

**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury**

in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road



The Temptation of Christ

March 2020

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**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

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| 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. | 1 st 2 nd 4 th Sung Eucharist 3 rd Morning Prayer | St John w St Mark |
| 10.30 a.m. | 5 th United Service | Alternately CC/SJM |

Monday

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| 7.30 p.m. | 1 st Listening Prayer | 150 Walmersley Road |
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Wednesday

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| 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion | St John w St Mark |
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Thursday

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| 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



OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE!

Many of you will know that my major hobby is painting. I am no David Hockney but do get pleasure from the creative process. Every Monday I am to be found in the church hall alongside friends painting whatever I like, usually a landscape, with very little pressure and the time passes very quickly.

On Friday mornings I am a member of another Art group which has a tutor who sets us specific tasks, which means tackling something which may not have been a first choice of subject. Recently she asked us to make a picture with string, any or many types of string of a design of our choosing.

Now as an eight year old I was never any good at "Cut and Stick" and I am no better now that I am in my eighties. I managed to stick string to the table, my fingers together and pieces in totally the wrong place in my picture. But I persevered and the final result was a study in not fifty shades of grey but ten shades of brown. Alan suggested it was a good design for a carpet and one of my friends made that telling comment "Well its different!"



I had definitely been taken out of my comfort zone.

Jesus went out of his comfort zone when he went into the wilderness, leaving behind friends and family and all that was familiar in his everyday life. He was hungry and alone and whilst there he was tempted three times by the devil. Once he was asked to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger, then asked to throw himself from the highest point of the temple so that the angels might save him. Both of these he refused to do and then when the devil offered to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if he would bow down and worship him, Jesus declined saying "Away from me. Satan! For it is written; worship the Lord your God and serve him only." (Matthew 4v 1-11)

Jesus did not take the easy option to relieve his hunger, to demonstrate the power of God or to acquire all the kingdoms of the world. He remained faithful to his Father.

Lent is a time when we remember the temptation of Jesus and prepare ourselves to remember his passion and resurrection. We often do this by denying ourselves something, going without chocolate, wine or some other treat.

Although these acts may be a good discipline perhaps we should consider going outside our comfort zone in a more positive way, not denying ourselves but doing something extra, praying more, studying the bible more, attending Lent groups, taking steps to help others, putting our faith more into practice.

When I had finished my string picture there was a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Perhaps at the end of Lent, we may come to a greater understanding of Christ's sacrifice for each of us and experience the Easter celebration with a renewed sense of joy.

Yours in Christ,
Margery

A Lent prayer *which prompted the thoughts above*

Living God,

Save me from turning this season into a negative one, concerned simply with sacrifice and self denial.

Help me to make it positive as well:

 An opportunity to put faith into practice,

 To offer something else as an expression of my love and loyalty.

Teach me to think about not just what I shouldn't do

But what I **should**

Not just what I can't do but what I **can**;

And help me to grasp the opportunity to serve this and every day.



BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH

Mar 1 **1st Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2: 15-17, Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
3: 1-7

Mar 8 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12: 1-4a, Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17

Mar 15 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42

Mar 22 **4th Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9

Mar 29 **5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45

Apr 5 **Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 21: 1-11



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

NO FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING LENT

Memorial flowers only at St John with St Mark

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).



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Feb 9 Archie McCourt-Baines

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

Church Funeral

Jan 21 Sheila Roberts

Jan 23 Doris Fish

Interment of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

Feb 16 Bob Brown

Funeral Service held at the Crematorium

Feb 6 Tom Shaw

"I am the resurrection and the life"



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 6 March
2pm
at Christ Church**

This year we host the service in Bury.

Each year we are brought together in prayer and fellowship in a service written by people of a different country. 2020's service has been written by those in Zimbabwe.

The theme is:

Rise! Take your mat and walk

If you are unable to join us at this time please pray for Zimbabwe and check out www.wwdp.org.uk for more info

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

St. John with St. Mark: Sunday 26 April 12noon

Christ Church: Monday 20 April 7.30pm

COME ALONG & INFLUENCE THE WAY
YOUR CHURCH OPERATES

Forms to elect new Churchwardens and PCC members will be available in church nearer the time of the meetings.

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

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

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION



The Archdeacon's visitation for Bury Deanery
on Tuesday 16 June
at 7.30pm
in Bury Parish Church

Wardens and Sidespersons are asked to attend,
whilst PCC members are also invited.
Everyone is welcome at this service.

*If you are unable to attend on this date
please check the diocesan website for
alternative dates and venues.*

From the Vicarage

- * Our Lent Study Groups looking at the influence of Abraham on modern day Christianity are meeting at two venues across the benefice. Monday evenings at 150 Walmersley Road beginning at 7.30pm and Thursday afternoons at Christ Church Hall starting at 2.00pm. We begin in the week commencing 2 March and continue for five weeks until the first week of April. Please join us at either of these weekly meetings during this important season.

- * We are continuing the preparations for the 10th anniversary of the creation of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road and 250 years since the parish of St.John was formed, which are both celebrated this year. The main event at St.John with St.Mark's will be held over the weekend of June 6/7 with our Summer Fair and a Celebration Service to be attended by the Bishop of Manchester. On the Sunday evening there will be a short service on the site of the old Church at The Rock. Various services of celebrations for those who have significant occasions are being held during the year and details can be found elsewhere in this magazine. There will be a service to mark a decade of the Benefice at Christ Church on Sunday 25 October led by the Bishop of Bolton.

- * Bury Parish Church are hosting a Confirmation Service on the morning of Sunday 14 June. If anyone would like to be confirmed on this occasion, please have a word with me. Preparation classes for prospective candidates will begin in April.

- * A service of Holy Communion with hymns takes place at Burrswood House on the last Thursday of each month at 2.00pm. The residents and staff are always keen for people to join them at this service. Everyone is welcome to attend. An ecumenical group also visits Burrswood House and Limefield Court on a monthly basis for a short service. Once again anyone is welcome to join us. Please have a word with me for the exact dates.

- * 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.

- * 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 Ministers 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.
- * Porch Boxes are always in need of food items to meet their current demand. A box is available at the back of both churches.
- * Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the Treasurers or 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.
- * 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

PARADE SERVICES



with uniformed organisations

*at both St John with St Mark
and Christ Church*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8 March at 10.30am

NOTES FROM OUR COUNCILS

St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 23rd January 2020

New CRB's have been approved for Pantomime helpers.

The Seder Meal will take place on Wednesday in Holy Week, 8th April, in the Church Hall. St. Stephen's will also be holding a separate one this year.

We had ordered some pens to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Parish of St. John however they have been received with incorrect wording. The company have said they will send us a new correct order. A service at the site of the old Church on The Rock will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 7th June. We will meet at Sunny Avenue at 6.00pm and walk down. At the end of June, the Pantomime team will stage a Review. Also this year there will be special services to mark Church Weddings (19th July), Baptisms (27th September) & Funerals (1st November) - all Sundays at 3.00pm – to mark the anniversary. We will publicise these on social media and in the Bury Times.

A small group will be meeting on 30th January & 13th February to discuss the 'Church for a different world' suggestions from Café Church last year.

Makerfield have been chosen to fit the new sound system in Church. There will be new speakers, including two in the Chancel. The system will be I-Pad controlled and WIFI will be needed in Church. This will be installed during February.

The Christmas Fair raised £1627, Pantomime raised £600 and £460 went to the Bed for a Night Scheme on Walmersley Road from the loose collections at Christmas. The flexi-step needs repairing as a leg is damaged. This will be fixed however an insurance scheme also needs to be looked at going forward.

A suggestion to hold two separate Carol Services at each end of the Benefice has been raised as not everybody enjoys going out in the dark. One is likely to be in the afternoon and one in the evening. The Vicar mentioned that there would be a pulpit swap with the new minister from Seedfield Methodist on 26th January. Changes to electoral roll rules means that names will now only be removed at the

annual review, but names can be added whenever. The roll will now not include addresses. It was also announced that the APCM can now be held up to the end of May, meaning the Archdeacon's Visitation will take place in June. Sidespeople will now be appointed by the PCC. A new middle curtain has been put up on the stage. The next PCC meeting will be Thursday 5th March and the APCM will be Sunday 26th April.

SEDER MEAL



in HOLY WEEK
Wednesday 8 April
7.30pm

An adaptation of the Passover

St.John with St.Mark Church Hall,
£7.00

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of both churches
if you would like to attend



EASTER SERVICE

AT THE PRIORY Highbank CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

2.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN RESIDENTS, STAFF,
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

250th Anniversary Celebrations

As part of our celebrations to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Parish of St. John Bury it is hoped that we can put together a display of old photographs or other memorabilia; from this building here on Sunny Avenue, the previous building on The Rock or any other Church events which may have taken place away from the buildings.

We would like to have a place for all the groups, past and present, which have been part of our Church life. So if you have led or been a member of one of our groups then please share with us some history and have a look for photographs etc.

Please have a look around to see if you have anything we may be able to use and please speak to David Robinson or Margaret Duckworth at St. John with St. Mark or alternatively the Vicar or wardens. We may be able to take copies if you prefer.

We aim to have the display in place during May so the deadline is the end of April.

Thank You



St John 's
Chapel-of-Ease
on the Rock

Our MAP (Mission Action Plan)

In last month's edition of the magazine we began a series of articles focusing on our Mission Action Plan. You may have heard much about this topic, and over the last few months our PCCs have been devising a Mission Action Plan for where we see ourselves in 5 years time, helping us to form a growing, vibrant church, relevant to the communities of which we are a part. Some of these actions are specific to the individual Parishes, whereas others are being worked on as a joint Benefice.

We thought we would share in more detail the actions we set ourselves, with a description of the priority actions if we are to 'get there'. Each month we will focus on one particular subject and if you have **ANY** comments or suggestions then please share them with Clergy, Wardens or PCC members. **EVERYBODY** needs to be involved.

This month's theme focuses on the encouragement of more vocations to the lay and ordained ministries:

- Encourage laity to recognise and exercise their gifts and their callings. We will do this via:
 - 4 Café Church meetings in each Parish, encouraging congregational dialogue and interaction within a worship format
 - Monthly Sunday @ Seven services, allowing more spontaneous involvement from congregational members as well as leadership opportunities
 - Occasional sermons and articles in the magazine
 - Providing opportunities to the laity to exercise their gifts, giving encouragement and feedback when they do
- Prayerfully consider, identify and scope-out areas in need of ministry across the Benefice e.g. for ALM and OLM. Identify potential candidates and explore their willingness & readiness
- Nurture, support and explore the calling of any who feel drawn to ordained ministry
- Mindful of the likely numbers of ministers in the Benefice prayerfully review the weekly provision of church Services and creatively explore the role that lay ministry could play in any revised programme.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

World Day of Prayer – 6th March (*see page 6*)

The theme in 2019 was "Come, everything is ready" and this prayer was written for it.

Jesus said 'Come!'
But I was too busy.
Jesus said 'Come!'
But I was too sad.
Jesus said 'Come!'
There was something more pressing.
I didn't go.
I kept saying 'No!'

Jesus said 'Come!'
And others –
unloved, poor, vulnerable, lost,
the forgotten, oppressed –
said 'Yes!'
Went instead.
And were welcomed
and blessed.

Kathleen Skinner

Mothering Sunday – 22nd March

Dear God, We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere, and for all they do to help us to grow up well. We thank you that they love us and show us how to learn to stand on our own two feet.

We pray that mums will feel really special today; that they will know how much we love them and how much you love them too.

Most of all, we thank you, God, that you are our heavenly parent who loves us and helps us all to grow well and make the very best of life.
Amen

Mothers' Union

Vocations

is the theme of our MAP article this month (see page 13).

This prayer was written by Charles de Foucauld

Father,
I abandon myself into Your hands,
do with me what You will.
For whatever You may do, I thank You.
I am ready for all, I accept all,
let only Your will be done in me,
as in all Your creatures:
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into Your hands I commend my soul
I offer it to You with all the love of my heart.
For I love, You, my God,
and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your
hands without reserve and with boundless confidence,
for You are my Father.

Amen

Lady Day – 25th March

Loving God, You live in us and make us whole.
You call us your friends,
You guide us in new and unexpected ways.
You heal us and you hold us in your arms.

You chose Mary from the powerless and unnoticed in the world,
Yet greatly loved and cherished in your sight,
That she should be the mother of our Saviour.
So fill us with your grace,
That we may accept the invitation of your Spirit.
Let us welcome your angel with open arms,
with joy and hope,
despite the pain we often have to face.
You live in us and you love in us,
With Mary we want to say yes Lord.

Celebrating 250 Years of the Parish of St. John's

The parish of St. John's are celebrating 250 years since it was first created in 1770. As well as our Celebration Weekend on 6/7 June, we are holding three special services during the year for everyone who has had a very significant occasion at St. John's Church.

These services are as follows:

RENEWING:

Weddings / Service of Blessing or Thanksgiving
Sunday 19 July



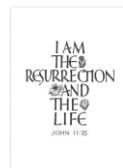
RE-COMMITTING:

Baptisms / Confirmations
Sunday 27 September



REMEMBERING:

Funerals / Interment of Ashes
Sunday 1 November



All Services will begin at 3.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Sunday @ Seven

We meet for our regular
Sunday evening informal worship.
Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour
tea/coffee + cake/biscuits.
You will be most welcome!



When you Pray

March 29th
at 7pm
at St John & St Mark's Hall,
Barritt Room



Rainbows have been for their first
sleepover, at Springfield Park.
Our theme was Bugs and we made lots
of bug crafts, including a ladybird
headband, a butterfly mask, a bumblebee finger puppet and a
colourful snail. We even went on a bug hunt, but we didn't find many
bugs unfortunately. We did have a play in the park though.

The Rainbows and leaders had so much fun and we can't wait for the
next sleepover. *(See back page for photos)*

Lisa G

CONGRATULATIONS

Celebrating
30
Years

We also celebrated with Eileen
who has received her 30 years service
badge in Girlguiding!

Last month Rev Dave compiled a 60s and 70s Pop Quiz. This certainly took us back and made us all realise that our memories are not what they were! However it was a good fun evening recalling the music from names such as Sandie Shaw, Dusty Springfield, The Bachelors, Long John Baldry, Lulu, Peter Sarstedt, Millie and several others.

In March Margery Spencer will lead a Lenten service of evening prayer on 4th and our other meeting on 18th is entitled "Towers".

All will be made most welcome at any of our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the hall at Christ Church.

Bob Taylor

Branch Leader

Gifts that grow

There is still plenty of time to buy a special ethical gift for your mother or caregiver to celebrate Mothering Sunday. You can also dedicate a gift in memory of someone who has been – or has been like – a mother to you.

At the same time you will be supporting communities around the world. Your Mothering Sunday gift can help empower women, children and communities worldwide to tackle the challenges they face and make positive changes that grow and last.

Visit makeamothersday.org or speak to a member for details of gifts and to read stories of change.



Saturday Walking Group

Another last minute plan took us out on Saturday 8th February for a walk through the Burrs, along the Kirklees Valley Trail and back up through Summerseat.

There were just the three of us on an extremely pleasant day, to say it was just a few hours before a storm was due to take hold.

Starting off at St. John with St. Mark Hall at 10.00am we set off down the steps towards The Burrs, and we then made our way through here, along Woodhill Road and onto Brandlesholme Road to pick up the start of the Kirklees Trail. There were a good number of people along here, presumably making the most of a decent day.

Towards the end of the trail, before reaching Greenmount, we turned off to make our way along the track back onto Brandlesholme Road before arriving at Wood Road Lane and crossing the bridge here over the Irwell. We climbed Jacobs Ladder by the side of Summerseat Railway Station and had a brief snack stop, whilst the train went by. It was noted here how a couple of new seats had been included, which gave the impression of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, with a large, medium and small sized bench.

After our snack stop we continued up towards the Irwell Sculpture Trail and back up to the path in The Burrs which led to Springside Road and home from there about 1.00pm. We had completed about 5.5 miles altogether.

We will keep you posted about future walks in the magazine or on the weekly sheets in Church. If you would like to be kept informed, then please give me your contact details if you have not already done so.

Best foot forward, David Robinson



THE OPEN GROUP

A new Open Group year will commence on Wednesday 11th March led by Reverend Dave Thompson. This first evening will be thoughtful for the season of Lent, and the theme will be memories, what memories we have and any we would like to share. Our trainee Ordinand Gary will also be in attendance at this evening as part of his involvement with the various groups on his placement. So please come along to the Barritt Room at 7.30pm. All are welcome. A programme of events has been put together for the year, with some regular speakers and some new ones. If you have not yet received a programme then please see David. We would love to have some new members. Our meetings are usually informal, sometimes educational and we always finish with a brew and biscuit.

David Robinson

Men of the Benefice



Our year opened on Monday 27th January at The Towler, and Barry Evans agreed to talk to us about his recent visit to Australia to spend Christmas with his son. As well as coinciding with the festive season, Barry's trip also occurred whilst the fires were raging through the country.

Barry kept us all entertained during the course of the evening with his tablet photograph display of various events and locations during his break. You will have heard the stories about the fires and Barry brought this home to us with the devastation to homes, land & wildfire. The whole country has been affected in some form or another.

We were pleased to hear though that Barry still enjoyed his time there and there were pictures of Christmas lunch on the beach as well as some stunning scenery, landmarks and unique wildlife. We were also delighted to hear that Barry overcame his fear of heights by soaring up in a hot air balloon. The realization he was closer to God made him more comfortable. Thanks to Barry for entertaining us, and a welcome also to Gary for joining us as part of his placement.

David Robinson

'Church for a Different World' – Café Church Suggestions



You may recall that last year both Churches held a Café Church service, which focussed on the Diocesan initiative 'Church for a Different World'. This involved you offering your comments and

suggestions on post-it notes for what we could do within both our churches to help us improve how we 'do things'.

Please rest assured that these suggestions have not been forgotten about! Shortly after the sessions, **ALL** your post-it notes were collated onto a spreadsheet and Vivienne Stone from the Christ Church congregation went through the list with initial thoughts and comments.

This was discussed at the Ministry team and PCC. Earlier this year it was then decided to set up a small group to go through the list in more detail and this small group met twice in January and February.

It is evident that there were some great thoughts and **EVERY ONE** was discussed in some way. There were over 60 suggestions altogether, some relevant to both churches and some specific to one rather than the other.

We are putting together some proposed next steps to be shared and discussed in due course. But it's been interesting to realise that some of the ideas have already been taken up. This includes sharing more personal stories via Sunday@Seven and Café Church; using more banners and notices to let people know what's happening and use of different liturgies.

Thank you to all who were involved in putting forward suggestions.



THE REAL EASTER EGG

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Real Easter Egg. Since it was first launched in 2010 more than one million items have been sold with over £275,000 being raised for charitable causes.



Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs purchased each year, the Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story booklet in the box. The 2020 range features a set of anniversary designs. The original egg costs £3.99 and the Special Edition £9.99. There is also a dark chocolate alternative for £5.50. All of the chocolate is palm oil free and Fairtrade certified. For 2020 the egg packaging is now plastic free.

The Real Easter Egg is available in four ways:

- * at the TraidCraft stall in Church
- * by people buying directly from The Meaningful Chocolate Company (please see forms in church).

Why not donate an egg directly to a Foodbank too? Check out the website <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/>

- * from independent retailers, such as Traidcraft, Embrace the Middle East, Christian bookshops.
- * from supermarkets. Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and ASDA will have stocks from the middle of February but only in their larger stores and in limited quantities. This helps to encourage supermarkets to continue stocking the Egg and helps to spread the Easter story to those who may not hear it in church.

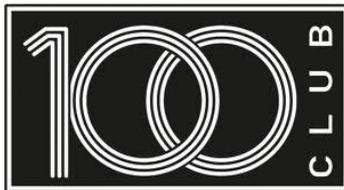
The Meaningful Chocolate Company is based in Lymm, Cheshire. They produce the Fairtrade Easter Eggs, the Real Advent Calendar and more.

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

JANUARY 2020 WINNERS

1st Prize – Betty Roe

2nd Prize – Eileen Smith



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICES

are held on the 5th Sunday of a month

The next service will be

29 March

10.30am

at CHRIST CHURCH



(Photo by Adi Goldstein on Unsplash)



DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

CAFÉ CHURCH in 2020



Christ Church at 10.30am

3 May (with Holy Communion)

9 August

22 November

St.John with St.Mark at 10.30am

19 July

18 October

6 December (with Holy Communion)

ALL CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALLS

EVENTS FOR MARCH



ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH INVITE
YOU TO

A BUFFET DINNER DANCE

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCING
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET
AND GUESTS, LITE MUSIC GROUP

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL
ON FRIDAY 13th MARCH ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH (June Banks)
£7.50 EACH

ALL WELCOME

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK

WINTER WARMER LUNCH

AFTER THE MAIN SERVICE, IN THE CHURCH HALL,
SUNDAY 15th MARCH (approx 12noon)



Potato Pie or Cheese & Onion Pie with peas
Rice Pudding or Apple Sponge with cream/ice cream
Tea/Coffee

Tickets at £4.00 available from June Banks or Margaret Duckworth

MORE MARCH EVENTS



Third Thursday Light Lunch

at CCW Hall
12 noon - 1pm on 19 March

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.

GIRLS OUT ALONE

Outing to see Jesus Christ Superstar
performed by Junior PADOS at the Met in Bury
on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm.



A sign up sheet is at the back of both Churches if you would like to go
and names and payment of £13.00 are required by Sunday 1st March.



Quiz night

Saturday 28th March

7pm for 7-30 start

Christ Church, Church Hall

£3-50

incl. tea coffee and biscuits

We are sorry but there will be no potato pie supper

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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| Sun 1 | | 1st Sunday in Lent Services as usual |
| Mon 2 | 7.30pm | Lent Group begins (<i>see page 8</i>) |
| Wed 4 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC) |
| Thu 5 | 2.00pm | Lent Group begins (<i>see page 8</i>) |
| | 8.00pm | PCC (SJM) |
| Fri 6 | 2.00pm | World Day of Prayer (CC) |
| Sat 7 | TBA | Walking Group |
| Sun 8 | | 2nd Sunday in Lent Services as usual (10.30am Parade Services) |
| Wed 11 | 7.30pm | Open Group (Barritt Room, SJM) |
| Fri 13 | 7.30pm | Buffet Dance (SJM) |
| Sun 15 | | 3rd Sunday in Lent Services as usual |
| | 12noon | Winter Warmer Lunch (SJM) |
| Wed 18 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC) |
| Thu 19 | 12noon | Light Lunch (CC Hall) |
| Sun 22 | | Mothering Sunday (4th in Lent) Services as usual |
| Wed 25 | 7.30pm | Girl's Out Alone (The MET, Bury) |
| Sat 28 | 7.30pm | Quiz Night (CC) |
| Sun 29 | | 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday) Early services as usual |
| | 10.30am | Joint Service at Christ Church |
| | 7.00pm | Sunday @ Seven (Barritt Room) |



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