

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



April 2019

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark (Barritt Room)
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	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	3 rd Morning Prayer	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.

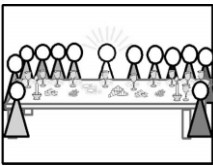
If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



At last! It's April and finally Easter is here. The eggs started to appear in the shops almost as soon as January began. It has been a long haul! I noticed in a certain large supermarket a notice reminding customers that Easter was on 21st April - and that was at the beginning of March. They must have been worried that after nearly two months of eggs on the shelves customers would be getting concerned about sell-by dates and/or whether, after all this time, they might have missed Easter altogether! Or, maybe, that the power of the supermarket was such that Easter would not happen until all the eggs were sold!!

I wonder if Jesus had a feeling of 'At last!' as he rode into Jerusalem on that donkey. As the crowd cheered him on did he say to himself, "Well this is it; the final act is about to take place – the culmination of all that I've said and done is reaching its climax!" Assuming that there was, maybe, a feeling of elation at that moment I suspect it would soon change to fear and trepidation – knowing what was to come.



Despite warnings to his disciples during times of teaching and debate the disciples had no real idea that the time had now come; that this was THE crunch time for Jesus. At the Passover meal they had no idea that this was the last meal. They were enjoying a pleasant, social time together. I wonder if Jesus was able to maintain that air of enjoying the social occasion? Did his face betray what emotions were racing through his mind and heart? As he broke bread, passed the cup of wine, told Judas to go about his business; did the disciples really understand what was going on?

In the Garden of Gethsemane, as he prayed, Jesus could no longer hold the fear within him. At last he had to let it out and in desperation he pleaded with God to be released from what was to come – "take this cup from me." But then realised that he was in God's hands and what must be, must be. If the disciples looked at his face at that moment they must have seen the fear in his eyes.

And that fear translated to them as soldiers arrived and hauled Jesus away. They fled, scattering to find somewhere to hide, somewhere safe, a place where they would not be associated with Jesus. Peter hung around, waiting and watching, but he too denied any association with Jesus. Fear, terror even, must have swept through many of them in the hours and days which followed. The authorities believing that at last they had broken the Jesus' crusade which had threatened their own authority.

Jesus, tried and tested before Jewish and Roman leaders; beaten, abused, and finally nailed to a rough cross. And there on the cross as he hung dying he broke down – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The anguish, the despair, in his voice must have been terrible to hear. Then Jesus said "it is finished". At last it was over. Or was it??

As dawn broke over the hills on that third day, the tomb was empty, the stone rolled away, only the grave clothes remained. He is risen! He is risen indeed!! Jesus victorious. The price paid. The fear, the despair, the doubting, all overcome. At last, it was accomplished. At last this was the end of the Easter story. Surely, at last, it really was over. Or was it??

No, it's not over. We have become a part of the Easter story. Jesus lives in us. We live on in the hope and promise that the Risen Jesus gives us. We proclaim his resurrection. We carry the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations; to teach and work for God's Kingdom. Jesus promised to be always with us. The 'At last' is yet to come!

*Christ
is
Risen!*

May the eternal blessings of Easter be with each one of us.

Nigel.



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BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

Apr 7 5th of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

Apr 14 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40

Apr 21 Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

John 20: 1-18

Apr 28 2nd of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 20: 19-31

May 5 3rd of Easter

Acts 9: 1-6

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

At Christ Church

Apr 21

The Congregation

Apr 28

Mr and Mrs A Spencer

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).



During this year's Easter Day Parish Communion at Christ Church, the Easter Cross will be decorated and so we are asking that members of the congregation bring some small spring flowers or greenery to help with the service



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Feb 24 Orla Rebbeca Derbyshire

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

Church Funerals

Mar 6 Anne Greenhalgh

Interment of ashes in the garden of remembrance

Mar 10 John Law

"I am the resurrection and the life"

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

2019 sees the preparation of new church electoral rolls,
which means that everyone must re-apply.
This takes place only once in every six years.

New electoral roll forms are now available.

If you have been a regular worshipper at for at least 6 months, please
consider filling in a form to join the electoral roll.

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

St.John with St.Mark: Sunday 28 April 12noon

Christ Church: Monday 29 April 7.30pm

COME ALONG & INFLUENCE THE WAY YOUR CHURCH OPERATES

MISSION ACTION PLANNING – an update



The Manchester Diocese are encouraging parishes to prepare Mission Action Plans as part of our aim to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. MAPs have been on the agenda of both PCCs for over three years.

Items are discussed at each meeting and the benefice MAP is reviewed and updated at the joint PCCs that are held twice a year.

At the joint PCC in March 2019 the MAP was updated as detailed below:

JOINT BENEFICE:

- * Encourage more social activities across the benefice.
- * To encourage more vocations to the lay and ordained ministries.
- * Developing the Christian basics group set up to nurture new believers.
- * To improve the effectiveness of our communications.

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK:

- * Increase the number of midweek Parade Services
- * More ecumenical activity
- * To deal with the closure of Moorside Library and its impact on church and community activity.

CHRIST CHURCH:

- * Engage more with the community groups to heal the rifts caused by the field issue.
- * Dealing with possible sale of church field and securing agreement about use of current church buildings.
- * Engage more with our young people and refresh our approach to Junior Church

Mission Action Planning is an ongoing process that will be constantly under review by the PCCs. If you have any ideas for this aspect of our church life, please speak to one of the ministers.

Please pray for us as we continue to seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ within our benefice.

St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 28th February 2019

Our thanks and gratitude was recorded to Paul for his many years service to the PCC.

The annual child protection policy statement was approved prior to the APCM. It was noted it has not changed.

Upcoming social dates include the Seder Meal on Wednesday 17th April. It was also mentioned that the Coffee Morning in February raised £289.00.

January & February stats from the Website were shared, including that we now have had visitors from countries including Paraguay and Indonesia.

The architect Paul Vipond has recently visited to look at the disabled access from the Church to Hall. It has been pointed out that access across the garden gives the wrong impression to people with disabilities if they have to go outside to get across to another building. This has therefore been ruled out and the internal route is being looked into again.

It is hoped to set up a sub-committee for the 250th anniversary celebrations in 2020.

The results of the recent Café Church questionnaire were discussed. We had a 64% response rate. People who responded said that the two best things about Café Church were greater interaction and participation and that it was a good way to learn, with services you remembered. The two most common suggestions for improving the service were to have Eucharist and for more people to attend. It was noted that people who did not attend said they would do if there was a Eucharist. It also became apparent that people who attend prefer the service in the Hall. The first Café Church service of 2019 is on 24th March, which includes Communion.

The annual PCC report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Barring a couple of amendments, the report will now be presented at APCM on Sunday 28th April. There was also an appeal for group leaders to produce their own organisational reports by early April. The Electoral Roll also needs to be fully revised this year and forms, which include a GDPR statement, are available in Church for completion by Sunday 7th April. It was noted there are three PCC vacancies up for re-election this year.

The Vicar informed the PCC that there are spaces for school governors at our Church school.

Christ Church PCC meeting report from 27 February 2019

1. It was noted that the church electoral roll is to be rewritten this year. The deadline for applications to the new electoral roll is the 14th of April 2019.
2. It was proposed and accepted that we pay £1000 monthly on a direct debit to the diocese towards our parish share.
3. The vicar gave thanks to Brian Crow for his work as treasurer.
4. The sale of the field is still in discussion with the builder and a final meeting is expected during week commencing 11th of March.
5. It was noted that the calendar showing St John with St Mark's list of social activities was now available and will be considered when arranging Christ Church Walmersley social events.
6. The installation of the war graves plaques on the churchyard wall is awaiting the Archdeacon's authorization and will then occur.
7. The attendance of the uniformed organisations at church parade was discussed with the leaders by the vicar and it was noted that the organisations preferred to leave the arrangements as they were.
8. We continue to pray for vocations to lay ministry.
9. Health and safety issues were discussed, including the final completion of the electrical work after the inspection and improvement to the security of the church hall after the recent break in.
10. Several items from the pastoral committee report were discussed.
11. In the vicar's remarks Dave discussed the Deanery Mission Action Plan and will ensure that all PCC members receive a copy. He also gave details of Lent groups.
12. The leaflets giving the history of Christ church and also a children's guide to the church were approved for printing.
13. It was noted that a framed photograph of the names of the individuals who served in the Great War, painted on the wall of the side chapel would be given by Alan Spencer.
14. The vicar noted that the banners advertising events that were erected in the church yard facing Walmersley Road have been effective in communicating to people.
15. The local councilor Dorothy Gunther attended the light Thursday lunch after seeing it advertised.

From the Vicarage

* Congratulations to Cath Hilton following her commissioning, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as the North of England's Zonal Trustee of Mothers' Union at a service in Southwark Cathedral in February. At the same service Mrs. Sheran Harper was commissioned to her office as Worldwide President of Mothers' Union.

Cath's new role continues Christ Church's involvement with the Worldwide Mothers' Union, following the end of her time as Diocesan President and with Barbara Taylor's term as Provincial President and Worldwide Trustee also ending recently. The Archbishop said at the service: "There is only one Mothers' Union! It is the world's oldest and largest women's movement. It is one of the Anglican Communion's greatest gifts to the worldwide church."

We thank God for the work of Cath & Barbara in recent years and pray for Cath in this new responsibility.

* Our Lent Groups continue this month. There are two meetings each week – Thursday afternoons at Christ Church Hall beginning at 2.00pm and Monday evenings at 150 Walmerley Road beginning at 7.30pm. We will be studying passages from the Bible and everyone is welcome.

* Please let a member of the ministry team know if anyone is ill and requires a home or hospital visit. At the heart of our ministry to the parish is pastoral care. This is not the exclusive concern of the clergy but part of each Christian's duty to love one another.

* The next meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – will be a Breakfast on Saturday 27 April at La Dolce Vita on The Rock. Further details will be in the church News Sheet / Bulletin nearer the time.

* 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.

* 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 contact one of the team.

* A multi church charity called 'The Bury Project' has been formed to serve our local area. Organised by the churches around the Bury Metro area this is working under the banner of 'Creating Hope & Building Futures'.

The first initiative is to start a new Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for people living within the Bury Metro area. Help is required on several fronts. Please have a word with me if you would like any further information.

* Porch Boxes are always in need of food items to meet their current demand. A box is available at the back of church. Thanks to those who regularly support this worthy cause. Anyone in need of food should in the first instance contact Bury Community Support Fund at Bury Town Hall or Whittaker Street in Radcliffe on 0161 253 7030. Please do not take out food without checking with Porch first.

* 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.

* Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk

QUIET MOMENTS IN HOLY WEEK

Something a little different this month from the usual prayer for each week. Here Margery has written something for us to use during Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday

He entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey and the crowds waved palms shouting 'Hosanna to the King' but this was no typical King.

This was a King who walked with those others despised, who reached out to them, cared for them. This was a King who gave hope to the hopeless and love to the loveless.



May we always worship Jesus as King and try to follow his example of humility.

Maundy Thursday

He shared the Passover meal with his friends, washing their feet. He was the Servant King.

Lord God, we tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.

One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus,

even when the road we walk is rocky, even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness.



May we obey his commandment to love others, even those who let us down.

Good Friday



They nailed him to a cross above which they wrote 'King of the Jews'.

Not for him an ornate throne or a crown of gold, but a heavy wooden cross and a crown of thorns.

“What kind of man was this, who died in agony?
He who had done no wrong was crucified for me.
What kind of man is this who laid aside his throne,
that I may know the love of God?
What kind of man is this?”

May we never forget the sacrifice of Jesus.

Easter Day

On the third day he rose again, a resurrected King.

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, the tomb was empty and your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep, for death to hold.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy will live in us each day and that we will be bearers of that light into the life of others.



**GOD DID NOT ADD ANOTHER DAY IN
YOUR LIFE BECAUSE YOU NEEDED IT.**

**HE ADDED IT BECAUSE SOMEONE OUT
THERE NEEDS YOU.**

SEDER MEAL

Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm
An adaptation of the Passover
for the United Benefice of Walmersley Road
St.John with St.Mark Hall
£7

Please sign the sheet at the back of each church
if you would like to attend

Sun 14		Palm Sunday
	10.30am	Worship Services with procession of palms
Mon 15	7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJM)
Tue 16	7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJM)
Wed 17		
	10.00am	Springside School Service (CC)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	7.30pm	Seder Meal (SJM Hall)
Thu 18		Maundy Thursday
	7.30pm	Parish Communion (CC & SJM)
Fri 19		Good Friday
	9.00am	Morning Service (CC)
	12 noon	Town Centre Ecumenical Walk of Witness
	2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross (SJM)
Sat 20		Easter Eve
	6.30pm	Vigil Service – Bury Parish Church

Sun 21		Easter Day
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM Barritt Room)
	9.00am	Holy Communion (CC)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CC)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (SJM)
Tue 23	9.15am	St John with St Mark School Service (SJM)



THE PRIORY HIGHBANK CENTRE

EASTER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL at 2.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

"He is Risen, Indeed"

Sunday @ Seven

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

April 28th at 7pm

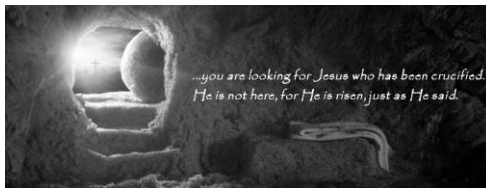
at Christ Church Church Hall

"The Glory of the Risen Lord"

Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour

– tea/coffee + cake/biscuits.

You will be most welcome!



The Branch AGM was held at the end of February chaired by the Vicar. The following officers were unanimously re-elected:

Secretary: Tricia Stokes

Treasurer: Barbara Silvester

Card Secretary: Ruth Butcher

along with the existing committee members.

There is only one meeting in Lent when Barbara Silvester is the speaker.

Bob Taylor

Branch Leader

MEN OF THE BENEFICE (MOB)



The Men of the Benefice met on Monday 25th February at The Towler. I thought it was about time that I led an evening, so I volunteered to talk a little about myself

and let others in on things they may not have known about me. There were just a small number of us this evening so that made it slightly easier for me, as I would have dreaded every man in the Benefice turning up. I arrived at 8.00pm armed with a bag of belongings from the last 39 years, some of which I didn't know I still had, and sat in the snug with a few fellow regulars.

Now it seems rather strange to write about my own talk, and plus I intend on doing something similar for the Open Group in September so don't want to spoil it, however it is interesting what you can put together to fill an hour with the help of visual aids. My recollections also brought up similar stories from some of the others there. Nigel pointed out that it is proof that everybody has a story out there to tell. I think it went down OK in the end, and there was a chocolate treat for those who attended!



SATURDAY WALKING GROUP

Our walk in March took place on the second Saturday (9th) and was a local route from the Church Hall on Parkinson Street to areas including the River Roch Valley Greenway, Springwater Park in Radcliffe and the former Bolton & Bury canal. There were just four takers this day due to various other commitments.

We were anticipating that the mild and sunny February weather would continue into March but this did not happen. Despite the rather ominous forecast it did not stop us setting off at 9.30am and we walked up towards Clarence Park and then across Bell Lane to St. Thomas' Church and Pimhole Community Farm, where we picked up the track of the Roch. We walked along here for a while before reaching the Lake Side Estate. By this time we had encountered our first spell of wet weather so out came the waterproofs.

We continued across Bury New Road near Hollins and made our way towards Springwater Park. Some of the paths had become quite muddy and slippery following the recent wet weather so extra caution was needed going through the park as we passed the junction of the Roch and Irwell.

By the time we left the park the weather had improved slightly and the wind had helped to dry us off as we continued along New Road into Radcliffe. From here we found the path of the former Manchester, Bolton & Bury canal, now a regular favourite, which takes you past the East Lancashire Crematorium and Elton Reservoir alongside the Metrolink track. Unfortunately this is where we became unstuck as a 15 minute deluge of gales, hale, driving rain and a huge plummet in temperature soaked us through and even the waterproofs failed to provide the support. We just about managed to consume a sandwich under an old bridge. As we left the canal path at Wellington Street we were completely soaked and unable to complete the remaining couple of miles to The Burrs where we had considered trying the new café. That will just have to wait until next time.

We did though manage to complete 10.5 miles altogether, which was pretty good going considering the elements.

NEXT WALK

Saturday 6th April – Hawkshaw & Affetside – Approx. 8.5 miles
Please meet at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall at 9.30am
where we will sort out transport to Hare & Hounds, our starting point

Best foot forward, David Robinson



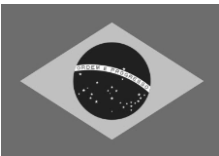
THE OPEN GROUP

The Open Group resumed their 2019 programme of events on Wednesday 13th March with a Desert Island Discs evening, something previously done at Mothers' Union. Reverend Dave agreed to lead this for us and members were invited to bring along a piece of music of their choice and discuss briefly why they had selected the particular piece.

There were over eight chosen pieces of music and it turned into quite an informative night as we learnt a bit of something different about others and there was a good variety of music on offer. Artists ranged from Bill Haley, The Beatles, Jim Reeves, Daniel O'Donnell, Bing Crosby, Abba and Nina Simone. There were various reasons for our choice of songs such as childhood memories, weddings, reminder of being together and just generally because we liked the singer. It was noted how often we were tapping feet in sync to some of these songs and there was also an opportunity for us all to join in with the words of William Blake's Jerusalem.

People seemed to enjoy the evening and it also seemed like an ideal time for reflection on some of the words and music in this season of Lent. We ended our evening quite appropriately with a Blessing courtesy of Bing, Nat King Cole and The Andrews Sisters.

Thanks to all those who brought music and those who listened.



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th April – Jack Sutton talks about his recent trip to Brazil

All welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room

David Robinson

12-18 May 2019

Christian Aid Week is seven days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty.

During the week, supporters are asked to give their time, money and voices to help bring lasting change to some of the world's poorest communities.

The money raised helps fund Christian Aid's vital work to transform the lives of people around the world.

**In Christian Aid Week 2018,
a total of £8million was raised to fight poverty.
57,000 people took part in various activities.**

Of every £1 given over the last year,
86p was spent on helping people living in poverty.
Christian Aid spends 14p from every £1 raised on raising the next £1,
which keeps their work going.

*"Everyone is equal in the sight of God.
Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists.
Poverty is an outrage against humanity.
It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive.
But together we have the power to transform lives."*

From the Christian Aid website



***Please sign up for
the Christian Aid Lunch
at St. John with St. Mark
on Sunday 12 May
(More details on page 24)***

World Day of Prayer



Formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in March is an opportunity to worship with our ecumenical friends whilst also being aware of a worldwide wave of prayer over 24 hours.

Each year the service is written by the people of a different country – this year it was Slovenia. This means that one learns a little of the geography, the customs, the difficulties and often an element of worship from the country in focus.

From Slovenia we heard stories of Roma people, refugees, migrant workers; of the political and economic situation. Among other songs we sang a chorus "Daritev" which paraphrased read:

Lord, hear the prayer we humbly offer;
may it truly reflect our love.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, Lord,
your song be felt within our hearts.

Reading the order of service I realised that despite an annual notice of this service, and often a review, most people probably have little idea of the financial grants allocated by this movement. Sadly there is only room for very few here. I would invite you to find out more (www.wwdp.org.uk) before putting next year's date in your diary. The Bury service is likely to be held at Christ Church for the first time so you won't even have to travel far! I look forward to seeing you on 6 March 2020.

Barbara Taylor

Just a few of the larger grants:

£10,000	care for trafficked girls in Cambodia
£8,000	helping refugees to farm land
£5,000	long-term accommodation for homeless women in the UK
£7,000	training Kenyan women to address inequalities and violence
£5,000	developing a dementia-friendly church programme in UK
£9,000	workshops for vulnerable and at risk young people in Bolivia

Grants listed total an absolutely amazing **£268,391**

- an excellent example of lots of small contributions making a HUGE difference.

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 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 and retired clergy.
The Licensed Readers & ALM.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Christ Church Walmersley **QUIZ NIGHT**

- in the Church Hall, School Lane
- Saturday, April 13th 7.30pm
- Teams of 4 compete for the Stan Parkinson Trophy
- Not got a team? Come along anyway and meet up with others when you arrive
- £5.50 (includes light refreshments)
- Pie supper available £2.50



Third Thursday Light Lunch

at CCW Hall
12 noon/1pm

The next lunch will be on **Thursday 18 April**

As always there will be no set charge – if you are able, please give a donation but if you can't just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

YOU will be most welcome. There really is such a thing as a 'free lunch'!!

EVENTS FOR APRIL *continued*



ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK AFTERNOON TEA

Dainty sandwiches, cakes & tea or coffee,
all on the best china we could lay our hands on

**Saturday 27th April from 2.00pm
In the Church Hall & Barritt Room**

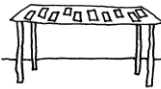
Tickets £5.00 ~ Please contact June Banks

There will also be books available for sale in the Hall,
if you just wish to come for some new reading material

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ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FROWNED UPON

EDUCATIONAL
LEAFLETS

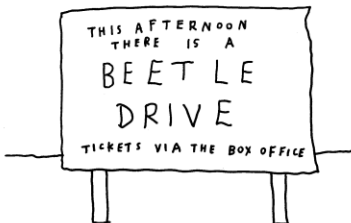


PARISH BREWERY TRIPS

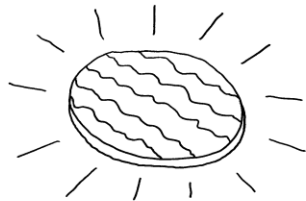
FREE
SAMPLES



FOUL LANGUAGE ANYWHERE IN THE DEANERY



HAVING TOO MUCH FUN



CHOCOLATE BISCUITS AFTER THE 10 A.M.

HAVE YOU BOOKED?

Christian Aid Week ~ Luncheon Platter

If you would like to support Christian Aid Week this year we are once again holding a luncheon platter on Sunday 12th May after the service at 12noon at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall, Parkinson Street.

Tickets: Adults £5.00; Children up to 12 years £3.00



Please contact John Brennan or Rosemarie Ashworth or members of the clergy. Please look out for further details in the coming weeks.

If you would like to donate to the work of Christian Aid there will be donation envelopes at the back of church. If you would like to know more about Christian Aid or to donate online please go to www.christian.org.uk

There are also more details about Christian Aid on the next page

God Bless

John

FORMBY RETREAT 2019



The annual retreat to the St. Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby will take place from Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th May inclusive. The centre is situated in beautiful grounds surrounded by the National Trust pine forest and red squirrel reserve.

This is a time to enjoy good company, fresh air and reflection. Anyone interested please contact Ian Banks. People can do the full three days or come for single days if they wish. Price is £68 per 24 hour stay with meals or £24 if just coming for the day and having lunch.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

Thursday 23 May 7.30pm
at St John with St Mark

Wardens and Sidespersons are asked to attend.
PCC members are invited to make their commitment
and everyone is welcome at this service.

ASCENSION DAY

40 days after Easter Sunday,
we celebrate the day Jesus left this earth
and returned to His Father in heaven.

Thursday 30 May
7.30pm

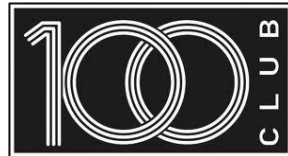
Services at both
St. John with St. Mark & Christ Church

"So we in heart and mind may also ascend...."

FEBRUARY 2019 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Kelly Watson

2nd Prize ~ Margaret Duckworth



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Fri 5	3.00pm	Wedding (SJM)
Sat 6	9.30am	Walking Group meet (SJM Hall)
Sun 7		5th of Lent Services as usual (incl Baptism at 10.30am SJM)
Wed 10	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room, SJM)
Sat 13	7.30pm	Quiz Night (CC)
Sun 14		Palm Sunday Services as usual
	10.30am	Parade Service with Procession of Palms (CC) Parish Communion, Procession of Palms (SJM)
	12.30pm	Baptism (SJM)
Wed 17	10.00am	Springside School Service (CC)
	7.30pm	Seder Meal (SJM)
Thu 18	12 noon	Light Lunch (CC)
Sun 21		Easter Sunday (see page 15)
Tue 23	9.15am	St John with St Mark School Service (SJM)
Wed 24	2.30pm	Easter at the Priory
Sat 27	9.30am	Men's Breakfast at La Dolce Vita
	2.00pm	Afternoon Tea (SJM)
Sun 28		2nd of Easter Services as usual
	12noon	APCM (SJM)
	12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)
Mon 29	7.30pm	APCM (CC)

'All mums should live'

Jebbeh Konneh,
eight months pregnant

Jebbeh's own sister
lost her life giving birth
in Sierra Leone.

As her baby grows,
Jebbeh fears she
could be next.

With every
envelope,
every gift,
every click.
Every one of
us can help
save lives.

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Our church stands together with
mums like Jebbeh. Will you join us?

Speak to: **John Brennan**

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