



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



Mary Magdalene by Donatello

JULY and AUGUST 2018

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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



*“Explore the world in you” the advert said.
“Discover a new you over each new horizon”.*



That sounds good we thought, let's go for it. Off we went to Thomas Cook and booked a cruise holiday. And by the time you are reading this Barbara and I will have sailed the Mediterranean and be back home!

We all enjoy going off on holiday. Travelling to new places; experiencing for ourselves the sights and sounds of foreign lands. Yes, there is the hassle of check-in; the concern in our minds as to whether all the arrangements will go smoothly. But as someone recently said, get over the potholes and focus on the destination! Our Creator God has given us an amazing world so, if we can, as opportunity allows, let's get out there and explore it!

Cruising in the Mediterranean has made me think of those in the Bible who went cruising. Paul sailed often as he travelled around taking the Gospel to new people on his missionary journeys. Jonah famously ran off to sea to try and avoid God's call. Even Jesus spent time on his disciples' fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee – sometimes as a means of taking some time out away from the crowds.



As Paul and Jonah cruised they encountered new people, new situations but they also found out new things about themselves. Travel does indeed broaden the mind. Paul was given insights about Jesus that laid the foundations for the Christian way of life. Jonah came to realise how much he depended on God and the need to obey His call. They both found that what they encountered on their travels left their mark on them.

Holidays, time away from the day to day treadmill, do give to a chance to put life on pause – to take a breather – perhaps time to reflect on where you are on life's journey. And all the sights, sounds and encounters will feed into that reflection.

Jesus took to the sea and to the hills when he needed time to rest, to reflect on his life's journey. We all need to do that and if we are able to spend a little time in different surroundings it really does help our perspective on where we are at. It doesn't have to be a fortnight sailing around the Mediterranean – a day or two on retreat at Formby can be just as rewarding.

Perhaps, for Barbara and myself the cruise will live up to the advertising hype – and we will "Explore the world in you" and "Discover a new you over each horizon". Just as long as we don't end up shipwrecked (like Paul) or inside a whale (like Jonah) we will be back to tell you about it!



Wherever you are spending this holiday period I pray that you will have a chance to be still and know God that bit more and travel that bit closer to Jesus.

Nigel

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE

on the 5th Sunday of a month

29 July
10.30am

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Jul 1	5th after Trinity	Lamentations 3: 23-33	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5: 21 -43
Jul 8	6th after Trinity	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Jul 15	7th after Trinity	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Jul 22	Feast of Mary Magdalene	Song of Solomon 3: 1-4	2 Corinthians 5: 14-17	John 20: 1-2, 11-18
Jul 29	9th after Trinity	2 Kings 4:42-44	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Aug 5	10th after Trinity	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Aug 12	11th after Trinity	1 Kings 19:4-8	Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2	John 6:35,41- 51
Aug 19	12th after Trinity	Proverbs 9:1-6	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Aug 26	13th after Trinity	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Sep 2	14th after Trinity	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14,15,21-23

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 3 Rose Angelie Hamilton

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

Weddings

June 1 Gareth King and Lisa Johnson

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

Church Funerals

June 12 Daniel Green

June 14 Hilda Johnson

Interment of ashes in the garden of remembrance

May 20 Audrey Meredith

Funeral Services held at the Crematorium

May 25 Gladys Vyvyan

June 11 Kath Woodward

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



*Please join us
at 2.30pm on Thursday, 2 August
as we worship
with residents, family and staff
at The Priory Highbank Centre*



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

At Christ Church

Jul 1	Mr & Mrs I Riddick in celebration of their Golden Wedding
Jul 8	Vacant
Jul 15	Vacant
Jul 22	Mrs A M Peters in memory of her mother
Jul 29	Vacant
Aug 5	In memory of Betty and David Brown
Aug 12	In memory of Norman and Mary Leake
Aug 19	Mr & Mrs A Standring
Aug 26	Mr & Mrs I Riddick in memory of their parents,

PARADE SERVICES

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

8 July
(NO Parade Service in August)
9 September
14 October (HARVEST)
11 November (REMEMBRANCE)

All at 10.30am



From July 3, Christ Church will be open each Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm so that people may take the opportunity to look around, to sit quietly, to pray, . . .

This follows the opening during the week of Thy Kingdom Come, when a number of people took advantage of our welcome.

Initially we plan to open during July, August and September and then re-assess. There will be two people present at all times, so if you are able to steward please have a word with any member of the ministry team or sign the list at the back of church.

The Pastoral Committee is also planning to open the building for an hour each Monday morning from September, offering Tea and Toast to all who care to call in.

Please spread the word that the church welcomes everyone.



Find us on:
facebook®

As I write, our two pages have a total 'following' of 49. How quickly can we add one and then double it?!

Do please invite your friends and neighbours, your children and grandchildren, to find and 'like' us and keep in touch with what is happening at **Christ Church Walmersley** and **St John with St Marks Church**. And do please post if you have events for the community.

From the Vicarage

*Thanks to those who have provided plants for the proposed junior quad at Springside School. It is hoped that a sensory garden, flowers and an incredible edible area can be developed. If anyone can donate some plants or seeds, please have a word with me or directly to Cath Black.

* July's meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – will be held on Monday 30 July. Exact details will be announced in the Bulletin / News Sheet. There will be no meeting in August.

* 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 6.30-7.00pm.

* 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.

* 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).

* 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.

Christ Church May 21st

1. The meeting started with prayers by the vicar.
2. Apologies were received and noted.
3. The vicar welcomed Jason and Hazel to the PCC.
4. The acting treasurer reported on his discussions with the auditor and reported that they now both agreed on how the accounts should be reported in the future.
5. The PCC committees were formed and are required to report to each PCC meeting in the future. The vicar requested that he was advised of the dates committees were intending to meet.
6. The secretary will circulate the committee memberships and terms of reference for the committees.
7. The secretary will circulate a road map showing the process and decision points for the sale of the field.
8. The fund raising and social committee to meet with St Johns on October/November to finalise a future events date calendar for the two churches in 2019.
9. A pastoral meeting is required as soon as possible.
10. The visit of the Director of Ordinations from the diocese speaking in church regarding vocations was discussed by the vicar and the PCC.
11. Items from the Archdeacon's report not concluded should be put on the agenda for future meetings.
12. The synod report was distributed.
13. The two falls in church have been recorded in the accident book.
14. The church is working to ensure it meets the requirements of the New General Data Protection Regulations which comes into force on the 25th of May 2018.
15. A privacy note will be put up in church and also on the website. All PCC members have filled in a Data Protection form.
16. The GDPR will be a subject for future PCC meetings.
17. Cath Hilton will replace Barbara Taylor on the Deanery M & P committee.

The next PCC meeting is on the 2nd of July 2018.



Sunday @ Seven



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

**Sunday July 8th at 7pm
- Christ Church Hall**

“Stand up, I will speak to you”

**Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour –
tea/coffee and cake/biscuits (may be ice cream!)
are served.**

You will be most welcome!



The following Sunday @ Seven will be on August 19th

A Song of Praise


You are the God who formed us,
The God who knows us,
The God who loves us,
The God who leads us,
The God who feeds us,
The God who blesses us,
The beginning and end
of all that we are,
and hope to be.
Worthy of our praise

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A Prayer for Guidance

O God, our strength and our Guide,

When the way ahead is unclear
When the way ahead is costly
When the way ahead is lonely
When the way ahead is dark
When the way ahead is painful
When the way ahead is tiring
When the way ahead is risky
When the way ahead is your way



- grant us clarity
- grant us courage
- grant us companionship
- grant us hope
- grant us comfort
- grant us energy
- grant us daring.
- grant us joy, peace
and steadfastness. Amen

A Modern Version of the Lord's Prayer

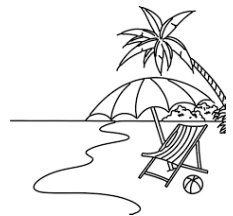
A few weeks ago Gill used the Message Bible for a reading in church and it certainly made me think. I thought I would use the prayer Jesus taught us from that version.

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best—
 as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
 Yes. Yes. Yes.

A Prayer for Holidays

Jesus took "time out" away from the pressures of his work. At this time of year many of us are doing just the same.

We thank you Lord for the opportunity to visit new places, to experience new things and to relax with family and friends. May our holidays give us refreshment and renewal so that we return with new perspectives and fresh enthusiasm.



We remember those who cannot take holidays away and pray that they can find rest at home.

QUIET MOMENTS IN AUGUST

'Ordinary Time'

Creator God of ordinary time, seep into the seams of our lives and into our lifeblood.

May we grow in confidence as Christians, remembering to appreciate the ordinariness of everyday routines and the self-giving service of caring and kindness as a gift from you.

Immerse us in the long green days of Trinity so that we become replenished and sustained. Amen

Gill Gregorowski in "Dear Lord ...", a collection of prayers by Mothers' Union members across the world.



A prayer we can use each day

Mary Sumner, who founded Mothers' Union in 1876, is remembered by the Anglican Church on August 9th. Her personal prayer is one we could all make our own.

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

A prayer for all awaiting examination results

At this time young people await the results of external examinations.

Some will be able to give thanks that the road ahead appears straight, for others it will be less clear.

God our Father, we pray for our young people growing up in an unstable and confusing world.

Show them that your ways give more meaning to life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing worldly goals.

May they give thanks for all they have achieved. Help them to take 'failure' not as a measure of their worth but as a chance for a new start.

Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Frank Colquhoun, Family Prayers

Life is a Challenge

as this prayer, written by Jacqui Armstrong, so eloquently expresses

In my head I have built many barriers, my head is consumed with coals of burning fire. Help me to establish my past as a place of reference and extinguish it as a place of residence from the cavities of my mind.

Fan the flickers of courage, hope, tolerance and patience within me, and transform to flames, encircled by the warmth, compassion and forgiveness of your transforming love. Amen



Revd Jackie Calow visited us to speak about Dementia Awareness. This was an open meeting and we had two non members joining us. The talk was really informative about a difficult subject. It included hands on involvement from the group and two members were human bookcases - from Ikea and Harrods!

The main points highlighted were:

1. Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain.
2. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing.
3. Dementia is not just about losing your memory.
4. It is possible to live well with dementia.
5. There's more to the person than the dementia.

On July 4th we are visiting Pendle Heritage Centre at Barrowford including afternoon tea. Again this is open to anyone, the cost being £12 concessions; £14 non concessions. Car transport will be available. Please let me have your name if you are interested.

Pendle Heritage Centre is a museum and visitor centre in Barrowford, dedicated to the history and heritage of Pendle. The heritage centre occupies Park Hill, a two-storey former farmhouse which has a 1661 date stone but was developed over an extended period between the 16th century and the beginning of the 18th century. The centre has an 18th-century walled garden and woodland walk, and houses the Pendle Arts Gallery.

So there is plenty to see for any who wish to spend more of the day there.

Our other meeting in July will be a service of Evensong on 18th. Everyone is invited to share in this traditional act of worship.

In August we will experience MULOA (Mothers' Union Listens, Observes, Acts) on 1st and Jan Bennett will talk to us on 15th about Operation Christmas Child.

On Thursday, 9th August we shall join other members in Bolton Archdeaconry for our annual festival, marking Mary Sumner Day. This year's service will be hosted at 7.30 pm by members at St George with St James Farnworth. Please let me know if you would like transport.

During the summer months we are getting involved in Mothers' Union's Summer of Hope Appeal by selling copies of a quiz to all who are interested. Copies are available through members of Mothers' Union for £1. The closing date is September 5th.

Mothers' Union has members now in 84 countries, so it will be interesting to see how many of those are among the countries which provide the answers to this quiz. Please help us to help others turn hopes and prayers into reality.

To help poor families turn hopes for a better harvest into fields full of crops takes extra tools and seeds. To help more women achieve their hopes of starting a business takes livelihood training and skills. To help whole communities achieve lasting change takes extra funding and support.

This is why we hope you will join us in putting your faith into action and helping to raise £125,000 – to make hope shine brightly in communities in the UK and around the world.



Make hope blossom for families and communities

As always, everyone is welcome to join us in all our activities.

Bob Taylor
Branch Leader

United in Support

Mothers' Union, the Union of Catholic Mothers

and the Catholic Women's League

united in supporting

Victims of Domestic Abuse

An Evening of Entertainment

Thursday, 19 July

at Holy Cross College, Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 9BB

from 7.30 pm

Tickets £5 (includes pasty and peas)

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets are available from the Mothers' Union office at 90 Deansgate (0161 828 1427), from Cath Hilton or Bob Taylor.

Please consider uniting in support, in fun and in fellowship whilst raising funds to really make a difference to the lives of those less fortunate.



THE OPEN GROUP

Our meeting on Wednesday 13th June was led by our friend and regular Open Group regular David Andrew. David brought along some extracts from the Church

Times, which he found thought provoking and shared some of the pieces with us.

The copy of the Church Times which David receives is actually in a way of a circular in that it is given to him via Ralph & Helen Mallinson and then Ian Banks, so a good number of people get a read out of it from this Church. So we do our bit for the environment at the same time.

The stories that David read out included personal extracts from people discussing situations such as illness and faith stories. There was an article on Christian meditation written by Geoffrey Waterhouse, who is a meditation teacher at Wandsworth prison. David explained how he benefits from Christian meditation himself at the weekly group which meets on Tuesday evenings in the chapel here at St. John with St. Mark. He encouraged members to come along to this group to give it a try for themselves.

David also discussed two major figures in Christianity; John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church and also Martin Luther, founder of the Lutheran Church. There was an insight into their lives and ministry and we heard about the lasting legacies that remain to this day.

Thank you, David for sharing some of your thoughts with us, and leading the June meeting.

NEXT MONTH –

Elizabeth Brennan (John & Margaret's daughter)
will talk about her work as a Religious Education teacher.

This is on Wednesday 11th July at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.
All are welcome.

There will be no meeting of the Open Group in August

David Robinson

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP



Due to the Summer Fair at St. John with St. Mark and also the flower Festival at St. Stephen's, which Paul was helping to organise during his secondment, we were thinking we may not be able to organise a walk during June. However that was before Michael came up with a great idea of walking to St. Stephen's from this Benefice on 9th June. Then we could enjoy a walk and support the Flower Festival at the same time.

Don't worry, we did not walk straight down Bolton Road but instead took a slightly more scenic route, which involved a total of 7 miles distance and 650ft climbing.

We met at Christ Church Walmersley at 9.30am and began our walk along Springside Road, picking up the track towards Summerseat. From here we walked along Wood Road and then headed up towards Tower Farm, which involved most of our climbing. Our walk also took us through Affetside via Watling Street, and we ventured through Old Kays Park in Tottington. We made our way towards St. Stephens along Bentley Hall Lane and through Elton.

Whilst we were out today, it was evident that the recent spell of lovely weather had brought out the Summer colours and lots of new-born animals as we crossed the fields and lanes.

We arrived at St. Stephen's at around 12.35pm and walked up 'The Yellow Brick Road' to the entrance of the Church. The event was proving very popular and the Church volunteers were working extremely hard. We enjoyed a light lunch in the Church and had a look at some of the fantastic exhibitions, including the 'Four Seasons' display, the 'Love Divine' arrangement at the altar and the display named 'Breathe On Me Breath Of God', which was meaningfully placed by the pulpit. It was good to see other members of this Benefice at the event.

We went our separate ways after lunch at the end of what had been a lovely day.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Manchester's Booth Centre, which supports homeless people, is looking to recruit volunteers.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Centre. They welcome people to the Centre, signpost them to where they can get more help from us or other services, give advice, help serve food and drinks, support its activities programme and spend a lot of time listening to people.

The Booth Centre aims to bring about positive change in the lives of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and help them plan for and realise a better future. It is based at Edward Holt House, Pimblett Street just off Cheetham Hill Road near the Arena.

This is done by providing activities to help people rebuild their confidence and learn something new while having fun. Programmes for arts, employment and skills sessions are held daily and everyone is offered a healthy breakfast and lunch.

Advice is available to help people find accommodation and overcome the practical difficulties they are facing.

Visit the Booth Centre website for more information; phone on 0161 835 2499 or speak to the Vicar if you would like to volunteer.

Another visit to one of our favourite venues!

Friday, 6 July from 7pm
at La Dolce Vita, The Rock, Bury
Message Gill now to book a place



LIGHT LUNCHES

The next **Light Lunches**

will be on

July 19th and August 16th

at 12.00 noon in the Hall at Christ Church

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



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



A huge thank you to everyone who helped support the work of Christian Aid Week 2018 from 13th to 19th May

The total raised for the week was a fantastic
£433.50

Special thanks to the team who prepared and served the lunch on Sunday 13th May, which was appreciated by those who attended.

Thank you to all who donated and worked towards this year's Christian Aid appeal.

John Brennan & Team

EVENTS FOR SUMMER

11/24 BURY, ST JOHN WITH ST MARK SCOUT GROUP
invite you to a



CREAM TEA

St John with St Mark Church Hall
Saturday 7th July 2.00pm-4.00pm

FRESH SCONES SERVED WITH
TEA & COFFEE

Tickets available from Rosemarie Ashworth
ALL PROCEEDS TO SCOUT FUNDS



JOINT BENEFICE SOCIAL EVENT
FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

SUMMER BUFFET

At St. John with St. Mark Church Hall
Sunday 26th August after the 10.30am services (approx 12noon)

Cost is £7.00 and includes a variety of barbecue foods;
burgers & sausages etc
and cold buffet food, salads & sweets.

Drinks may be purchased separately from the bar.
A list will be made available at the back of both Churches
nearer the time for you to sign up.

Please pray for nice weather so we can sit outside

THE ROYAL WEDDING

Did you watch the Royal Wedding in May? And, if so, what did you make of the sermon by Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of our sister Church in the USA. Here is a list of the top ten things one might hear in a sermon by him:

#10, Now bear with me, I'm going somewhere with this!

9, God didn't put you on this earth just to use up oxygen!

#8, I'm not going to be up here long.

#7, If you're breathing, God's calling!

#6. We have a God! And that God raised Jesus from the dead. EVERYONE: I don't know how he did it, but he did!

#5,One more thing and then I'm going to sit down.

#4, You are a beloved child of God.

#3, Jesus movement.

#2, Loving, liberating, life-giving God!

#1. If it's not about love, it's not about God!



The Church of England,
and its preachers,
could well reflect on these thoughts.

A short extract from the sermon:

When love is the way, unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive, when love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history.

When love is the way, the Earth will be a sanctuary.

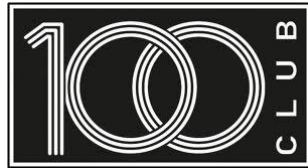
When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room, plenty good room, for all of God's children because when love is the way, we actually treat each other well, like we are actually family.

May 2018 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Margaret Duckworth

2nd Prize ~ Dorothy Butterworth



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



God's love and the Church are there for everyone in our diocese. How can we retain or regain our place as the beating heart of our community?

Are we open and welcoming for all?
How can we build networks with other groups in our community and between Churches to maximise

our impact? Can we transform our local communities without changing a little ourselves?

(One of the 5 key areas we in this diocese are challenged to face.)

WHISKY GALORE!

WHISKY Tasting/ Prosecco drinking/ Body Shop luxuries - all in one night, at one venue. Don't the Explorers know how to do it in style!

Ten Explorers from Bury and Ramsbottom Explorer Group, including our very own Walmersleyites, James Weston, Freddie Nicol and Archie Nicol have been doing working to raise £8000 so that they can travel to Switzerland for a 10 day, 100 mile expedition which is known as the Explorer Belt. Very few Scouts attempt this challenge as it requires a huge amount of work and dedication and so to have 3 of our young leaders from Walmersley "giving it a go" is a source of great pride.

The night initially started off just as a Whisky Taster but as that was quite restrictive - having to have a penchant for Whisky - it soon grew including Prosecco and Wine along with a cheese platter and cakes. And to top it off - a Body Shop promotion.

The hall was decorated with bunting and looked fabulous - especially as it was also the day of the Royal Wedding and was so well attended that we only just fitted everyone in. The Whisky tasting was hosted by a fellow Scout Leader from Oldham who was extremely knowledgeable about the Scottish Whiskies and also very generous with his portions - which did help a lot! The ladies enjoyed a more relaxed evening talking amongst themselves and drinking prosecco or wine and also had the opportunity to talk to a Body Shop rep who did a talk and samples show after.

Food was on hand during the evening and all in all it was a huge success. The boys managed to raise a staggering £1,124.79 which has taken the final overall figure to £9,500.00. I think it is safe to say that the first and hardest challenge has been well and truly met. The Explorer Scouts would like to say a huge Thank you for the use of the Church Hall - without the use of this facility we could not have done the fundraiser. "Thank you's "are also to be said to those of the congregation who came to support the event or in their absence sent in a very kind donation. *(See also the back page)*

Gateway Ministries is a group of Bible believing Christians, who are on a mission to bring hope, encourage faith and inspire revival. Starting **Saturday 8th September at 18:30**, we will be meeting every Saturday night in the Walmersley Church Hall.

There will be some singing and some prayer, but our main focus will be teaching on the book of Revelation, and what this final book of the Bible has to say to us today.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME ALONG...

...it doesn't matter what you wear or where you are at.

...it doesn't matter if you have lots of faith or very little.

...it doesn't matter whether you've ever read the Bible or whether you know it cover to cover.

...it doesn't matter whether you go to Church or not.

...whether you are married, single or divorced, young or old, tattooed or scarred, rich or poor.

...whether you have got it all together, your life is falling apart or you are somewhere in between, just remember **God loves you**, and we believe God wants to speak to you and us on these Saturday nights.

God Bless You

The Gateway Ministries Team



We pray for the 23 ordained as Deacon and 15 as Priest in Manchester Diocese this Petertide, for their families and all who have supported and encouraged them on their journey, and for those with whom they will serve.

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID BRIAN COOK

This email was recently received via the Christ Church website

To whom it may concern,

My father, David Brian Cook, passed away peacefully on the 11th of June in Exeter. His mother, Sarah Elizabeth Cook (formally Almond) was a member of your congregation her whole life and belonged to the Mothers' Union there. She worked at Know Mill.

He was born at The Infirmary on 28 December 1930 and was a choir boy with you from the age of 5 till 12. He studied at Christ Church Primary School, received a scholarship to Bury Grammar School and then went on to Manchester Tech to study Municipal Engineering. He was an onward looking man who never looked back. My father lived on Fairlands Road. His sister was called Enid, and his father, George Cook.

He spent his whole working life trying to improve the lives of the urban poor, all over the world. He received the George Stephenson Medal in 2004 for a report on Urban Poverty. He was a Fellow of both the Institution of Civil and Municipal Engineers and a Chartered Engineer. He worked for the World Bank in Washington DC and for the United Nations, and on the 1st Uhuru Estate Project in Nairobi, Kenya - where I was born. He worked in over 40 countries and visited more than 50.

I am his only child and have three children. I think it is important that my father and what he achieved, be remembered in Walmersley, for the sake of the youngsters of today and tomorrow. I do hope his memory will not be forgotten in your part of the woods.

If anybody from the Parish can remember my father - Brian Cook or Spike, in those days, I would love to hear from them.

Humbly,

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We give thanks to God for the life of David Cook
May He Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY AND AUGUST

July

Sun 1		5th after Trinity Services as usual
Mon 2	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Tue 3	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
Wed 4		Mothers' Union outing
Fri 6	7.00pm	GOA – La Dolce Vita
Sat 7	2.00pm	Cream Tea (SJM)
Sun 8		6th after Trinity Services as usual
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)
Tue 10	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
Wed 11	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Sun 15		7th after Trinity Services as usual
Mon 16	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury
Tue 17	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
Wed 18	7.30pm	Mother's Union (CC)
Thu 19	12 noon	Light Lunch (CC)
	7.30pm	United in Support (Holy Cross)
Sun 22		Feast of Mary Magdalene Services as usual
Tue 24	2.00pm	Church open (CC)

Sun 29		9th after Trinity Early Services as usual
	10.30am	Joint Service, incl. Baptism (SJM)

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Tue 31	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
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August

Wed 1	7.30pm	Mother's Union (CC)
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Thu 2	2.30pm	Songs of Praise (The Priory)
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Sun 5		10th after Trinity Services as usual
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Tue 7	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
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Thu 9	7.30pm	Bolton Archdeaconry Mothers' Union Festival
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Sun 12		11th after Trinity Services as usual
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Tue 14	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
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Wed 15	7.30pm	Mother's Union (CC)
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Thu 16	12.00	Light Lunch (CC)
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Sun 19		12th after Trinity Services as usual
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	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven(CC)
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Tue 21	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
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Sun 26		13th after Trinity Services as usual
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	12noon	Summer Buffet (SJM)
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Tue 28	2.00pm	Church open (CC)
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Whisky Galore!

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