

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



October 2025

HARVEST FESTIVAL

CELEBRATED IN BOTH CHURCHES

ON SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

We give thanks for God's generosity

giving practical foodstuffs or a donation to **Porch Boxes** or making financial contributions to the worldwide work of **Tearfund** (you can pay by card)

We would love you to join us but if you can't and would like to give thanks why not check out the Harvest page on our website for links?

Christ Church:

9.00am Holy Communion (traditional)

10.30am Family Service

St John with St Mark

10.30am Parish Communion

AFFIRM, CHALLENGE, CALL – elements of the letters to the seven churches, in the Book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

Maybe like me, it is a while since you studied this last book of the New Testament but it was the focus when the PCC at Christ Church invited the Revd Phil Cansdale to a recent meeting. Phil is the 'newish' Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry and I feel it would do us no harm to consider what he had to share with those of both our churches. Phil used in particular the letter to the church in Ephesus. What would a 'Letter to Walmersley Road' contain?

"I know your deeds."

What can we affirm?

We know we have many positive, faithful people in our Church community. We have good leadership. We have many who work hard, often unseen, to maintain our buildings and keep them open for the communities where we are. We are supportive of each other. We have a breadth of worship, encountering God in all we do. We are warm and welcoming and are really good at providing hospitality!

"Yet this I hold against you."

What challenges do we face or what need we correct?

We need to listen

- to each other;
- to our youth organisations and our schools;
- to members of our community, to those who use our halls;
- to (*who have I forgotten?*)

We could easily invite others to tell us how we could make our churches more relevant to *them*.

Phil made some suggestions for possible opportunities, then a couple of questions to ask:

- * What made you come?

- * What would make you invite a neighbour/friend to come with you?

A question for us:

What might our Church be like in three years' time?

We have asked each other what we think it will be like in 10 years, or 50 years, but maybe we should be a little less ambitious. Let's give ourselves a more realistic challenge – and then work to achieve it.

"Whoever has ears..."

What might God be calling us to do next?

Sometimes the wisdom of others shows us the wisdom of God.

Question: You have been to this – what might you like next?

Question: If God answered all your prayers – what would Church look like?

So, these are the three elements which form the basis of the seven letters to the churches of Asia Minor, but the lessons are timeless.

It is not totally the responsibility of the PCCs to determine the future of the Benefice of Walmersley Road. It requires each and every one who considers themselves part of the Church here to give it lots of thought and prayer.

Maybe also we could each consider what affirmations, challenges and calling would be included if it were a "Letter to *YOU*". Except that in Isaiah 43 we read that the Lord says: "I have called you by name, you are mine." so the letters to us will be personally addressed. Surely, we then have to respond!

Barbara Taylor

(with thanks to Phil Cansdale)

BAPTISM

Sep 7 Erin Rebecca Pearson

Sep 21 Amelia Lowe

Amy Paterson

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

CONFIRMATION

Sep 21 Amy Paterson

Connie Mae Watson

"God calls you by name and makes you his own"

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Sep 7 Margaret Noble

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

Bishop Matthew, baptising Amy and then confirming her and Connie with 15 candidates from other churches.





BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

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| Oct 5 | 16th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 | 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 | Luke 17: 5-10 |
| Oct 12 | 17th Sunday after Trinity (Harvest) | | |
| | Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Philippians 4:4-9 | John 6:25-35 |
| Oct 19 | 18th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | Genesis 32:22-31 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Luke 18:1-8 |
| Oct 26 | Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday) | | |
| | Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-14 |
| | <u>OR</u> Isaiah 45: 22-25 | Romans 15: 1-6 | Luke 4: 16-24 |
| Nov 2 | All Saints' Sunday | | |
| | Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 | Ephesians 1:11-23 | Luke 6:20-31 |



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

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| Oct 5 | Vacant |
| Oct 12 | Vacant |
| Oct 19 | Mrs J Wood, in memory of her parents |
| Oct 26 | In memory of Mr & Mrs W A E Dighton |

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).

* The annual income survey will take place during the four weeks of October. The income survey is important as it forms a key part of the parish share calculation. Together with the attendance census, also taken during October, this data is vital in determining how the total parish share requested across the diocese is allocated to each parish.

* It is some time since we held study groups and they have been missed. From the end of September into October, we are holding a 4-week study of the Nicene creed in which we regularly declare our faith. We hope you will wish to take part.

* There are various ways you can be involved in the life of the Church outside of the Benefice with different activities and initiatives in the Mission Community and Bury Churches Together. Please see Barbara Taylor or David Robinson if you wish to know more about what goes on at either or both of these.

* Churches Together in Bury holds a regular time of prayer monthly from 7.15pm on the first Friday, via Zoom. All are welcome to join in. The link is the same each time: Meeting ID: 872 6894 6568 – Passcode: 276998

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87268946568?pwd=d3o1K0JoVCtGK0RPy25xMWFYcy9MQT09>

* There is a very real need for the work of Porch Boxes at this time. Please do all you can to contribute. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed.

* Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to wrub@live.co.uk or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the November issue will be 14th October.

* Help still welcome from anyone able to assist with the Toy Appeal, during November and early December. David Robinson and Barbara Taylor have more details.

**Summary of a meeting of the Christ Church Walmersley PCC
on September 9th 2025**

- The meeting opened with prayers led by Alan Thew.
- The minutes of the meeting held on July 29th 2025 were approved by the PCC.
- The Revd Phil Cansdale, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry led the meeting in discussion to find the way forward for the future of our Church.
- The Treasurer reported on the current finances.
- A quote was accepted by the PCC for the replacement of the failed double-glazing window units in the Church Hall. A second quote is required for the replacement of lighting tubes and LED panels.
- It was agreed that cards and gift bags be sent out at Harvest with Porch and Tearfund the focus this year. Christmas cards to again be distributed as previously. The Carol Service to be held at 6.30pm on Sunday December 21st 2025.
- Reminders were given about upcoming Mission Community events: Tearfund quiz on September 19th (SJSM Hall) Confirmation 21st September at 3.00pm (CCW) Coffee Morning at St. Thomas' on November 8th
- All members were reminded to complete the Safeguarding Foundation Course.
- The first Campfire Church is to be held on Monday September 29th 2025.
- Two Lime trees by the South transept have been felled and one Ash tree in the west of the Church yard.
- It was agreed that the Union flag and the flag of St George be flown in the Churchyard on the appropriate occasions.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, November 4th 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.27pm with The Grace

Summary of the St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 18th September 2025

- The main focus of the meeting was a visit from Steven Ollis, head teacher at St. John with St. Mark School. This was a chance to update us on the latest goings on at the school, including funding and staffing. The school is 76% Muslim background but still prides itself on being a CofE school with strong connections to various faiths. The current links to the school were discussed and the main appeal was the need for a foundation governor to fill a vacant post. This will be advertised and prayed for in the coming weeks.
- Ian advised that the clergy rota has been completed until the end of January. Christmas services have been covered at both Churches and like previous years there will be a 7.30pm Christmas Eve service at SJM and 11.30pm at CCW. The Christingle at SJM has been set for Monday 1st December and Carol service for Sunday 21st December, which Paul is taking.
- Joan gave us a safeguarding update and a reminder of current procedures.
- Mission Community activities. A quiz night in our hall is taking place on Friday 19th September; we have been invited to a coffee morning at St. Thomas on Saturday 8th November. The possibility of an MC Ascension Day service from 2026 has been highlighted and it was also noted that Simon Watkinson is to leave St. Peter's.
- The Eden Singers concert was enjoyed and raised £700.00 for the Christies Hospital.
- The recent coffee morning on 2nd August raised £347.00. It was noted that the income and attendance surveys are due in October.
- Rosemarie updated us on recent jobs undertaken in the garden area and work on the surrounds.
- A coffee morning has been booked for Saturday 4th October at 10.00am.
- Next PCC meeting is Thursday 6th November at 8.00pm.

We celebrate God's goodness

HARVEST LUNCH

12 OCTOBER

at midday, in the Church Hall

homemade soup with roll
fruit pie
tea, coffee, cordial



Tickets available from both churches or from 07746 784820
Adult £5, child £2.50



We shall celebrate Harvest with residents,
staff and visitors at the PRIORY
Highbank Centre on October 14th at
2.30pm

Everyone is most welcome to join this
outreach.

The staff and students of Springside School will
hold their Harvest Service in Christ Church
on 22nd October at 10am

They would very much appreciate your
support.



At both Churches' Harvest celebration services on 12th October, we are always grateful for donations of foodstuffs, which are distributed to local organisations to support the needy in our area. Here is just a reminder of some practical examples which are particularly helpful:

Tea / coffee, biscuits, canned foods including soups and baked beans, tinned meats, packets of cereals, canned desserts such as fruit or rice pudding. Please also be mindful of the best before dates and check that they are quite a way in advance before offering food as donations.



Message from Keith Trivasse



This is to say a very big thank you to Ian and June Banks and other members of the PCC who gave approval for the ramp we now have inside (*St John with St Mark's*) Church. I must thank the anonymous donor who made sure that the cost of the ramp was not borne by PCC funds. Thank you so much.

This means that I am able to receive Communion with everybody else and be truly part of the Body of Christ. Not being able to receive Communion with everybody else said to me that my condition determined who I was. I also want to thank the priests and servers who made sure I received Communion in my limitations. The clergy and servers now have to deal with a motorised Keith as we perform a dance as to where we go! I am also grateful to other members of the congregation who provide help: to Ray for watching me up and down the ramp, and to John for lifts home. Many thanks. And to the members of the congregation who wisely keep their feet out of the way of my erratic driving! To all of you, many thanks.

Keith

It was a joy to welcome the Eden Singers to our Benefice on Saturday 13th September as they presented a concert at St. John with St. Mark with songs from the musicals. The choir are a 50 strong bunch who do not charge for their services, so every bit of money raised is able to go to charity, and our chosen good cause was the Christie Hospital, where Harvie is currently receiving treatment.

We were treated to a good selection of music from lots of different movies, some more recent than others. We opened with Tell Me It's Not True from Blood Brothers and then we continued with pieces from favourites including West Side Story, Les Miserables, My Fair Lady and Beauty and the Beast to name a few. There was of course some audience participation expected with Oom Pah Pah from Oliver. (It was not easy trying to put on the cockney accent though!!) The group singing was complimented with four soloist performances spread across the evening including 'Pure Imagination' from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. It was always interesting to hear leader Adrian's introduction to each song as we tried to work out what musical the choir would be singing from and who sang it. Perhaps not everyone knew that Frances Ethel Gumm would go on to become Judy Garland. The evening was divided into two halves with refreshments and a good selection of biscuits at the interval. It was noted afterwards that it was a good opportunity for people to meet with others from different Churches and backgrounds and have a chat over tea and coffee. Harvie and Sally were in the audience and it was great to see them there enjoying the entertainment. Of course, the objective of the evening was to raise money for Christies and after ticket sales, donations on the night and the day after, the total raised from this event was £700.00. Thank you to all who came along and donated and to anyone who organised the event and brewed up. Of course, we had to end with an encore, so another few Oom Pah Pah's were belted out by choir and audience.

The Eden Singers perform regular concerts across the region, so perhaps have a look at their website www.theedensingers.com



The Open Group

Every picture tells a story, and that was certainly the case at our meeting on 10th September, when Ian Banks led the evening on art. The meeting was focussed on paintings and portraits and how we each interpret them differently. We were all asked to look at different images, but of the same person, and it was interesting to see how many of us were drawn to a particular picture or feature of a person that others were not. We would never have imagined that someone we thought was a doctor, barrister or journalist was in fact a ballet dancer. There were various styles of art and subject featured, and religious pictures and icons were discussed. We cannot have an evening on art in Church without looking at Rublev's Hospitality of Abraham (or the Trinity if you prefer). There was also a look at different perspectives of the Last Supper, the Crucifixion (from the eyes of God), the Road to Emmaus and Ascension.

It was over to us for part two as some of us brought along a piece of art to discuss, from John Constable's Hay Wain to cross stitching and from paintings of owls to ornamental figurines. Each article had a story behind it, and Alan Spencer brought along a testimony from his days as a teacher and his connection to local roots. Art can be a means of conversation and is a way of putting into words something that is difficult to find words for.

It was an enjoyable and interesting evening from our own Banksy! Yes, we did have to include a painting from the official one! Thanks to Ian and to all who took part.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th October and Canon Ian Stamp will lead an evening on peculiar and obscure Saints. I've heard one example already and it sounds interesting. All are welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

Quiet Moments for October



Creation Season ends on 4th October:

Father, we pray for your creation. You gave us responsibility for all that you have made. You entrusted every living creature into your care. But we have betrayed that trust and neglected our responsibility. We have allowed your good earth to become polluted by our greed, damaged by our selfishness and sucked dry by our materialism. Father, by your Holy Spirit, give us a renewed urgency to fulfil the task you laid upon us. Amen

David Clowes

St Luke's Day falls on October 18th, so a prayer for wholeness and healing, whether in body, mind or spirit:

True healing is more
than restoration
of flesh and blood,
or knitting of bone to bone.
True healing is wholeness,
where body, soul and spirit unite.
True healing is peace,
the knowledge of God's presence,
a hope that knows no end.
True healing cries 'Father,
not my will but yours.'
True healing knows love
perfectly,
a love that casts out fear.
True healing overcomes,
endures,
for eternity. Amen.



Faithandworship.com

As we are now well into Autumn:



Heavenly Father,
This time of year feels hard. Harsher
weather rolls in, the days feel shorter
with less light, and it seems that loss
and tough changes are prevalent.
Help us not to grow idle, or weary,
or give up hope. Let us work hard to

bear fruit and to bring glory to your kingdom. We ask for the
strength and guidance to be diligent and good stewards of our time
and resources. Let us not be like the son who sleeps during the
harvest, but rather, we pray you would use us now, keeping our eyes
open and alert to the work you have for us. Bless the fruit of our labour
and help us to bring glory and honour to you in all we do. Amen.

biblestudytools.com

Bible Sunday this year falls on 27 October and the theme is
'The Breath of God in our Lives'

We give thanks for all those who have helped us to grow in faith,
parents, teachers, priests, friends and sometimes the complete
stranger. Help us to pass on the message to those who follow.
Especially we give thanks for the word of God contained in the
Bible which shows us the path, lights our way and informs our
actions. We remember the work of the Bible
Society in bringing the
good news to people all over the world.
As I read your Scriptures,
inspire my reading that I may learn of you.
As I hear your Word, inspire my hearing
that I may be taught righteousness.
As I listen to your voice, inspire my soul
that I may live under your guidance.



Amen

"Did we know that?" was a meeting which arose from a newsletter from Mothers' Union plus a request from another branch "to tell us where our contributions to Manchester Projects are used". Barbara shared the information she had gathered for the latter and we generally shared information.

Rosemary and Janet served us with tea and biscuits, and later offered us sweets, all brought back from Borneo, whilst showing photos of time spent in the rainforests, of the wildlife, and sharing anecdotes of their experience. No strange animals to eat this time, but we did hear precisely what they thought of fish giving a foot massage.

Frances Branton and Mark Knight separately spent time this summer walking parts of the Camino de Compostela. On 1st October, at 7.30pm, they will both share their experiences. Do come along - all are welcome.

Linda Barlow, a MU member, arranged for a family to have a holiday through the Away From It All scheme. On 15th October, at 7.30pm, she and Ali, the eldest child of the family, will tell us about it. We invite you to join us.

Friday, 3rd October will be the Diocesan Council meeting at St John's House, open to anyone who is interested. Tea and coffee are served from 10.00am for a 10.30am start. Bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee are available) and enjoy a day of information, worship, an opportunity to buy Christmas cards, etc. and to meet members from across the Diocese. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in MU - and doesn't even entail a long journey!

Our programme and newsletters are available in CCW and I am happy to arrange for anyone to have a copy, or will email it if you send your address to barbaractaylor@outlook.com

Barbara, Branch Secretary

School Governor Vacancy

The head teacher of St. John with St. Mark day school, Steven Ollis, visited the PCC on 18th September to advise of a vacancy for the post of Foundation Governor at the School. We are looking to identify a suitable person to fill this role from our Church background and maintain the Church links. There is usually a commitment to attend meetings for up to 2 to 2.5 hours and also reports to read and digest at the relevant times. If you feel you could put yourself forward for this role then please pray and think about this and speak to a warden or PCC member at St. John with St. Mark Church. Mr Ollis is willing to meet and show any potential person around the school.

JAM Group

We returned to our Sunday School in September after our summer break and on 14th September we looked at the story from Luke 15.1-10, the parables of the lost sheep and coin. Like the missing sheep, none of us like being lost, but the times we do get lost, it is always a wonderful feeling to be found again. We rely on those around us to let ourselves be found again.

There were a few plasticine sheep made today and here is a prayer:

"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 Sunday 21st September, Connie was confirmed by the Bishop of Bolton at Christ Church and we send her our congratulations on this important step of faith. On Sunday 28th September, Connie will receive her first Communion at a family service led by Reverend Paul and we look forward to sharing Communion together that day.

A Psalm for Harvest

September and October are months when we celebrate harvest. Harvest was as important in the times of David and his contemporaries as it is for us in 2020.

Two of the best Psalms used at harvest are Psalms 65 and 126. For this month's Psalm I have chosen one of these psalms -Psalm 126.

The Harvest referred to in this Psalm was really the psalmist linking Harvest with the return of the people of Israel from exile in Babylon. The return of the exiles will result in the harvests once enjoyed by God's people in the Promised Land.

The Psalm is only six verses long, although some versions including the one I've chosen for this article, have seven verses. It is divided into two stanzas. The first stanza (verses 1-4) is a remembrance of the Lord's saving help in restoring the people to Jerusalem (Zion) from Babylon. The second stanza (verses 5 to 7) begins with a prayer for the restoration of fortunes (verse 5) and then concludes with a promise (verses 6-7).

In today's world, we have memorial services on anniversaries of important occasions such as the end of World War Two. We also have thanksgiving services to say thank you to God for things such as the Harvest. In this psalm, the believing community are remembering with joy and gratitude what God did for them in the year 538 BC, the year when King Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon and set the Jewish exiles free to return home. This, for the children of Israel, was like a dream come true; they shouted for joy. **Joy** is a recurring theme in this psalm. We need to remember that few people would have survived the days when Jerusalem could be seen in its glory before the exile. Parents and grandparents would have told their children and grandchildren about the glory of Jerusalem (Zion), but it was more than a city. It was an idea; it was a promise and it was a symbol of God's presence. In verse 5 there is a reminder that Jerusalem still lay in ruins, though some exiles had returned and started the rebuilding work. We can read about this elsewhere in the Old Testament such as in the books of Nehemiah and

Ezra. Although, by the time of this psalm being written, many had returned to Jerusalem, there were many stragglers in Babylon. Some probably wished to remain because they were doing well there, but others would still wish to return. The sentiment in verse 7 is that many more will return home rejoicing. In verse 5, the mention of the River Negev is significant because it dried up in the summer and was restored in the winter each year. Likewise, Jerusalem, though desolate, will be restored when God leads his people back. Restoration probably refers to both people and buildings.

It seems to be an appropriate psalm to use for harvest, referring not just to the harvest of the fields but also to the harvest of our lives; hard work and effort bringing its rewards spiritually as well as physically.

For further information read: *NIV Study Bible* or *Psalms 2* by Carroll Stuhlmueller (1983) Michael Glazier Press or *The Daily Study Bible: Psalms 11 (1983)* St Andrew Press.

Alan Thew

This version of the psalm is from *Common Worship (2000)*

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
3. Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore, we rejoiced.
5. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the riverbeds of the desert.
6. Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

BREW AND A CHAT

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND

10AM - 12 NOON



COME AND ENJOY
TEA, COFFEE, CAKE
AND FELLOWSHIP



We & Believe

We are spending a little time this autumn exploring some of the richness of the Nicene Creed - the statement which has 'summarised, expressed and opened out the heart' of our faith for the past 1700 years. It would be lovely if you could join us. Please

don't worry if you missed the first session on September 30th Just come along:

Tuesdays, 7.30pm in the Barritt Room, St John with St Mark's Hall.
30th September – 21st October.

MORE OCTOBER EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR



SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER
from 10.00am until around 12noon

**ST. JOHN WITH ST.
MARK CHURCH HALL**

REFRESHMENTS & CAKES
OTHER STALLS
LOADS OF BOOKS!!



ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS AND ALL WELCOME



Third 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 October, 20 November and 18 December



Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

October 26th

Christ Church Hall

**"Search me, O God, and
know my heart"**

What state is your heart in? Using Biblical reference we shall review being kind hearted, brave hearted, broken hearted, warm hearted....

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.

Intercultural Kingdom Conference 2025

As you may be aware, the Diocese of Manchester is hosting its inaugural conference on Intercultural Missional Work—a significant step in our collective journey toward a more inclusive and vibrant Church. Within the diocese, we all play a vital role in supporting the mission and ministry of the Church integral in growing, nurturing and serving all the parishes and would therefore like to ask for your support for the first Intercultural Mission conference titled '**Intercultural Kingdom Conference 2025**' on the 15th November 2025; venue: St Cross Church Clayton, Manchester. You can do this by attending and encouraging others in your churches to attend. Your presence and participation would be invaluable, therefore below are some of the insights and resources the conference can offer.

The day will include opportunities to:

- Explore ways to **Welcome and Disciple newcomers from diverse heritages** within our local parishes
- Learn about **Intercultural Intelligence and Pastoral Ministry** with people from Global Majority Heritage (GMH) backgrounds
- Participate in **breakout workshops and Q&A panels** that foster deep reflection and shared learning
- Experience the **energy and revivalism of Intercultural Worship and Testimonies**
- Take away **practical resources** to help grow God's Kingdom interculturally—and universally—across racial and cultural lines
- Engage in conversations around **Power and Identity in the context of Racial Justice**.
- Share with others the joy of **International, music, food** and refreshments.

Above all, we hope the conference will be a space where stories are shared, questions asked, and connections are made among those committed to this journey.

Please see the link to book your

place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intercultural-kingdom-conference-2025-tickets-1513152643289?aff=oddtcreator>

FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

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| Wed 1 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC Hall) |
| Thu 2 | 10.00am | Brew and a Chat (CC Hall) |
| Fri 3 | 10.00am | MU Autumn Council (St John's House) |
| Sat 4 | 10.00am | Coffee Morning and Book Fair (SJM) |
| Sun 5 | | 16th Sunday after Trinity |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion (both) |
| Tue 7 | 7.30pm | 'We believe' study group (Barritt Room) |
| Wed 8 | 7.30pm | Open Group (Barritt Room) |
| Sun 12 | | 17th Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festivals) |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Family Service (CC) |
| | | Parish Communion (SJM) |
| Tue 14 | 2.30pm | Harvest at the Priory (Highbank Centre) |
| | 7.30pm | 'We believe' study group (Barritt Room) |
| Wed 15 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC Hall) |
| Thu 16 | 12 noon | Thursday Lunch (CC Hall) |
| Sun 19 | | 18th Sunday after Trinity |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship (SJM) |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion (CC) |
| Tue 21 | 7.30pm | 'We believe' study group (Barritt Room) |
| Wed 22 | 10.00am | Springside School Harvest (CC) |
| Sun 26 | | Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday) |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship (CC) |
| | | Parish Communion (SJM) |
| | 7.00pm | Sunday @ Seven (CCW) |
| Mon 27 | 7.30pm | Mission Community Leaders Meeting (All Saints') |
| | 8.00pm | Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler) |
| Tue 28 | 6.30pm | Campfire Church (CCW) |

REGULAR SERVICES

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| Sunday | | |
| 9.00am | All Holy Communion (BCP) | Christ Church |
| 10.30 a.m. | 1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family Service 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Morning Worship | Christ Church |
| 10.30 a.m. | 1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Holy Communion 3 rd Morning Worship 4 th Holy Communion | St John w St Mark |
| 10.30 a.m. | 5 th Holy Communion | Joint (venue tba) |
| 7.00 p.m. | Final, Sunday @ Seven | Venue tba |
| Wednesday | | |
| 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion | St John w St Mark |
| Thursday | | |
| 12.30 p.m. | The Gathering | Zoom |
| 7.30 p.m. | Holy Communion (3rd – Compline) | 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.

St John with St Mark's Church has Fairtrade status



We are members of the Manchester Diocese 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.

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:

<https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>

<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com>

Check out Facebook

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and YouTube

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Two teams from our benefice took part in this quiz, organised by the Mission Community, but there can only be one winner. So sadly, the **Walmersley Warblers** were beaten by **The Chosen Few**.

Our thanks to David, Janet and her Team for hosting, supper, and being the last to leave! Our grateful thanks to Julian Heaton for stepping valiantly into the role of Quizmaster and huge thanks to all who contributed to **£253** raised towards Tearfund's work.



A beautifully crafted letter rack has very kindly been made for Christ Church Walmersley, by Mr Peter Fish, for which we express our thanks.



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CAMPFIRE CHURCH

Join us around the campfire for some relaxed, informal family worship.

SONGS ● FOOD ● ACTIVITIES

Christ Church Walmersley yard
6.30pm - 7.15pm
All children need to be
accompanied by an adult

Monday 29th September
Tuesday 28th October
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 16th December

For more information -
www.ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/Campfire