to day basis? Do these strangers want to come back and know more about the source of your hospitality, Jesus the Son of God?

Every blessing  
Gill B



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER***

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**Nov 5      All Saints' Sunday**

Revelation 7: 9-17      1 John 3: 1-3      Matthew 5: 1-12

**Nov 12      Remembrance Sunday**

Amos 5: 18-24      1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18      Matthew 25: 1-13

**Nov 19      Second Sunday Before Advent**

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18      1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11      Matthew 25: 14-30

**Nov 26      Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24      Ephesians 1: 15-23      Matthew 25: 31-46

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## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

### **Baptisms**

October 1      Ted Morgan, Thea Morgan,  
Zach Marsden, Cole Marsden.

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

### **Interment of ashes in the garden of remembrance:**

September 27      Mary Harling

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

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Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day;  
unseen, unheard, but always near  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.

*Author unknown*



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

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- Nov 5      In memory of Astonn Mitchell-Male
- Nov 12     In memory of past Mothers' Union members
- Nov 19     No flowers
- Nov 26     In memory of Jennifer Melling and Mary Illesley

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Betty Winterbottom (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark).

## ***CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES***

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*Dates for your diary:*

10.30am



Sunday 19 November  
*Christ Church*

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Sunday 3 December  
*St.John with St.Mark*

## ***Magazine***

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The edition of our parish magazine due for circulation from 26 November will be a bumper issue for **December/January**. Please let us have material, including any Christmas greetings you may wish to publish, no later than 14 November. If anyone would like to be involved in editing the magazine please get in touch.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 12 November**

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*I WENT TO SEE THE SOLDIERS: by Kenny Martin*

I went to see the soldiers, row on row on row,  
And wondered about each so still, their badges all on show.  
What brought them here, what life before  
Was like for each of them?  
What made them angry, laugh or cry,  
These soldiers, boys and men.

Some so young, some older still, a bond more close than brothers  
Those men have earned and shared a love, that's not like any others.  
They trained as one, they fought as one  
They shared their last together.  
That bond endures, that love is true  
And will be, now and ever.

I could not know, how could I guess, what choices each had made,  
Of how they came to soldiering, what part each one had played?  
But here they are and here they'll stay,  
Each one silent and in place,  
Their headstones line up row on row  
They guard this hallowed place.



## **PARADE SERVICES**

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At 10.30 am in both churches:

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Act of Remembrance

*"We will remember them"*



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEWS

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### ***Latest figures***

*12,510 parishes*

*15,685 churches*

*20,440 ordained priests*

*30% single church parishes*

*51% single churches in multi-church benefices*

*19% multi-church parishes in multi-church benefices*

*7 average number of churches per benefice in Hereford*

*St.Peter's Blackpool the most deprived parish in country  
(61% of children living in poverty)*

*St.Mary's Winchester least deprived parish in country  
(5% of children living in poverty)*

*The parish of St.John with St.Mark is amongst the 10%  
most deprived parishes in the country.*

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## ***ALL SOULS***

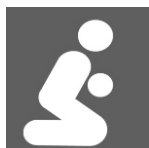
Service for the bereaved,  
including the reading of a list of those who we love but see no longer.

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

*3.00pm*

*St.John with St.Mark*

***ALL WELCOME***



FOR THE UNITED BENEFICE OF WALMERSLEY ROAD  
***PRAYER DIARY***

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SUBJECTS ON A DAILY BASIS*

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services. Those who play organ/keyboards.  
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.  
Those who read, lead intercessions and serve in church services
- MONDAY:** 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.
- TUESDAY:** All the educational establishments in the parish.  
School Governors. Nurserys, Pre-schools, Primary Schools,  
St.John with St.Mark CE School.  
Our pastoral care to all the community.
- WEDNESDAY:** Links with other church communities across the world.  
Mothers' Union. Our care of the church buildings.  
Mission Action Planning
- THURSDAY:** The Sunday School /Junior Church. Café Church services.  
Our work with young people.  
Those preparing to be married in church.  
Our baptism ministry.
- FRIDAY:** Links with our local communities.  
The PCCS and their committees  
Those who provide and arrange church flowers  
Bury Library Service and those who use our church halls.
- SATURDAY:** The Vicar, Curate and Assistant Priest. The retired clergy  
The Licensed Readers & ALM.  
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.  
Our ministry to those bereaved.

## From the Vicarage

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\* Thank you to everyone for your contributions to last month's Harvest Festivals. The food has been delivered to the Victoria House Night Shelter in Openshaw, the Porch Box Project and the Booth Centre. A special thanks to all those who took part in the services and also to those who delivered the plants and food. As usual Springside School held their Harvest Service in Christ Church, whilst for the first time in a number of years, St. John with St. Mark School also held their service in church. It is good that this practice has been revived and hopefully similar other school events will be held in church.

Porch Box are always in need of food items to meet the current demand. They are very grateful for our support. A box is available to collect food gifts at the back of both churches. Please support this worthy cause.

\* A new singing/social group has been set up meeting every Thursday afternoon at the Salvation Army Church in Brookshaw Street. This is open to all those over 55 between 2-4pm. Entry charge of £2 is put towards the cost of a hot drink and lots of biscuits.

\* Our neighbouring parish of St. Mary the Virgin will welcome their new Rector this month. The Revd. Julian Heaton – currently serving in the Diocese of Chester – will be inducted at the Parish Church on the afternoon of Sunday 19 November. Please pray for Julian and his family as they prepare for ministry in our town.

\* As our new Patron arrives – so our Archdeacon leaves! The farewell service for David Bailey will be held in Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 26 November, beginning at 5.30pm. This is almost 9 years to the day since his licensing as Archdeacon of Bolton. Not only will we miss David as Archdeacon but also David & Kathryn as parishioners. Please pray for them as they prepare to move to their retirement home in Ripon.

\* The next meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – takes place on Monday 27 November. We will be having a meal at a local restaurant. Further details in church nearer the time.

- \* The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meet every month – usually on the second 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.
- \* Bury Churches Together are looking to set up a Care Home Friends scheme to visit those in residential homes who have no visitors. If you can chat, read, do crosswords - simply spend some time with someone overlooked by society please speak to Gill for more details and to register your interest. Training and support will be offered for volunteers, with the initial training to be held on 11 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.
- \* Meetings of the Churches Together in Bury take place bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month at various venues around the town, beginning at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on 20 November. More details are in the Bulletins / News Sheets. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- \* Both of our Church Halls are available for a whole range of activities for use by church and community groups. Please however check with the bookings officers (June Banks for St.John with St.Mark and Jennifer Wood for Christ Church) if the building is otherwise occupied before anything is arranged.
- \* Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 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)

### Meeting of Christ Church PCC held on 12th Sept 2017

1. New gates for Ackworth Street were approved, at a cost of £1,800 plus VAT.
2. A letter had been received from Smiths of Derby offering a discounted three year service plan for the clock in the tower. The offer was approved by the PCC.
3. Bury Council had contacted us regarding their local development plan. The secretary stated that he would respond requesting that the church field be included in the new development plan.
4. The PCC approved a further payment of £2,000 for the month of September in addition to our standing order of £2,000 per month.
5. The vicar told the meeting that our parish share for 2018 will be £30,125, the lowest for the last 5 years.
6. The vicar noted that the congregation focus group would take place in the church hall on Sunday the 17th of September. The final focus group involving the wider community will take place on the 30th September. After this the diocese group will forward recommendations to the task force group. In addition it was decided that the PCC would make further church visits, to Kersal and Elton.
7. There was a meeting on Sunday the 10th Sept. with the children who were recently confirmed, it was agreed that the group would meet once a month and topics were to be decided.
8. Nick Smeaton is to be asked to come and talk to the congregation regarding vocations on the 29th April 2018 (date to be confirmed).
9. It was noted that the loose carpets in the side aisles in church pose a health and safety concern; it was agreed they should be removed.
10. New booking regulations for the church hall will be circulated to all PCC members for information and comments.
11. The vicar noted that the Stewardship campaign will begin at the beginning of October and run through October until the 29th. A question was raised regarding trustee appointment, the secretary was asked to look into this. The new nativity figures that are to be purchased for the church were discussed.

Ian Riddick PCC secretary

## ***A PRAYER WE CAN ALL USE***

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*From the Anglican Prayer Book  
in the Province of Southern Africa*

Lord God, we ask you to give us your blessing.

To your Church, holiness  
to the world, peace  
to this nation, justice  
and to all people knowledge of your word.

Keep safe our families  
protect the weak  
heal the sick  
comfort the dying  
and bring us all to a joyful resurrection.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## ***SUNDAY @ SEVEN***

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We next meet for our regular Sunday evening informal worship  
(song/reflection/prayer) on



**Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**at 7pm**

**at Christ Church Hall (back room)**

Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour - you will be most welcome!

### **Week 1      All Saints Day**

Loving God, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith, especially those who have encouraged us on our spiritual journeys.

May we in turn encourage others, so that the message of your love will continue to be spread.

Teach each of us to learn from the great company of saints,  
so that our love for you may grow,  
our faith be deepened,  
and our resolve to serve you be strengthened.

### **Week 2      An activity for Remembrance**

It will help to have a poppy to hand.

Look at your poppy (or use your imagination).  
Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.



### **Week 3      At a Time when there seems to be so many disasters**

We pray for all whose lives  
have been touched by tragedy,  
whether by accident  
or a deliberate act.  
For those who mourn,  
immerse them in your love  
and lead them through this darkness  
into your arms, and light.  
For those who comfort,  
be in both the words they use  
and all that's left unspoken;  
fill each heart with love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
whose own suffering brought us life,  
here and for eternity. Amen



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### **Week 4      Love's Strength**

What can separate us from the love of God?  
Can sickness or death?  
    No nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
Can danger or war?  
    No nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
Can sadness or despair?  
    No nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
Can failure or rejection?  
    No nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
Can loneliness or fear?  
    No nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Marvellous words of reassurance from Romans chapter 8.



## THE OPEN GROUP

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As with the last couple of years, Linda Thompson volunteered to lead our October craft night. Our challenge this year was to create two Christmas cards, as last year we had worked so quickly to do the one. They may have been out in the shops for a couple of months now but it is a little bit more special making your own.

We only had a small number present therefore we sat around a table, creating a more sociable atmosphere, where we could talk and assist each other. Linda advised we were the pilots for these cards, as she was doing the same evening with the Mothers' Union the following week.

We had two designs, one was a robin and the other was a reindeer, and we were provided with double-sided tape, scissors, glue, double-sided sticky buddies and Linda's helping hand.

There were also some packs for Open Group members not present at our meeting who may like to do some homework.

Dave joined us for drink and biscuits later on in the evening and we presented Linda with some flowers for attending the evening.

We were pleased with our end result and the only thing left to decide is who we will send our cards to at Christmas. (Will you receive one?)

At the end of the meeting, Ian brought along a card he had received from Sister Joan at Caritas thanking us for inviting her to the September meeting and for the donation and gifts we had given them.

David Robinson



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### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th November  
at 7.30pm in the library room

**Paul Sanderson leads us along the  
Pennine Way** (Not literally though!)

All are welcome

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## ***CAPTAIN AUSTIN PATRICK HUDSON***

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In this month of Remembrance, it seems appropriate to share with you a moment from the Thursday evening Holy Communion Service at St. John with St. Mark a few weeks back.

For those of you who read our Website, you may have observed the new section dedicated to the men from our two Parishes that lost their lives during the First World War, and who are commemorated on the plaque in the Memorial Chapel, taken from the old St. John's Church on The Rock.



Thanks to this section I discovered something about one of these men, Captain Austin Patrick Hudson, who was also the son of the Reverend Richard Hudson, the then Vicar of St. John's Church at that time.

Captain Hudson was killed by a shell at Ypres on the night of 31st August 1917 and 100 years later, on Thursday 31st August 2017, a small number of us present at the Holy Communion Service took an opportunity to remember him and the sacrifice he made for our country, and Paul conducted a brief eulogy and reflection. Although there were only a handful of people present at this service, it was a very moving experience to be there.

There is a separate plaque to Captain Hudson in the Chapel from his parents 'In Proud and Loving Memory', which we took time to look at after the service. It is inscribed with his date of death of 31st August 1917, aged just 24.

Thanks to Ian for highlighting this on the Website and also to Mark Hone of Bury Grammar School Boys for providing us with additional details.

You can read more about some of the 123 men from across the Parishes who gave their lives during the conflict on our First World War section of the website.

David Robinson



## **SATURDAY WALKING GROUP**

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As Paul was away this month, Michael volunteered to put the latest walk together for us on 7th October. I had remarked in a previous conversation with Michael that I quite liked Rooley Moor Road when we had last walked along it. Therefore it was decided that we would cover the whole stretch of this route. That is except for the first two miles of the road through the Northern outskirts of Rochdale as it is quite urbanised. We were extremely grateful to Margaret Brennan for offering to drive us to our starting point as this made the transport arrangements much easier. After leaving the car, we walked the short distance to Catley Lane Head.

Rooley Moor Road is an old 13th Century pack horse and carter route, which was originally used for the wool trade. It was widely known as the 'Cotton Famine Road', owing to the Rochdale millworkers support for the struggle against slavery during the American Civil War (1861-1865). Lancashire workers joined President Abraham Lincoln's fight against slavery, and despite a blockade of ports causing a shortage of cotton supplies coming to Rochdale causing the 'cotton famine', the men continued their support. Slavery was eventually abolished in America in 1865.

Shortly after leaving Catley Lane Head you reach a plaque, which was unveiled as part of the BBC's 'Black History' series last year to commemorate these millworkers of the time. We paused for a photograph here.

We continued along the five miles of Rooley Moor Road, and although it was quite cloudy we did occasionally get some good views across the region of towns such as Rochdale, Oldham, Ashton and landmarks including the Etihad Stadium and ski slope in Manchester.

Our route picked up a section of the Pennine Bridleway and took us past Knowl Hill Greenbooth Reservoir, working farms and the sites of disused quarries.

It was occasionally quite blustery so we found a sheltered spot alongside Cowpe Reservoir for lunch around 11.45am.

After lunch we continued the rest of the route to Stacksteads and walked the final mile to Waterfoot along the old railway track bed of the former Rawtenstall to Bacup railway line (closed 1966) including under the quarter mile Newchurch Tunnel.

We arrived in Waterfoot just in time to board the 1.03pm return bus service back to Walmersley. We had covered around 7 miles and the four of us who went enjoyed the day.

No arrangements have been confirmed for 4th November at the time of writing this report however it is hoped that Geoff Hamilton will lead us on 2nd December for an exploration of former mill works, covering areas including Owd Betts, Ashworth Valley, Deeply Vale and Bircle. We will depart from Christ Church for this one.

Best foot forward,  
David Robinson



For our last two meetings our speakers were from "in house".

Barbara Taylor, Mothers' Union York Provincial President, gave us an insight on what her role entails and Nigel Silvester, our ALM, continued his life story from a previous talk by relating his coming to faith.

This month we are sharing in Holy Communion with a Soup Supper (Nov 1) and playing MU Monopoly, a light hearted opportunity to learn more about Mothers' Union. Why not bring a friend? (Nov 15).

Mothers' Union engages each year with the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence which runs from 25 November to 10 December. See the display at back of Christ Church to learn more.

Everyone, male or female, is welcome to come along to our meetings - you will be most welcome.

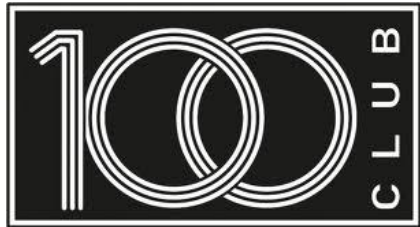
Bob Taylor, Branch Leader

As there are now fewer people in the 100 Club there will be only be two prize winning numbers each month from September 2017.

### SEPTEMBER 2017 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Archie Wardle

2nd Prize ~ Kelly Watson



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

### New group for over 55s:

A singing/social group meeting every Thursday afternoon at the Salvation Army Church in Chesham.

It runs 2-4 pm, £2 per week towards the cost of a hot drink and lots of biscuits.



*It may seem a little early to think of Christmas*

### BUT

Do you know anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day and would like to join us for **Christmas Day Lunch**. Help also required beforehand and on the day. Please have a word with Gill.

## ***Light Lunch***

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The next lunch will be  
on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon  
in the Hall at Christ Church

Everyone is welcome to share food and fellowship  
– so please bring your friends.

Everyone simply pays what they can,  
or what they consider to be its value

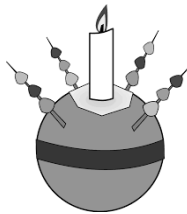
Future dates for your diary:

December 21<sup>st</sup>

## ***CHRISTINGLE SERVICES***

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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER  
6.30pm



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

Please bring a toy for a local child in need

## ***EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER***

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### **JOINT BENEFICE SOCIAL EVENT**



### **FIREWORK PARTY**

Friday 3rd November, 7.00pm-9.00pm in the Church Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS ALL-AGE EVENT

FOR FUN & FIREWORKS

'Tatty Ash' & Black Peas Available

Tickets ~ Adults £3.00 & Children ~ £1.50

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH INVITES YOU TO



### **A BUFFET DINNER DANCE**

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCE,  
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET

AND GUESTS, LITE MUSIC GROUP  
IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH  
£7.50 EACH

***ALL WELCOME***



## ***MORE EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER***

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Sunday 19th November

Come and join us

in the Church Hall School Lane Walmersley

between 1.30 and 3.00pm

to make your very own Christmas Pudding.

All ingredients supplied. Just bring your own mixing bowl, spoon and pudding basin. Don't worry if you haven't got a pudding basin as you can buy one on the day. Open to all so bring your friends and family.

Refreshments and an early Christmas ambience provided.

Cost £7.50 per pudding.

Tickets available from Pam Hoyle

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### **FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA**

CHRIST CHURCH CHURCH HALL

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd

2 to 4 pm

TOMBOLA

GLASS OF SHERRY

TICKETS £3.50

# **ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday 25th November 2017  
11am - 2pm**

Cake stall

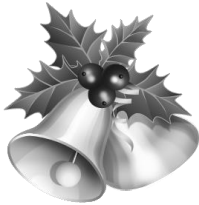
Tombolas

Cards and Gifts

Toys & Games

Books & Jigsaws

Raffle & much more



**Lunches and Refreshments Available**

**Visit Santa in his Grotto**

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

We may 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.



***and in DECEMBER***

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## **ADVENT FAYRE**

Christ Church Church Hall  
Saturday, December 2  
10.30 am to 1.30 pm

CAFÉ serving coffee and cakes, soup and rolls

STALLS – including:  
Tombola, Cakes, Books  
New to you accessories and jewellery,  
Treasure Hunt  
and more



## ***CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017***

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Sunday 17 December: 6.30pm Benefice Carol Service - JMB

Christmas Eve:	5.00pm	Crib Service – JMB
	6.00pm	Family Service – CCW
	7.30pm	Parish Communion - JMB
Christmas Night:	11.30pm	Parish Communion – CCW
Christmas Day:	10.00am	Holy Communion Services - both

## **WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER**

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Wed 1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Fri 3	7.00pm	Firework Party (SJM)
Sun 5		<b>All Saints' Day</b> Services as usual
	3.00pm	All Souls' Service (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)
Wed 8	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Fri 10	7.30pm	Buffet Dance (SJM)
Sun 12		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Services as usual
Wed 15	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 16	12noon	Light Lunch (CC)
Sat 18	9.30am	Mothers' Union Diocesan Council (90 Deansgate)
Sun 19		<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>
	10.30am	Cafe Church (CC) Other Services as usual
	1.30pm	Christmas Pudding Making (CC)
Mon 20	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (St Thomas')
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Francis House)
Thu 23	2.00pm	Festive Afternoon Tea (CC)
Sat 25	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM)
Sun 26		<b>Christ the King</b> Services as usual
	5.30pm	Farewell to Archdeacon David (Cathedral)
Mon 27	8.00pm	MOB (venue tbc)



Knit and Natter, together with other community groups in the borough, have been making poppies for a Veterans display

