



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



JUNE 2018

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**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

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

Monday

7.30 p.m.	1 st 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 st 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



A SOLITARY PIECE OF COAL

Many years ago, a clergyman received a visit from a friend, who was keen to express his belief that it was not necessary to go to church to be a Christian. The clergyman insisted that fellowship with others was necessary to keep the faith and that regular worship was a vital part of the Christian life. Despite his many protestations, the friend was adamant and would not be convinced of the Vicar's views.

Suddenly, the clergyman got up from his chair and moved towards his coal fire. He drew his friend's attention to the fact that the coals whilst together were all glowing and warm. Then he reached for the tongs and carefully picked up one solitary piece of coal. The single coal, from the moment it was separated from the others, gradually began to lose its glow and eventually its fire was extinguished, and it grew cold. This, he said, illustrated the point that fellowship with others in the Christian community feeds the fires of faith.

In the course of my ministry, I have had many conversations with those who have similar views to that of the clergyman's friend. I occasionally tell the story of the piece of coal. More frequently I use the example of the footballer who is extremely skilful and possesses a very powerful shot but cannot perform unless he plays in a team.

The church is not perfect. There are people we worship with that we may not ordinarily spend time with. But as members of the body of Christ, we share a common bond with our fellow Christians that extend beyond normal social life. We meet together to share communion, sing hymns, hear the word of God and say our prayers. Like pieces of coal in a fire, being joined with each other helps us live out our Christian faith as part of a loving community.

May God guide us as we share fellowship with members of the worldwide Christian family.

With best wishes,
Dave



BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

June 3 1st after Trinity

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2: 23 -3:6

June 10 2nd after Trinity

Genesis 3: 8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3: 20 -end

June 17 3rd after Trinity

Ezekiel 17: 22-end 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17 Mark 4: 26 -34

June 24 The Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 1: 57 -
66, 80

July 1 5th after Trinity

Lamentations 3: 22-33 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5: 21 -43

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 22	Courtney O'Rourke	Alfie Reynolds
May 3	Kian Richardson	
May 13	Lilly-Mai Neely	

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

Weddings

May 12 Adam Wilde & Melissa Parry

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

Interment of ashes in the garden of remembrance:

May 13 Lucille Brown

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



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

June 3	At Christ Church Mr. & Mrs. N Silvester
June 10	Vacant
June 17	Mrs. J Wood
June 24	In memory of Wendy Riggs

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).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018



Thank you to everybody who attended our luncheon platter at St. John with St. Mark at the start of Christian Aid week on Sunday 13th May. The event on the day raised a total of £267.00 for the work of Christian Aid.

Thank you especially to Margaret, Stuart, Rosemarie, Vicky & Jenny for preparing and serving the lunch on the day, which was enjoyed by all. We will not know the full total for Christian Aid week until all donations are in, but we will confirm the amount soon.

Thanks for all your support, John Brennan and the Christian Aid team.



"It is no use walking anywhere to preach
unless we preach as we walk"

Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

From the Vicarage

*It is hoped to be able to plant out the junior quad at Springside School with a sensory garden, flowers and an incredible edible area. If anyone can donate some plants or seeds, please have a word with me.

* The young people of St.John with St.Mark who attend the group in the hall on a Sunday morning, have chosen the name Jesus and Me to replace the name "Sunday School". From this month this will be known as JAM! Thanks for their involvement in this part of our church life.

* This month's meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – will be held on Monday 18 June in the Barritt Room at St.John with St.Mark. We are gathering to watch the first match of England's World Cup campaign against Tunisia. Kick off is at 7.00pm and the room will be open from 6.30pm.

* A Quiz Night is to be held at St.James' Church Heywood on Saturday 9 June beginning at 7.00pm. My predecessor Canon Ian Stamp – who is currently ministering at St.James' – has invited us to join in. Teams of no more than 6 people can join in at the price of £5.00 per team. There will be a bar with good real ale and all the usual drinks. Light refreshments will be on sale. St.James' Church is on Tower Street, Heywood.

* 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.

* Porch Boxes are desperately in need of food items to meet the current demand. A box is available at the back of both churches. Please support this worthy cause.

* Any enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc should be made at the Parish Office at St.John with St.Mark's Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00.

- * Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. Thanks to those who responded to this as a result of our recent Stewardship Campaign. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the wardens.
- * New regulations came into effect on 25 May giving everyone more protection on how their personal data is used by organisations. Parish Churches – like every other organisation – have to comply with its requirements. If you have not done so, please complete one of the consent forms, available at both churches, if you are prepared to allow us to use your details for all our church records.
- * Both the churches in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road are now on Facebook! Search for both Christ Church, Walmersley and St.John with St.Mark, Bury and “like” and “follow” to receive messages from the site.
- * 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. July/August will be a double issue. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk

SUNDAY @ SEVEN

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

Sunday July 1st at 7pm
at Christ Church Hall (back room)

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



CHRIST CHURCH: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 30 April 2018, this is the list of Parochial Church Council members for Christ Church.

The Revd Dave Thompson (Chair)	The Revd. Paul Sanderson
The Revd. Gill Barnett	The Revd. Don Altham
Margery Spencer – <i>Reader</i>	
Brian Crow - <i>Church Warden</i>	Jennifer Wood – <i>Church Warden</i>
Barbara Taylor - <i>Deanery Synod</i>	Sheelagh Beetson– <i>Deanery Synod</i>
Cath Hilton – <i>Diocesan Synod</i>	Ian Riddick (Secretary)
Geoff Hamilton	Julie Tyrer
Pam Hoyle	Alison Fewtrell
Hazel Bamford	David Peters
Geoff Stokes	Patricia Stokes

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 22 April 2018, this is the full list of the elected Parochial Church Council for St.John with St.Mark's.

The Revd Dave Thompson (Chair)	The Revd. Paul Sanderson
The Revd. Gill Barnett	Darren Dunn – <i>Licensed Reader</i>
Rosemarie Ashworth – <i>Church Warden</i>	Keith Duckworth – <i>Deputy Warden</i>
June Banks – <i>Deanery Synod</i> (Secretary)	Ian Banks – <i>Deanery Synod</i>
Helen Mallinson – <i>Deanery Synod</i>	David Robinson – <i>Deanery Synod</i>
David Andrew	Stuart Ashworth
John Brennan	Marjorie Evans
Debbie Cooper	Mary Howarth
Heather Whalley	Vicky Senior
Ray Smith	

If you would like any matter to be raised at a meeting of your Parochial Church Council, please contact any of the above.

FROM THE COUNCILS

St John with St Mark APCM on 22nd April 2018

As with previous years, this meeting took place after the Sunday 10.30am service.

Before the meeting, Rosemarie Ashworth was elected as Church Warden for the year. Later in the meeting, Keith Duckworth was appointed deputy.

Ian once again presented the accounts in a thorough and concise way and an explanation of the incomes and expenditures for 2017 was given. Thanks were noted for the people who have increased their giving following the recent Stewardship campaign. There was a gentle reminder that if people could switch from envelope giving to Standing Order then this is both easier to budget for and safer in terms of handling physical cash. The extremely generous legacy of £50,000 from the estate of Jean Barritt was recorded. This money will be put to good use following the recent Quinquennial report, which has highlighted some items of expenditure, such as disabled access. In acknowledgment of this money, we have now named the former Library room the Barritt Room.

The Independent Examiners report on the accounts was accepted by those in attendance. Andy Clark has once again agreed to stand as Independent Examiner.

The Vicar used his report to discuss the latest on the Mission Action Plan and also to explore possible vocations for future ministry development. We were advised that June 2020 would see the 250th anniversary of the creation of the Parish of St. John and any suggestions as to how we could celebrate would be invited.

Elections of representatives to PCC and Sidespeople took place towards the end of the meeting, and those newly elected were reminded the Archdeacon's Visitation takes place on Tuesday 22nd May at St. Mary the Virgin.

The Electoral Roll needs revising every 7 years. The Vicar advised us this was due in 2019.

There was an opportunity to look through the reports from the various groups and organisations and their activities in 2017.

After the APCM, the new PCC met briefly to appoint the rolls of Treasury, Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer and the next PCC meeting was arranged.

St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 8th May 2018

Upcoming social dates were confirmed including Formby Retreat from 23rd-26th May, Summer Fair on 2nd June, coffee morning & book fair on 30th June and Scouts cream tea on 7th July.

The new Website is working well. There is now the option to receive regular posts, and you can 'like and dislike'. Ian was looking at a way for Google search to point to the new site as opposed to the old one. It is hoped that Adam Cooper could attend a future PCC meeting to discuss social media.

The options for a new stair lift are being looked into to improve access from Church to hall. This will have to be situated by the table store. Ian has been in contact with Stannah.

It is hoped that the Church would be open each day week commencing 14th-18th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. Ideally we need two people per session for insurance purposes however at present nobody has come forward.

Letters have now been sent to all houses on Seedfield Road, which have encroached onto our garden, making the residents aware of the encroachment. These were delivered on letter headed paper on 26th March. We have currently received no feedback from any of these.

The Pantomime group were awarded the community funding following the session at Freedom Church on 24th March.

Recent items of expenditure included PAT testing, servicing of fire extinguishers, a new glass washer for the bar, waste disposal bill and the CCLI licence (for the playing of music and media). It was noted that the afternoon tea in April was successful and raised £471.00.

The new General Data Protection laws come into effect on 25th May, and as a Church and organisation we are obliged to comply with these.

Forms have been issued to PCC and congregation members as we need consent to hold and process personal data and permission to contact people by whatever method (ie postal address, E-Mail). There are several situations when we hold personal data, including electoral roll, planned giving and 100 Club. It will not be possible to be part of these if the consent form is not completed. Funeral, wedding & baptism registers are also affected.

The Vicar discussed the recent closure of the library, now the Barritt Room. It was noted that there have been a few extra people wishing to book this room as opposed to the Hall, as it is more suitable. The Vicar did say that people missed calling in for the green food waste bags and hearing aids. The library handover was officially completed on 5th April. Following an issue raised at the last meeting concerning parking space outside Church on days of funerals, the Vicar spoke to Horsfield & Smith the day before we had a funeral on 12th April to see if it would be possible for staff not to park outside. It was noted that no cars were around that day so thanks to Horsfield & Smith for their help with this. Under health and safety issues Keith made us aware that it is possible to use the wall at the front of Seedfield Bowling Club as a fire assembly point and that he was looking into obtaining a defibrillator kit. We also have some new fire extinguishers.

A discussion took place concerning the Café Church services. The recent services at 10.30am have unfortunately not attracted good numbers with regular congregation staying away. It was felt that problems included the services not being advertised to outsiders and that maybe Sunday at 10.30am was not an ideal time for such service. A review of these services will take place. The next Café Church at St. John with St. Mark is on 17th June.

It was also announced that the Sunday School now wishes to be known as J & M (Jesus & Me) with immediate effect.

The next PCC meeting will take place on Thursday 21st June at 8.00pm.

Christ Church APCM on 30th April 2018

1. The minutes of the last APCM were read and approved.
2. The treasurer's report was accepted by the meeting
3. The electoral roll report was read and there were 106 persons on the roll when it closed in April 2018
4. The church wardens Brian Crow and Jennifer Wood were re-elected.
5. The following PCC members were elected
Patricia Stokes and Hazel Bamford.
6. In total nine Sidespersons were elected.
7. The vicar talked about the focus and task groups which occurred in 2017. He then went on to discuss the sale of the field and the PCC's current view on the building options. He finished by discussing the PCC's position in working with the minister on the five marks of mission.
8. The meeting closed at 8.50pm with prayer and was followed by a short PCC meeting to elect the Lay Chairman, treasurer, secretary and electoral roll officer.

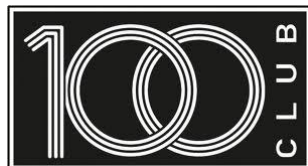
Copies of the APCM REPORT FOR 2018 are available in church. The report contains all the written reports from organisations, the secretary's and the wardens' reports as well as the financial report for 2017.

Ian Riddick
PCC secretary

April 2018 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Joan Robinson

2nd Prize ~ Vicky Senior



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

BENEFICE WALK 2018



The first Saturday in May is now established as Benefice boundary walk day. Over the last couple of years we have also linked this in with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer initiative, which encourages Christians to come and pray together with the whole family of God and to come to know Jesus.

The tradition of this walk originated from 'Beating the Bounds' when parishioners, ministers, wardens and choir would walk around the boundary of the Parish and pray for its protection over the coming year. This walk would take place on Rogation Sunday (before Ascension) and this year's walk on 5th May happened to fall on the eve of Rogation Sunday.

This year, Paul used liturgy from the Northumbria Community Daily Office to guide us along. We began at Christ Church at 9.00am with our morning prayer and walked down Walmersley Road to St. John with St. Mark for 9.30am. At each of the points we prayed for each Church, ministers and parishioners and those who were unwell.

At various places on our 13 mile route we stopped and reflected on the surrounding areas and for things that were significant to the location. We said prayers at the fire station for the fire service and emergency workers; we remembered other Churches of all denominations in the Benefice at the site of the former Brunswick Methodist Church on Tesco car park, said prayers for farming and countryside at Buckhurst when we paused for lunch and gave thanks for revitalised communities near the Waterside Bridge in Summerseat. We recited the Lords Prayer together at some of these intervals.

Our walk covered the usual locations including Burrs Country Park, Woodhill Road, The Rock shopping complex, Freetown, Walkers Field, Walmersley Golf Club, Scotland Lane, Nangreaves, Summerseat Garden Centre and the Brown Cow, where we enjoyed refreshment at the end of the day, finishing around 4.30pm.

It was an extremely enjoyable day and the weather became very warm during the afternoon. We had a good number of people, some of whom did the whole thing, and others who joined or left us at various locations. Here's to next year.

We are currently unable to plan a walk for June due to the Summer Fair at St. John with St. Mark and the flower festival at St. Stephen's. However Paul has an idea for Saturday 7th July, so please watch this space.

David Robinson

Trinity Sunday (27 May)



We praise God the Father, who created the world and gave His Son that we might have life.

We praise God the Son who bought our salvation with his death.

We praise God the Holy Spirit who brings power into our lives.

A Prayer for Summer

Under the warmth
of the summer sun
the world awakes and blossoms
into every imaginable colour.
You created a garden for us to enjoy,
and within it planted
the most magical of flower and trees.
You needed no horticultural training
to plan your colour scheme,
no gardening expert
to recommend variety or design.
Your garden is perfect,
its colours harmonious,
its scale immense,
spoilt only by the clumsiness
of those who tend it.

http://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Summer.htm#ixzz5F8LVz9CX

A prayer for difficult times

This is a hymn which Nigel used as a basis for prayer a few weeks ago.
The words in italics are repeated after each petition.

*.....Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.....

When the fire is burning all around you;

You will never be consumed by the flames.....

When the fear of loneliness is looming;

then remember I am at your side.....

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger;

remember you are precious in my eyes...

You are mine O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.....

A prayer for the beginning of the day

May there be within this day quiet moments,
when I can rest in your presence,
sit for a while at your feet,
be still and simply listen.





THE OPEN GROUP

Our Open Group meeting on Wednesday 9th May was led by Geoff Stokes, our regular organist at Christ Church Walmersley. Geoff presented a talk on his musical life and journey. This talk has previously been made to both Men of the Benefice and Mothers' Union - however there was a different audience this time around.

Geoff's talk included examples of several pieces of music by various composers and artists, including Bach and the Swingle Singer's, which were played to explain his musical journey at the different stages. We heard about his early life and education in the Midlands and also the influences on his journey, including friend and musical director John Stratton.

The evening included a few demonstrations on the keyboard by Geoff himself and the Open Group were also given a singing lesson on the Alleluia's, which we recited twice. We were told we were better the second time around.

Geoff told us about the 60th birthday present he had been bought by Tricia, which was a session on the magnificent £1.2 million pipe organ at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, playing Widor's 5th Symphony. Geoff concluded his talk with the video from this day.

There was an opportunity for questions and discussion over tea and coffee after the meeting. Thank you to Geoff for giving us an insight into your musical journey.

NEXT MONTH – David Andrew is presenting a talk on the Church Times and some recent articles he has been reading.

This is on Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

All are welcome.

Please also remember our stall at the Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd June, for which we would be grateful for donations of kitchen and bathroom items.

If you can help, please bring to Church.

David Robinson

Our Wave of Prayer service was held in the side chapel on 24th April. This year's theme was "Faith in Action" and we celebrated with Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kagera in Tanzania, Awka in Nigeria, Sunyani in Ghana and Popondota in Papua New Guinea and our own diocese of Manchester in asking the Lord to bind us together in mutual love and support as we uphold one another in prayer. May God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

Our church organist Geoff Stokes gave us an interesting talk on his musical journey. Geoff also gave the talk to the Open Group and, not wishing to duplicate, I would ask you to read David's excellent report on page 16 for more details.

Members entertained us with a variety of readings and poetry ranging from the light-hearted to a moving narrative from the mother of one of the victims of the London 2005 bombings.

On June 6th our meeting will be on the subject of Dementia Awareness with Revd Jackie Calow and is an opportunity for everyone from both parishes to join us, to gain an insight of the condition and how as a church we can make a difference.

On 20th June Revd Gill Barnett will lead us in a mid-summer prayer walk, with a spiritual walk in the hall for those who find a slightly more strenuous activity rather difficult.

The branch hosted our deanery AGM in May and it was pleasing that we were well represented. The meeting was followed by a Strawberry Sparkle Supper, raffle and bring and buy. Members will be in attendance at the children's tent at the upcoming Bury Show and Tottington Fun Day.

Bob Taylor
Branch Leader

Our meeting of Men of the Benefice on 23rd April coincided of course with St. George's Day, and we therefore decided to have a celebration of 'All Things English' in the Sundial to mark the patron saint.



After a brief insight into the history of St. George we then discussed two questions. Our discussions were extremely diverse and we managed to make this last almost 2 hours.

However here is just a selection of some of our thoughts:

'What is the best thing about England?'

We are known for our ingenuity and have been responsible for so many inventions, industrial and social, and let us not forget that we invented football, which is now big the world over.

We have a diverse, cosmopolitan culture, which is evident in our own area and region. There was a concern though that perhaps sometimes we are in danger of losing our own culture and identity in this new era.

Tourism is such big business for the country and we have so many attractions on our own doorstep, from historic castles, landmarks and beauty spots such as the Lake District.

The National Health Service, in its 70th year, is an admired institution and asset. The dedication of the staff was recognized.

We discussed food, and how a trip to the seaside is not complete without a cone of chips or Sunday lunch at the pub has to include roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. However it was felt it was good that we had such variety with Indian and Italian restaurants part of our dining experience and a Mexican Burrito a regular lunchtime snack.

Music was also considered. We have been responsible for so many great songwriters and musicians including The Beatles. But let us not forget that so many of our hymn writers, both ancient and modern, were English.

Our heritage and English language were also considered important to us however there was a mention for the Church of England, with its well structured organisation and how vital a part in played not just in our own lives, but across the world.

'What does being English mean to you?' Being part of a Democratic nation with our political structure and elected governments. Sovereignty and our Queen as head of state

The English sense of humour and that we can have a laugh at ourselves.

Our way of keeping calm and carrying on and trying to keep a stiff upper lip.

The sense of decency and fair play that is demonstrated across all walks of life

This is just some of what was discussed. Perhaps you think differently or have other suggestions. Please feel free to tell any of us who were there, The Vicar, Nigel, Geoff H, John B or David R if so.

June Meeting – Monday 18th June. An opportunity to watch England's opening World Cup game against Tunisia in the company of fellow supporters (sufferers). The venue will be confirmed however the kick off is at 7.00pm.



COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Saturday 30th June from 10.00am

BOOKS

CAKES

TEA, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS

OTHER STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

John The Baptist

by John Ferris

*John the Baptist was a wild-looking man,
With his camel-hair coat and his desert tan,
His food was dried locusts dipped in wild honey,
A common food then for those without money.*

*He preached in the wilderness of Judea,
Multitudes came from far and near,
To hear his message of salvation,
Baptism, repentance and preparation.*

*Make the way straight, was his often cry,
For the One who is coming, behold it's not I,
Even His sandals, I am not worthy to loose.
(Preaching like this can lead to abuse.)*

*The abuse was forthcoming from Pharisees,
Not far behind, the corrupt Sadducees,
They held the sway in religion and law,
Heaven knows what they were good for.*

*John accused, You guys are snakes,
Not only that, hypocrites and fakes,
You don't have at all just what it takes,
Repent or you're doomed to the fiery lakes.*

*God will sort out the wheat from the chaff,
He cuts out the goats with His shepherd's staff,
You say you're the seed, of Abraham,
Thinking like that got you into this jam.*

*The Lord can raise up the rocks and the stones,
He's in charge of the Kings and their thrones,
Your place can be taken by those who believe,
Depart now vile serpents, find someone else to deceive.*

*Then Jesus came down to be baptized by John,
Who replied in clear terms it was surely not on,
It was he who should be cleansed at the hand of the Lord,
Not the other way round as it seemed untoward.*

*But Jesus prevailed at the Jordan that day,
As he rose from the water, the Father did say,
In a Heavenly voice, as the Spirit on to Him eased,
This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

*TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY
OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST – 24 June*



LIGHT LUNCH

The next **Light Lunch** will be on June 21st
at 12.00 noon in the Hall at Christ Church

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

FOR SALE
for St. John with St. Mark Church Funds

Rhubarb Plants - £2.50
Strawberry Plants – 5 for £2.00

Please phone Rosemarie Ashworth



Our Cafe Church services this year will have a common theme based on the report released by the Archbishops' Council in Feb 2017, **'Setting God's People Free.'**

This challenging report looks at 'the true treasures of the Church' – i.e. YOU and why change is needed for church growth. We are going to investigate how the majority in church can be empowered and liberated for fruitful, faithful mission and ministry not just on Sundays but Mondays to Saturdays too.

At the Café services at Christ Church and St.John with St.Mark earlier in the year we have looked at these issues this and we will continue to do so at the services shown below.

As ever there is a mix of styles and services and always, cafe-style food and drink.

Come and experience this different style of worship!



2018 Café Church Dates

CCW

9th September

18th November

SJM

17th June

23rd September

9th December*

(* indicates Holy Communion)

*The fact we have a highway to hell
and only a stairway to heaven
says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers*

THE PILGRIM WAY

*Christians believe that in Jesus, God has walked this earth before us,
and that with Jesus as our companion and guide
we can travel through life differently.
We can live and travel as pilgrims.*

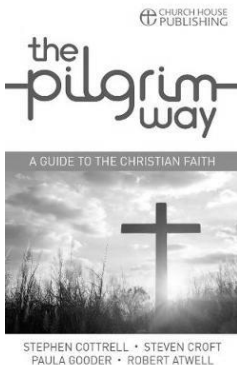
*We set our sights on God's kingdom of justice and peace;
and our journey home to God becomes more meaningful and joyful,
and the world a better place.*

*The Pilgrim Way is a new guide to the core beliefs of the Christian faith.
Set out in a question and answer format, it follows one of the Church's
very earliest ways of teaching and training disciples.
An example is below:*

Pilgrim, what do you seek?
To follow in the way of Jesus Christ.

What is the way of Jesus Christ?
To live in God's love and enjoy God for ever.

Pilgrim, who is God?
God is the source of all being, the one for whom we exist.



*The Pilgrim Way has been written by
Stephen Cottrell, Steven Croft,
Paula Gooder and Robert Atwell,
the authors of
Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey
and is available as a full-colour booklet
from Church House Publishing.*

PRAYER DIARY

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SUBJECTS ON A DAILY BASIS.
THEY FORM PART OF THE PRAYERS AT EVENING PRAYER
AT 5.00pm AT ST.JOHN WITH ST.MARK FROM MONDAY - THURSDAY*

- SUNDAY: For all our worship services.
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.
Those who read, lead intercessions and serve in our churches
- MONDAY: Our music ministry. The Study Groups.
Those considering lay or ordained ministry
Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- TUESDAY: All the educational establishments in the parish.
School Governors. Nurseries, Pre-schools, Primary Schools,
St.John with St.Mark CE School.
Our pastoral care to all the community,
especially to those bereaved.
- 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 and
all 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
Those who use our church halls.
- SATURDAY: The Vicar, Curate and the Assistant Priest. The retired clergy
The Licensed Readers & ALM.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.

St John with St Mark Summer Fair



SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2018

11am to 2pm

in the Church Hall

Tombolas

Traidcraft

Books

White Elephant

Knitted & Household Goods

Cakes

Cards & Gifts Jigsaws

Raffle

& much more



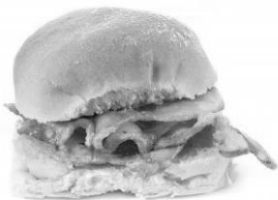
LUNCHES/REFRESHMENTS
ALSO AVAILABLE

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

BACON (OR SAUSAGE) SANDWICHES

TEA AND COFFEE

£3



JOIN US ON SATURDAY 16 JUNE

FROM 10.30am

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Sat 2	11.00am	Summer Fair (SJM)
Sun 3		1st after Trinity Services as usual
Wed 6	7.30pm	Dementia Awareness Talk (CC)
Sun 10		2nd after Trinity Services as usual
Wed 13	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Sat 16	10.30am	Bacon Butty morning (CC)
Sun 17		3rd after Trinity Services as usual Café Church (SJM)
Mon 18	6.30pm	Men of the Benefice
Wed 20		Mother's Union (CC)
Thu 21	12 noon	Light Lunch (CC)
	8.00pm	PCC (SJM)
Sun 24		The Birth of John the Baptist Services as usual
Sat 30	10.00am	Coffee Morning and Book Fair (SJM)
Sun 1		5th after Trinity Services as usual
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven

Friends from both churches and the local community gathered in the Barritt Room for a Lunch Party to mark the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex



Lunch was served and TV coverage followed.
Thanks to all who came and all who helped.