

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

**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



**June 2025**



THE CHURCH  
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CHURCH  
FOR A  
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WORLD



# Reminiscing



## ***Reflection: Jesus taught us to pray***

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During this period of Thy Kingdom Come, a timely reflection for us

### **Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."**

You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

### **Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."**

Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

### **We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."**

We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

### **We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."**

We confess that we often put our own interests first - exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

### **We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."**

We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

### **We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."**

We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

### **We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."**

Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

### **We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."**

Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

### **We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."**

Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

### **We pray, "Amen."**

We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so."

We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

*written by Revd Bruce and Revd Carolyn Gillette*

## ***Called into something new***

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From May through June and into July, it's been my joy and privilege for the last few years to help lead the Worship and Liturgy Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) course for Manchester Diocese.

All sorts of people attend this. This year we have three in their twenties through to one man in his eighties. Some are church wardens in interregnum who have suddenly found themselves taking services when they can't find a priest. Others are at the start of their journey to becoming Readers or Ordained. Whilst others are just interested in the subject and want to know more.

Amongst the 25 on the course, there is one man from Uganda and two from Iran, who are already bringing very different perspectives to our discussions. And we have a wide variety of professions, as well as the retired, represented within the group.

In addition to learning how to put a Service of the Word together (which you might well be on the receiving end of, since for the last couple of years I've promised to deliver what they produce) there are sessions on biblical context, use of music, worship with children, worship in Care Homes for young and old, the seasons in the Anglican church, healing & reconciliation services, as well as the use of Taizé, art and poetry.

I was going to say that when so much of the press about the church is negative, it's refreshing to see the eagerness of such a wide range of people at the grass roots, looking to explore their calling and their ministry. And that's where the joy and privilege come in - helping them along part of that road in the brief time that we're together.

One lady told me last Saturday that her daughter had been on the course 2 years ago and that it had “changed her life” – she’d quit her job and was now a deputy head in a Church of England Secondary School. That was very humbling – but I trust that it was the right decision!

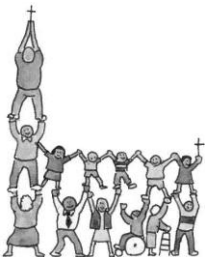
However, I’m writing this letter in the days immediately following the announcement of the new pope, Leo XIV. And, at least for the moment, there seems to be less negativity and more a real sense of hope and expectancy – and not just amongst Roman Catholics. From the balcony, Leo spoke about a “rededication to peace” and, at his first mass, that the Church should be a “beacon that illuminates the dark nights of this world”.

I really do hope that his vision captures people’s imagination. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if that same sense of enthusiasm and being called into something new, that I see in my small ALM group, was characteristic of all Christians everywhere?

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## ***JOINT SERVICE***



June 29  
10.30 am

Another opportunity to worship as a united benefice,  
as we share Holy Communion,  
this time at St John with St Mark’s Church

There will be a 9 am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

### FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Apr 30 Betty Winterbottom

May 13 Sandra Richmond



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



### Flowers in church

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At Christ Church

Jun 1 Mr & Mrs N Silvester, in celebration of family marriages

Jun 8 Mrs J Wood, in memory of the Beck family

Jun 15 In memory of Wendy Riggs

Jun 22 In memory of John Green

Jun 29 In memory of Jack and Elsie Hamilton

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).



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE***

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|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jun 1  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (after Ascension)</b> | Acts 16: 16-34 *         | Revelation 22:<br>12-14,16-17,20-21 | John 17: 20-26      |
| Jun 8  | <b>Pentecost</b>   | Acts 2.1-21 *            | Romans 8.14-17                      | John 14.8-17        |
| Jun 15 | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>                                    | Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31    | Romans 5.1-5                        | John 16.12-15       |
| Jun 22 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>               | Isaiah 65.1-9            | Galatians 3.23-end                  | Luke 8.26-39        |
| Jun 29 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>               | 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end | Galatians 5.1, 13-25                | Luke 9.51-end       |
| Jul 6  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>               | Isaiah 66.10-14          | Galatians 6 (1-6) 7-16              | Luke 10.1-11, 16-20 |

*\* Note: the reading from Acts must be used on 1st and 8th June*

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### ***The PCC of Christ Church Walmersley***

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Following the APCM on 18 May, your PCC members are:

Vicar and Chair: Revd Harvie Nicol

Wardens: Jason Edwards, Jennifer Wood

Diocesan Synod: Alan Thew

Deanery Synod representatives:

Catherine Hilton, Barbara Taylor

Elected members:

Hazel Bamford, Denise Booth, Lillian Lees, Geoffrey Hamilton,  
Geoffrey Stokes, Patricia Stokes, Rosemary Taylor

- \* Prayer for Bury – an initiative of Churches Together – will take place on 7 June (Pentecost weekend). See page 28 for details.
- \* St. John Bircle (Reverend Janet's Church) have made us aware that they are hosting Affetside Choir on Saturday 7th June at 7.00pm. Tickets are £7.00 per adult with under 16's free with a paying adult. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits. If you are interested, please ask and someone will arrange to contact Janet or St. John's for a ticket, if you are unable to sort this yourself.
- \* Archdeacon's Visitation will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury on Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend, then there is an alternative on Thursday 12th June at St. Mary, Rawtenstall, also at 7.30pm. This is a requirement for Church Wardens, however Sidespeople and PCC members are also encouraged to attend.
- \* Pray for Growth: a monthly gathering in St John's House 10am-11am to pray for growth in our Deanery of Bury and Rossendale. More information from Ima at [imalomax@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:imalomax@manchester.anglican.org)  
The next dates are 12 June, 17 July.
- \* By the time you read this, we will already have had the summer fair at St. John with St. Mark. Due to other commitments we had to change the date to Saturday 31st May, but would like to thank everyone who came or helped on the day.
- \* Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid Week on the 80th anniversary of the organisation. A total will be announced when the money is counted.
- \* Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the next **double July and August** issue will be 14<sup>th</sup> June.



**Summary of St John with St Mark PCC of 29th April 2025**

- There was a welcome from Rosemarie to the first PCC of the new term and to any new or returning members.
- Ian advised that the service rota has been filled to the end of July. We have baptisms and weddings booked in for later this year and next year.
- We were asked how the Easter Day joint service went and the general view from those who attended was that this was a good service and Harvie's preaching was inspirational and heartfelt.
- We had a review of recent Mission Community activities including Lent Evensong shared preaching and the Easter Vigil service. Helen did a reading on our behalf at this service but due to practicalities we were unable to take the Paschal candle for blessing. This will be looked into for next year.
- It was confirmed that we had over 50 people required on the electoral roll to ensure we have sufficient spaces on the PCC and Deanery Synod.
- Finance: Recent coffee mornings in March and April have made a good amount of money. We have paid the copyright / music licence for the year.
- A discussion has arisen regarding wheelchairs and accessibility to the chancel via the steps. We are looking into a new portable ramp for these steps to allow wheelchair users or people with mobility issues access to the chancel and high altar to receive communion and potential other purposes. Measurements have been taken and a price has been quoted. The outside ramp we use for the main door is not suitable for the chancel.
- Rosemarie confirmed that an inspection of the fire extinguishers has recently taken place in both church and hall.
- A check of the defibrillator is required but all other health and safety checks are taking place.
- Dates: The summer fair has moved back a week to 31st May; There will be a scarecrow festival at Christ Church in July on the theme of sport and groups were asked to consider any creations; Ian has proposed a date in September for the Eden Singers to perform a concert. The next PCC is Thursday 19th June at 8.00pm.

**A Report of the APCM meeting at Christ Church on 18th May 2025**

Opening prayers were led by the Lay Chair, as we remembered those who have died during the past year.

23 people attended.

At what is technically a separate 'Meeting of Parishioners' the two wardens Jennifer Wood and Jason Edwards were duly elected and thanked for all they had achieved during the past year.

Written reports having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was possible to move smoothly through the agenda.

1. The minutes of the 2024 APCM meeting were proposed for acceptance by Denise Booth and seconded by Patricia Stokes.
2. The treasurer's report for the 2024 year was presented; and no questions were asked. The treasurer went on to say that apart from the capital money invested for future work, the day to day running of the church was costing more than the money coming in. It was noted that we have again paid our parish share in full.
3. Rosemary Taylor and Geoff Stokes were re-elected for a three-year period on the PCC. It was noted that there was still one vacancy available to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod and two vacancies (one for only one year) on the PCC.
4. The child and vulnerable adult policy document was ratified at the APCM, proposed by Rosemary Taylor and seconded by Jennifer Wood.
5. AOB. There was a general discussion on the ageing population of the congregation and the lack of younger members. Several points to consider for the future were noted.
6. A number of thanks were expressed, by the chair and by members at the meeting.
6. In particular, the lay chair thanked Ian Riddick for his past work as secretary of the PCC and this was echoed by other members of the APCM.

From near and far (well, mainly near but one can't get much farther than Australia), very young and not quite so young, we gathered to reminisce, in the week of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. If the noise levels were any indication there were lots of memories being shared.

A wide variety of cakes, and later the option of potato pie or corned beef hash, were enjoyed - thank you to all involved, before, during and after.

Thank you to Geoff for the music, the choir members who supported and all who joined in - listening, dancing, singing.

Photos, memorabilia, newspaper articles, a map of Walmersley with points of interest, stories to be shared, snippets gleaned from the School Log, from old parish magazines and from Facebook - a surprising number of sources, besides personal memories from our older friends. Lots of "that's your dad on the end, and that's Mrs X on the front row", "well I never knew that", "really???" "I remember ...."

Thank you to Alan for the inspiration, thank you to all who worked so hard, thank you to all who came, thank you to all who shared. It is so important that we remember and there will be other occasions later in the year to add to these memories.

This was never a fundraiser, but thank you to those who wished to give towards refreshments: an amazing £134.55 which will be used to support work with veterans locally.

+Hugh Nelson, Bishop to the Armed Forces, wrote:

"The 80th anniversary of VE Day is a moment of profound significance for our nation. It is a time to remember with deep gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. . . . As we honour the past, so we renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and just world for all."

## ***FAVOURITE PSALMS – Psalm 23***

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Psalm 23 is probably the most popular psalm. It is said or sung at many weddings and funerals and is the best known of the psalms. There are several hymns based on the psalm including:

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want.

The God of love My Shepherd is.

The King of love My Shepherd is.

Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep.

Shepherd in verse 1 is a metaphor for king. David is believed to be the author of this psalm and acknowledges that the Lord is his Shepherd-King. He is ours too. With the Lord alongside him he will not want for anything. We too can have this experience of God alongside us. We, like David, will be contented and secure like sheep (v2 makes me lie down in green pastures). Unlike our shepherds, the Middle Eastern shepherds lead their sheep. Our shepherds tend to be behind the sheep where they can see them better. The Lord (God) leads David and us like the Middle Eastern shepherd. Still waters in verse 2 are resting places where refreshment and well-being can be found. He shall refresh my soul (verse 3) means he revives me. He guides me in the paths of righteousness is a reminder of the shepherd leading his sheep in paths which are safe and prosperous and conform to his moral will.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death (verse 4) refers to the sufferings we endure in life and even the time of death itself. Even in these times, God is with us to comfort us. (Your rod and your staff, they comfort me – v.4).

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me (verse 5) describes the heavenly Shepherd-King receiving David (and us) at his table in heaven. You anoint my head with oil refers to the way guests were treated at a banquet. My cup shall be full (verse 5) refers to the generosity of the Shepherd-King. With the Lord at our side, then

goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (verse 6). I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. This does not refer to the Temple worship because the Temple was not built until Solomon became king. Instead, it refers to the presence of God in eternity (God's home in heaven).

Whether we are using the psalm at a funeral, having lost a member of the family or a friend, or using it at a wedding, or on other occasions, we can be assured that the Lord is our shepherd and is alongside us in our joys or sorrows as we journey through life, having faith that we may eventually dwell with him in his house (Kingdom) for ever.

I have used the Common Worship version when quoting from the psalm but, below is the 1662 Prayer Book version, with which many people will be familiar. It is set out in three stanzas. Notice the couplets which is a feature of the psalms.

*For further information: NIV Study Bible (1989)*

*The Daily Study Bible: Psalms Volume 1 G.A.F. Knight (1982). St Andrew Press.*

Alan Thew

1. The Lord is my shepherd: therefore, can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### ***For Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come***

#### ***Empower Us to do Your Works***

Heavenly Father, your Word tells us that as you are, so are we in the world. Your Holy Spirit lives in us, and through His power, we are your representatives. Jesus, you said that we would do the same works that you did, and even greater, through the power of your Spirit. As we make ourselves living sacrifices, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on us and enable us to do your works on earth. Amen.



*Connectus*

#### ***As we are intending to hold a boundary walk this month, a prayer for our communities and people:***

Embracing Father,  
you grace each of us with equal measure in your love.  
Let us learn to love our neighbours more deeply,  
so that we can create  
peaceful and just communities.



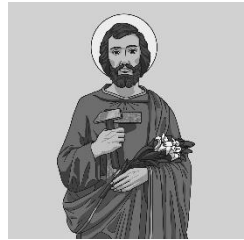
Inspire us to use our creative energies  
to build the structures we need  
to overcome the obstacles  
of intolerance and indifference.  
May Jesus provide us the example needed  
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the  
journey.  
Amen

*prayerist.com*

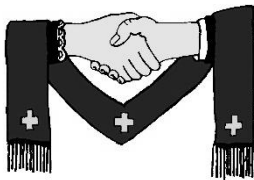
## ***15th June is Father's Day – a prayer for Christian Fathers***

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.  
Support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen

*Christianity.com (author unknown)*



## ***For Petertide Ordinations (28th/29th June)***



O God of our ministry and calling, we hold up  
all those who will kneel before the Bishop and  
dedicate their service to you. We give thanks  
for Reverend Craig Giles, to be ordained priest

and his work within this Mission Community. Father, we also take this  
opportunity to say thank you for the 25 years of priestly service given  
by Harvie this year. At this time of difficulty for Harvie we continue to  
offer our prayers that Harvie's duty to this Benefice and beyond will  
continue with his presence felt amongst us. We ask that all those who  
support Craig and Harvie will be blessed with your never-failing love, as  
we offer thanksgiving for everything that they have to give. As we  
celebrate Ordination, we pray for all in the next step of their journey  
alongside you, and for anyone considering their vocation.

*David Robinson*

Our meeting on May 7 was an opportunity to Knit and to Natter. A strong start to the Angel Project. (Please ask if you would like a pattern to knit angels for all at St John with St Mark's School this Christmas.) The Natter element covered all sorts of topics, including our summer programme.

Our first meeting in June (4th) falls during the period of Thy Kingdom Come, so we plan to have that as our focus for the evening.

On 18th June our speaker will be Judith Barlass, on the subject of Quilting.

Looking ahead this summer:

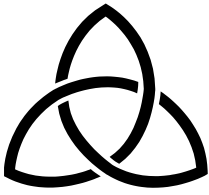
- \* The Annual Deanery Get-Together will take place at St James' Woolfold at 2pm on Saturday, 12 July, cost £2. All are welcome.
- \* On Wednesday 16th July we plan to have lunch, along with family and friends, at Falshaws'. Please ask for more details and do let Denise Booth know by 22nd June if you are interested.
- \* Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in coming to the Provincial Commissioning Service in York Minster on 25th July. There are plans for a coach from St John's House but it is important to have numbers soon.

The Committee is planning a fundraising Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 12th August. Tickets will be on sale shortly and all are welcome. Please put the date in your diaries and think who to invite.

The Mothers' Union theme for this triennium is Join us! Join In! and all our activities give us the opportunity to tell people about Mothers' Union, its work and its mission.

Barbara Taylor,  
Branch Secretary





On Wednesday 14th May we met for a talk by Glyn Heath and his work in prosthetics and orthotics for humans and animals down the years. This was a subject previously covered at MOB and Mothers' Union.

One thing that became apparent from the beginning was how early the use of prostheses was made available to those in need, with various examples from 200 years BC and then up to the Victorian times to present day need. It was noted that the gimball, which forms an essential part of a ship's compass, was used for some of these apparatuses. After a basic look at the science and development of these devices, Glyn shared stories on some of his patients, mainly dogs, but also a rat and a honey buzzard. Each of these creatures had their own individual need, either because a limb had been lost, or was present but no longer functioned as it should.

Glyn showed us photos and videos of the animals before and after their surgery and the marked difference that had been made. The creatures looked happy and lively. Glyn's work has taken him around the world and there were some good examples from across the globe of where this work has benefitted.

The talk was evident as to how much the world loves its animals and what people are willing to do for them. One or two people present commented on how human prosthetic limbs had helped their loved ones down the years. Thank you to Glyn for his time and talk.

We will next meet on Wednesday 11th June for a summer social and an opportunity to discuss or make a start with a scarecrow for this year's festival. Anybody is welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

## *Men of the Benefice*

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A good number of us got together on Monday 28th April for the usual mix of chat, humour and reminiscing. For the main theme of the evening Barry Evans brought two framed maps of the UK showing the many breweries which have served the country down the years. Some past and some present. It became apparent that we had our favourites and we were served quite well in the northern part of the country.

The next meeting is Monday 30th June 8.00pm. This will probably be Hark to Dandler unless other plans are made, in which case, we will update you.

David Robinson

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Yes, it does seem a little early to mention Christmas but the annual appeal makes such a huge difference to so many people in Bury. Last year over 400 children in more than 250 families benefitted.

For many years this appeal has been organised by the Salvation Army here in Bury but has now been accepted as a Churches Together initiative.

At this point a team of volunteers is needed to co-ordinate the appeal and deal with the necessary administration. Churches Together is looking for volunteers by its meeting in July so that planning can start in September.

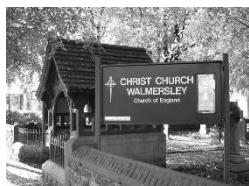
Could YOU be involved in this? Please speak to David Robinson or Barbara Taylor.

## ***Benefice Boundary Walk – Saturday 28th June***

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It is a few years since we did this, but we thought it may be nice to try again this year. We have previously completed a walk around the boundary of the Benefice and said prayers at various intervals on a theme of our current location. As with previous years, we have produced a timetable of where we expect to be at a given time.

Therefore, if you do not fancy joining us for the whole thing (12-13 miles) then you may meet us at a given point and complete a section



or two. We will say a prayer or have a brief reflection at certain key landmarks along the way.

If you are thinking of joining us at any of the spots, please let David Robinson or Paul

Sanderson know in advance just in case the

timings go a bit off and we can provide you with an update. A mobile phone number may be useful, so we can update you with a location and if you need to ring on the day, David is willing to give his number. Remember you will need good footwear and packed lunch etc. If you are not able to join us on 28th June, you may wish to follow us in spirit with the help of the times and locations below:

9.00am – Start, Christ Church Lych Gate

9.30 – St. John with St. Mark Church Hall

10.20 – Bury Community Fire Station,  
Magdalene Road

10.30 – Tesco Car Park Memorial Garden (near the car wash)

11.30 – Top of Chesham Road / Walker's Field

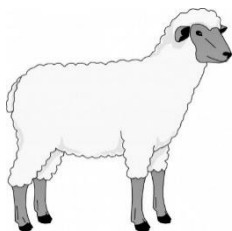
12.30pm – Buckhurst (Lunch Stop)

1.40 – (former) Lord Raglan Car Park

2.30 – Summerseat (Waterside Bridge)

3.30 – Brown Cow (Afternoon Refreshment)





We spent time looking at some of the themes from the Easter season during May. The 4th Sunday of Easter (11th May this year) is when we focus on the Good Shepherd. We had the opportunity to colour in some sheep on this day and we came up with some interesting colours for our sheep. It doesn't matter how they look though, because Jesus acts as our shepherd regardless of our appearance and we should shepherd others in the same way.

*"Jesus, you look after us as a shepherd would look after his sheep. We thank you for your love and care and ask you to protect us in all dangers. Amen"*

On 18th May (Easter 5) we looked at the subject of love for one another from John 13.31-35. We decorated some big hearts (leaders as well) and filled them with words which meant something to us on this theme. The most important thing though is that we do have love for one another and we must do all we can to show that love.



*"Dear Lord, help us to remember that you have told us to love one another just as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen"*

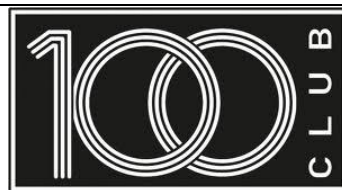
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### **ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB**

#### **MAY 2025 WINNERS**

1st Prize £15.00 – (54) Tracey Brown

2nd Prize £10.00 – (21) Eric Whittall



**Congratulations to both**

## ***June Events***

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June 3rd

10am -12noon

Christ Church Hall

Donations to church funds

Everyone is welcome

## ***Bury Mission Community***

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### ***Litter Picking Day***



On Saturday 21st June, the Bury Mission Community are holding a litter picking and clean up event as a way of engaging with the public.

Each worshipping community was asked if they could arrange their own event in their local area. If there is anyone out there who feels they could organise or be involved with such an event, then please let us know. Alternatively, we are welcome to join the Kirklees Valley churches, who are hosting an event themselves, possibly around the St. Stephen's area.

Times and venues are still to be confirmed, but if you are interested in being involved in this, then please have a word with David Robinson, who will pass your contact details onto Reverend Sam Eccleston at Kirklees Valley. Refreshments are likely to be served after the event.

You are invited to help support  
Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday  
5th July in St. John with St. Mark  
Church Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided and  
there will be a DJ. For further details

and to confirm attendance please contact Alex or Stephen at  
[sprogrigby@hotmail.com](mailto:sprogrigby@hotmail.com)



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## ***Scarecrow Festival 2025***

Theme: Sports / Activities

July 11 onwards  
in the Churchyard, Christ Church

Please take part:  
as a group, family, business,  
neighbourhood, on your own.

Contact [all.ccwalmersleyBury@outlook.com](mailto:all.ccwalmersleyBury@outlook.com) or visit  
[CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk/Scarecrows](http://CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk/Scarecrows)

***Look out:*** tickets will be available soon for an  
AFTERNOON TEA on August 12<sup>th</sup>, organised by  
Mothers' Union. Everyone is welcome.



## growbaby Bury - Baby bank

Free 0–5-year-olds clothing, baby equipment and toiletries.  
St Peter's Church, St. Peter's Road, Bury, BL9 9QZ

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## **REGULAR SERVICES**

|   |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>   |   |                   |
| 9.00am  | All Holy Communion (BCP)  | Christ Church     |
| 10.30 a.m.  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Family Service<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Morning Worship | Christ Church     |
| 10.30 a.m.  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship<br>4 <sup>th</sup> 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<br>(3rd – Compline)  | St John w St Mark |
| Other services as announced.<br>Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated. |   |                   |

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

St John with St Mark's Church has Fairtrade status



We are members of Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community



## **FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY**

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### **Sun 1                      7th Sunday of Easter (after Ascension)**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (CC)

10.30am Parish Communion (both)

Tue 3    10.00am Coffee Morning (CC Hall)

Wed 4    7.30pm Mothers' Union (CC Hall)

Sat 7     2.30pm Prayer in the Park (Clarence Park)

### **Sun 8                      Pentecost**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (CC)

10.30am Family Service (CC)

Parish Communion (SJM)

Tue 10    7.30pm PCC (CC)

Wed 11    7.30pm Open Group (Barritt Room)

7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation (St.Mary, Bury)

### **Sun 15                     Trinity Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (CC)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJM)

10.30am Parish Communion (CC)

Wed 18    7.30pm Mothers' Union (CC Hall)

Thu 19    12 noon Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)

8.00pm PCC Meeting (SJM)

Sat 21    TBC        Bury MC Litter Picking (venue TBC)

### **Sun 22                     1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (CC)

10.30am Morning Worship (CC)

Parish Communion (SJM)

Sat 28    9.00am Benefice Boundary Walk (page 19)

### **Sun 29                     2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (CC)

10.30am Joint Benefice Communion (SJM)

7.00pm Sunday @ Seven (Barritt Room)

Mon 30    8.00pm Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)

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.

Whilst the Vicar is unwell enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made to the Wardens through our websites or at the parish office which has re-opened each Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 7.00pm at St. John with St. Mark's Hall.

Lots more info on our websites:

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# Sunday



# @ Seven



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

**June 29th**

**The Barritt Room  
St John & St Mark Hall**

**"Rest in me"**

**Jesus himself often withdrew to quiet places to rest. He also calls us to come to him to rest from our busyness.**

**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.**



# *Prayer in the Park*

*Saturday  
7th June 2025*

*2:30 - 3:30pm*

*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*

*Will you give an hour to  
unite with the church in Bury*

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



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