

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

**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



**May 2024**



**THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD**

# EXPERIENCE EASTER

2024 at  
Christ  
Church

Y4 pupils explored the events of Holy Week in an interactive way through six areas, reflecting on Palm Sunday, Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, the Last Supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of the Cross and the Resurrection.



There are more photos on the website, and our thanks to school for some of these.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with this Experience.



The Headteacher's Blog reads:

We would like to say a big thank you to the wardens from Walmersley Church for inviting us to join in with their Easter Activity Trail. The children loved to hear and learn about the Easter Service through the prepared activities.

On Holy Saturday members from both our churches read at the Mission Community Easter Vigil and David ensured that the Paschal candle was safely lit.



## ***Celebration of a New Ministry***

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*"In Christ alone my hope is found, . . . .  
Here in the love of Christ I stand"*

Wednesday, 17 April marked an important point in the life of this Benefice, when the Reverend Harvie Nicol was licensed as Incumbent. Members of both congregations were joined by those from Harvie's previous parishes as he was presented by the Revd Julian Heaton as patron and introduced by the Venerable Rachel Mann, Archdeacon, to Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton. The Oaths were made and the Bishop led us in prayer – for Harvie, all who minister here, and *"for all your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love"*.

Margery Spencer read from Acts 8 and Sally Nicol from John 6 between which we sang 'All hail the power of Jesus' name'

*"We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all"*

The key points of Bishop Matthew's sermon were 'scattering', 'speaking' and 'surprise'. The responsibility of sharing Christ's story belongs to each one of us and that we should bring that good news to others with joy.

Bishop Matthew asked the Archdeacon to admit Harvie, the Wardens handed him the keys and Archdeacon Rachel placed him in his stall.

The churchwardens, parish representatives, Readers and all those from the church family who have led services during the vacancy joined Harvie for Bishop Matthew's Commissioning . . . *"So I ask you, priest and people together, do you dedicate yourselves afresh to God in the service of the Gospel?"* and Blessing. Harvie led prayers for the first time in this place before we joined in singing "Just as I am".

*"Just as I am – Thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because Thy promise I believe -  
O Lamb of God, I come."*

Greetings from the community were led by the Revd Donna Williams, our Area Dean, and included greetings from the Mayor, the heads of both St John with St Mark's School and Springside School, the Revd David Somerville of Seedfield Methodist Church, Captain Cor Vander Woude of the Salvation Army and Sarfraz Malik representing the Muslim Christian Forum.

Being the Church of England there were of course some notices! The Bishop gave the blessing and the service concluded with the rousing hymn "Guide me, O thou great redeemer".

*"Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee."*

We look forward to sharing with Harvie and Sally the next stage of our journey in this United Benefice.

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments and helped to welcome our visitors on this evening.

Please see page 28 for photographs of this wonderful celebration.

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## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

### **BAPTISM**

Apr 7   Finley Bates

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



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY***

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May 5     **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10: 44-48

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

May 12     **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

May 19     **Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15:26-27,  
16:4b-15

May 26     **Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

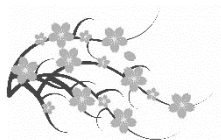
John 3: 1-17

Jun 2     **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2:23 – 3:6



## ***Flowers in church***

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At Christ Church

May 5     Vacant

May 12    Vacant

May 19    Vacant

May 26    In memory of Mrs Marjory Chester

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

\* We are delighted that we have a new Vicar in the UB of Walmersley Road and welcome Harvie and Sally but we look forward to the work on the Vicarage being completed so that they are able to move among us.

If in this interim period you have any difficulty in reaching Harvie please continue to contact our Wardens.

\* There is a very real need for the work of Porch Boxes at this time. Please do all you can to contribute – simply adding a couple of cans to your weekly shop will make a real difference if we all do it. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed. Also welcome are any 'bags for life' you can spare as the charity gives out around 80 bags each week. On p16 are extracts from the Annual Report of Porch Boxes which tells more about their work.

\* If you shop at Tesco, until 30 June one of the options for the blue tokens is Friends of Clarence Park.

\* 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.

\* Both churches have contactless devices which provide a simple way to give each Sunday, or perhaps to make additional donations on specific occasions.

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## **ASCENSION DAY**

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

### **Thursday 9 May**

7.30pm      Holy Communion at Christ Church Walmersley

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

**Summary of Christ Church PCC meeting on April 8**

1. Opening prayers were led by the Lay Chair.
2. The 12<sup>th</sup> March minutes were proposed for acceptance by Jennifer Wood and seconded by Barbara Silvester, all were in favour
3. Two payments from the Baldingstone Trust still need to be paid.
4. The PCC had received an e-mail from Gillian Smith regarding the replacement of the Church notice board. It was discussed and agreed that it will be addressed after consultation with the new incumbent.
5. The draft accounts for 2023 were discussed for acceptance, proposed Geoff Stokes, and seconded by Geoff Hamilton, all were in favour.
6. Discussion was held concerning the display of information (cost of keeping the Church and Church Hall open) to encourage increased giving and the use of the card reader.
7. Further discussion on the Mission Action Plan was deferred until after the new vicar is in post.
8. There was no new information on the sale of Christ Church Field.
9. Safeguarding was discussed and Cath Hilton asked the secretary to circulate the policy to the PCC for approval. This would then be ratified at the APCM. Cath also asked the secretary to circulate two other safeguarding documents to the PCC for review.
10. Mission Community: the PCC will continue to support the 'Big Picnic'.
11. The date of the 'Scarecrow Festival' is being circulated.
12. 12<sup>th</sup> May was decided for a "books and bacon baps" event.
13. Experience Easter went very well. The school enjoyed their visit/activities and it is hoped that it will be repeated. More help would be needed with the reflection areas and also better publicity.
14. In AOB a discussion was held on PCC membership and the requirements for additional sidespersons.
15. The date of the next meeting will be arranged following the APCM

## ***ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK APCM***

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The meeting took place on Sunday 14th April at 12.15pm and began with the election of churchwardens and deputy wardens.

- The safeguarding policy was approved.
- Ian presented the financial report for 2023 and also budget for 2024. Like last year we were provided with copies of the dashboard which included trends in attendance and worshipping community over the last 10 years along with changes in finance and giving over the same period. It was noted that there was the potential for major repairs to church and hall likely in the near future. The independent examiner's report was approved and Andy Clark appointed once again.
- There will be a meeting for our church to discuss parish share allocation on 30th April.
- Fabric and buildings – Two broken radiators in church have now been repaired and replacement microphones have also been recently purchased.
- Reports from various organisations and groups were available in the booklets ahead of the meeting.
- The date of the next PCC meeting will be decided after the licensing of Reverend Harvie Nicol.

## ***CHRIST CHURCH APCM***

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The meeting took place at 9.45am on Sunday 14th April, beginning with prayers and the reading of names of those who died during the past year.

Written reports were available from the Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer and Lay Chair. Reports from organisations will be collated as soon as is feasible. Accounts were presented and Al Gillian reappointed as Independent Examiner.

Wardens and PCC members were elected and the safeguarding policy ratified.



***ST. JOHN with ST. MARK***

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 14 April 2024, and the Licensing on 17 April, this is the list of Parochial Church Council members for St. John with St. Mark's.

The Revd. Harvie Nicol – *Vicar & Chairman*  
Rosemarie Ashworth & June Banks – *Church Wardens*  
Keith & Margaret Duckworth – *Deputy Wardens*  
Ian & June Banks, David Robinson – *Deanery Synod*  
John Brennan, Debbie Cooper, Mary Howarth  
Sue Law, Kelly Watson & Joan Wild

***CHRIST CHURCH***

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 14 April 2024, and the Licensing on 17 April, this is the list of Parochial Church Council members for Christ Church.

The Revd. Harvie Nicol – *Vicar & Chairman*  
Jason Edwards - *Church Warden*  
Jennifer Wood – *Church Warden*  
Catherine Hilton, Barbara Taylor - *Deanery Synod*  
Alan Thew – *Diocesan Synod*  
Hazel Bamford          Denise Booth  
Geoffrey Hamilton      Lillian Lees  
Ian Riddick      Geoffrey Stokes  
Patricia Stokes          Rosemary Taylor

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



## ***THY KINGDOM COME***

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**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites us to pray from Ascension to Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Specifically, we are invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not yet responded with 'Yes' to God's call.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." writes Archbishop Justin Welby.



If you have contact with children download cartoons, videos and many resources at [Cheeky Pandas | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

Encourage young people to follow The Way

**INSTAGRAM** [@THEWAYUK](#)

**TIKTOK** [@THEWAYTV](#)

**YOUTUBE** [/THEWAYCHANNEL](#) and maybe explore the Escape Room at [YOUTH | THY KINGDOM COME](#)

There are prayer guides to download or an app for your smart-phone and if you would like a hard copy please ask at church.

Or simply make a list of 5 people you know and pray for them each day during this period.

## ***Events locally during Thy Kingdom Come***

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### **Bury Mission Community Quiet Day**

Saturday 18th May 2024 10.00am to 3.00pm

St Mary in the Baum, 2 St. Mary's Gate,  
Rochdale, OL16 1AP

Led by The Revd James Read

An opportunity to spend a day in quiet contemplation  
and bible reading.

Please bring sandwiches or a packed lunch

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Churches Together in Bury

### **Prayer in the Park**

18<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm

Clarence Park



More details on page 27.

Within our Benefice so we don't even need to travel to take part!

An opportunity to come together to worship and to pray for our town.

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Each evening at 6pm during the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, a reflection created by Mothers' Union will be posted on their Facebook page.

As I am preparing this, I thought we could upload it to our rarely used YouTube channel CofE Walmersley, so you could watch it even if you do not use social media.

Barbara Taylor

A reflection for Ascension Day

*'Why do you stand looking up towards heaven?' (Acts 1:10–11a)*

We look for you,  
straining our eyes  
into the far country,  
but our vision is disrupted  
by the least, the lost,  
the littlest, the last  
among us.

We race after you,  
trying to catch up,  
and turning the corner  
find only  
a homeless family  
in our path.

We wander the streets,  
yearning to find you,  
calling your name,  
but it is only

a single mother who turns  
and wearily smiles,

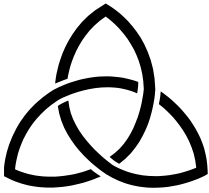
a street person  
who whispers 'hello',

a little girl who pirouettes  
and takes our hand.

Gone ...

But you are still here, Lord.  
Help us to see.

*Thom M. Shuman  
Wild Goose Publications*



On Wednesday 10th April, we gathered for a talk by Julian Hartley on his previous role as a funeral director at the Co-Op in Todmorden. This was a continuation of Julian's career after police officer. This was informative as we were given an insight into a behind the scenes look at the organisation both before, during and after a funeral takes place. This may not have been an easy subject to discuss or listen to, but it made me realise just how much I didn't know as to what goes on to make these occasions go as well as they can for the bereaved.

We were first given an oversight into how Julian had gone into this role before a detailed explanation as to what the job entailed. Each death and funeral needs to be tailored specifically to the individual and their families. This extends to things such as choice of music at the funeral to pictures on the order of service.

The job of a funeral director is obviously one which requires a great deal of professionalism, both pastorally and administratively. Announcements in local newspapers need to be double checked for spelling errors in names as all these can add to the burden of grief for relatives.

Obviously, the job can be extremely rewarding due to the satisfaction of knowing that a bereavement and funeral have been handled well and sensitively.

Although a difficult subject, this talk was extremely enlightening and gave us an insight into the parts of the bereavement process we do not see. Thank you to Julian for sharing this story and experience with us.

For our May meeting on Wednesday 8th, I am considering whether to put together a contribution for the scarecrow festival at Christ Church Walmersley in the summer (we have had a potential idea!!), but if this proves difficult then I will look at an alternative. However, the meeting on Wednesday 12th June will be led by Reverend Ian Stamp.

David Robinson

## Quiet Moments for May

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*As the country votes to elect local councillors and regional mayors on 2nd May, a prayer for all those in positions of authority:*

We pray for all those who are committed to  
the love and care of their neighbour; for  
those whose choices and decisions affect  
the lives of many people;  
for all politicians and leaders who are genuinely seeking the good of  
those who care for others in the community,  
those who are paid and those who do it voluntarily;  
for those who have become indifferent to the needs of others and  
those who are filled with arrogance and impatience.  
May the compassion of Christ transform all their service. **Amen**



*David Clowes (Prayers for Today)*

*A prayer for the period after Ascension Day, as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.*



Come Holy Spirit

Come Spirit like rain, refresh, renew, revitalise.

Come Spirit like fire, embolden, enlighten, enable.

Come Spirit like a mighty wind, move, challenge, enkindle.

Come Spirit like a wave, move, tear down, lift up.

Come Spirit, come Breath, draw us close, make song, bring intimacy.

Come Spirit, come Love, make one, make justice, make peace.

Come Spirit, come Kingdom, come Love.

*cafod.org.uk*

*For our world which continues to suffer through conflict and violence:*

God of Love, God of Peace,  
This fractured world  
Cries out in pain,  
Burns deep into my soul,  
And challenges me,  
To make a difference.

God of Love, God of Peace,  
God of this world,  
Scarred by grief and tears,  
Ignorance and fear,  
Softens hearts of stone,  
And begin with mine.

God of Love, God of Peace,  
Create within me  
A heart for people,  
A desire for change,  
For new beginnings  
To start this day.



*John Birch Faith & Worship*

*A short prayer to acknowledge the gift of family:*



Dear God, thank You for the gift of family. Help us to  
be tightly knit, like threads in a fabric that cannot be  
torn apart. Let the love we share be a testament to  
Your grace and an example for others to follow.

Teach us patience, kindness, and understanding so we can uplift each  
other in both good times and bad. May our family bond be so strong  
that we stand united, no matter what life throws our way.

Amen.

*enlightio.com*

We have just received the Annual Report form Porch Boxes for the year ended 31/12/23. We thought we would share a few extracts with you....

- It has been yet another extremely busy year.
- We continue to live through challenging times, with the increase in energy prices and the cost of living. The team at Porch Boxes work with dedication, enthusiasm and compassion; offering much needed help to so many people in our area.
- We pack and deliver an average of 70 bags of food per week.
- We continue to provide high calorie nutrition bags to elderly and vulnerable patients on their discharge from Fairfield hospital.
- In addition to the food bags we also provide nappies, baby milk, clothing, beds and bedding, toiletries and other essentials.
- These continue to be tough times and the cost of purchasing pack contents has increased dramatically and thankfully the kindness and generosity of the people of Bury has also increased.
- Many of our regular donors continue to support us financially.
- Operations are massively supported by gifts in kind from community groups such as churches and schools.
- Porch Boxes provides an outlet for the spontaneous urge of many community to provide practical support to people in need.
- We thank all these people who support us, without whom there would be no 'Porch Boxes'.

Both Christ Church and St. John with St. Mark have supported Porch Boxes for some time and we continue to do so. As you would expect our churches are listed as donors in the report.

Please help us to continue with that much needed support – in kind and financially. Thank you.

If you wish to read the report a copy will be available at the back of each church.

Nigel & Barbara Silvester



A 'quiet' month in April as our meetings fell in Easter Week and on the day of the Licensing.

We did though meet in church for a service to pray for the work of Mothers' Union around the world and especially in those dioceses with which we are linked in the worldwide Wave of Prayer – Sunyani in Ghana, Popondota in Papua New Guinea, Kisangani in DR Congo, Kagera in Tanzania. It is very humbling to think that for three days each April members in over 80 countries are praying for these dioceses, together with us here in Manchester.

On 13 May Bury and Rossendale Deanery is holding its Annual Festival to which everyone is invited. The service will be at St Mary, Rawtenstall and begins at 7pm.

Barbara Jack is our speaker on 15 May, at 7.30pm in CC Hall. Barbara founded Early Break, a charity which has now expanded across the North West, and offers support for children, young people and families. Find out in how many ways it can help by coming along to our meeting.

We are very excited by how many friends have joined members in knitting angels for our Christmas project. Why not come along to our "Angel Knit & Stitch-a-thon" at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1 May in CC Hall to find out more? If you are a knitter, bring needles and wool (it is a very simple pattern), if you'd like to knit, we can supply these for you. If you prefer, why not bring a needle and help with the sewing up or adding heads? Or simply come along to find out what it is all about, check on how many have been completed so far, have a chat, and maybe help serve the refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Maybe too you could bring ideas for a subject for our scarecrow this year? Last year we made a mother with child and baby – but now we need to think of a suitable children's book character, or maybe more than one?

If you would like to know more about Mothers' Union and its work, speak to our members, come along to any of our meetings or visit [MothersUnion.org](http://MothersUnion.org)

Barbara Taylor,  
Branch Secretary

## ***MEN OF THE BENEFICE***

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The MOB met on Monday 25th March at The Towler for a chance to enjoy informal chat. There was no set theme due to planned holidays and the proximity to Easter. Andrew and Lillian Lees did though bring a booklet on historical Moorside memories, which kept us reminiscing for a while (does anybody remember the headless statue which stood in Clarence Park for years)? It was decided at that meeting we would once again make a contribution to this year's scarecrow festival sometime over the coming weeks.

We are changing venues for our meeting on Monday 29th April and heading to the Hark to Dandler on Walmersley Old Road at 8.00pm. The last Monday of May (27th) is of course Bank Holiday. This has not stopped us meeting in the past but we will confirm on the weekly bulletins or by word of mouth.

David Robinson

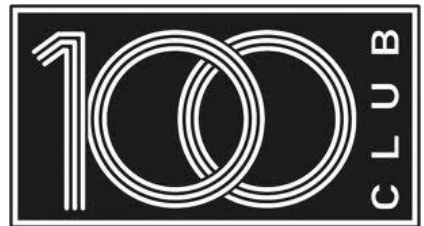
## ***ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB***

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### **April 2024 draw winners:**

1st Prize £15.00 – (9) Vicki Wild

2nd Prize £10.00 – (72) Stuart Ashworth



Congratulations to both



## **Christian Aid Week 2024**

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**from May 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Christian Aid Week Appeal is as important as ever following the escalation of violence around the Gaza Strip on 7th October 2023. Airstrikes have caused widespread destruction of homes, schools and hospitals with water and sanitation facilities collapsing. The famine and humanitarian crisis is all so apparent on our television screens.

There are many ways you can get involved with this year's appeal to help all those in need. This includes making financial donations, fundraising, campaigning and even joining in worship. These ideas and more can be found on the Christian Aid website [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) and go to appeals/Christian Aid Week. You can also give financially at this website.

If you would still prefer to donate using envelopes then there are plenty available at St. John with St. Mark's Church. Please speak to John Brennan about this or anything else related to Christian Aid. We are considering a takeaway lunch in aid of the appeal during the summer.

Will you help someone push back against poverty this Christian Aid Week?

*May we persevere in faith,  
May we go out in love,  
May we act and speak with love,  
By the grace of God, our creator, redeemer, and comforter.  
Amen*

*from [ChristianAid.org.uk](http://ChristianAid.org.uk)*

## ***Some dates for your diary this summer***

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### **The BIG picnic**

a FUN event hosted by the churches of Bury Mission Community, in Clarence Park on 29 June from 11am to 2pm.

An event for all the family, and bring your friends and neighbours too.

Each church is contributing an event for a decathlon for the young (or young at heart). There are activities planned for those feeling less active, and refreshments will be available too but don't forget your own picnic.



This is a fantastic opportunity to show that the churches here in Bury (and especially here on Walmersley Road) are active and welcoming.

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### **The Scarecrows are returning!**



We do hope that this year you - as a group, a street, a family, or on your own - will be able to make a scarecrow and/or come along to see them all.

There is to be a theme – but it should not be too hard (although deciding which could be!)

#### **Children's Book Characters**

The festival will take place from 11 July, for two weeks (weather permitting).

So please get your thinking caps on and let's make this second festival even better than the first!

## MAY EVENTS

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Mothers' Union members at Holcombe Emmanuel invite you to  
**Join us in a Fun-filled Afternoon of Music and Memories**  
with Bury Veterans Choir



on Tuesday, 7 May at 2pm  
at Canon Lewis Hall, Longsight Rd,  
Holcombe Brook, Bury, BL8 4DB  
Entrance £3.00  
Refreshments, Raffle

A fundraiser for Mothers' Union's  
Aims and Objects

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### IS YOUR SUMMER READING SORTED?



Sunday, 12 May  
11.30am - 2pm  
Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

COME ALONG -  
BUY SOME BOOKS.  
HAVE A BACON BAP.  
ENJOY A CHAT.

CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk

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## ***THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCH***



Come and join us on the third Thursday of every month for a light lunch.

A chance to enjoy a chat in the company of friends.

Lunch is served 12 noon – 1pm.

Christ Church Walmersley Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

**There is no charge** – though, if you can, a donation toward costs would be appreciated. Any profit will go to charity or church funds.

***It would be great to see you!***

So come along on **16 May**, 20 June, 18 July

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## ***Café Church***

**St John with St Mark's Hall**

10.30am

on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Church in a more relaxed fashion, for everyone of all ages



# Sunday



# @ Seven



**We next meet for our time of informal worship**

**May 26th at  
Christ Church Hall  
Thy Kingdom Come –  
Excited by the Spirit**

**We shall be taking a look at the confidence of the early church empowered by prayer and the Holy Spirit.**

**Come and join us for an hour - or you can be with us via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.**

## **REGULAR SERVICES**

<b>Sunday</b>			
8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
<b>Wednesday</b>			
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
<b>Thursday</b>			
12.30 p.m.	The Gathering		Zoom
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
Other services as announced.			
Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



We are members of Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community



Personal details have been removed in our online edition for data protection purposes.

Please contact us through our websites or social media accounts and we will ensure your message reaches the correct person.

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made at the Parish Office held at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall, Parkinson Street any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.

Lots more info on our websites:	<a href="https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk">https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk</a> <a href="https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com">https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com</a>
Check out Facebook	@christchurchwalmersley @stjohnstmark
X (formerly Twitter)	@cofewalmersley
Instagram	cofewalmersley
and YouTube	CofE Walmersley

## **FOR YOUR MAY DIARY**

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Wed 1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 5		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Tue 7	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St George's Unsworth)
Wed 8	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Thu 9		<b>Ascension Day</b>
	7.30pm	Holy Communion (CC)
9-19		Thy Kingdom Come (see page 10/11)
Sun 12		<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family and Parade Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	12noon	Books and bacon baps (CC Hall)
12-18		Christian Aid Week (see p19)
Mon 6	7.00pm	Bury and Rossendale MU Festival
Wed 15	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 16	12noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sat 18	10am-3pm	Quiet Day (St Mary le Baum, Rochdale)
	1-4pm	Prayer in the Park (Clarence Park)
Sun 19		<b>Day of Pentecost</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (SJM Hall)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Tue 21	7.30pm	PCC (SJM)
		Churches Together in Bury (URC)
Sun 26		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (SJM)
		Service of the Word (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC Hall)
Mon 27	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – TBC – Bank Holiday
Wed 29	7.30pm	PCC (CC)



***Saturday  
18th May 2024***

***1 – 4pm***

***We invite you to join  
with the churches of Bury  
as we come together to worship God  
and to pray for***

***our town,  
our council,  
our communities,  
our schools  
our businesses  
our care providers  
our Christian community***

***Interactive Prayer Trail***

***Worship, Prayer & Testimony***

***Refreshments from The Green Cafe***

# ***Prayer in the Park***

**Clarence Park,  
Royal Avenue,  
BL9 6LL**



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The Revd Harvie Nicol,  
admitted to  
the office of Incumbent  
of this United Benefice  
on 17 April 2024

“Harvie, receive this cure of souls which is  
both mine and yours, in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen”



Sarfraz Malik, representing the Muslim  
Christian Forum was one of the  
representatives of the local community to  
welcome Harvie.



The Mayor,  
Cllr Sandra Walmsley,  
in her home church,  
with her Consort  
together with  
Archdeacon Rachel  
and Area Dean Donna,  
support Harvie and  
Sally with Bishop  
Matthew

