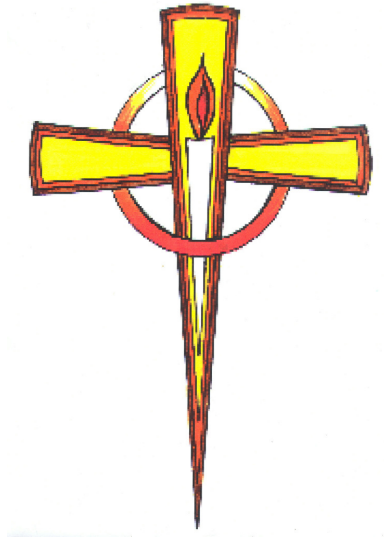


Christ Church
Walmersley



Magazine

Spreading the Word

August 2010

Thought for the month

A report submitted by the Archbishops` Commission in 1936 contains these words: we maintain that the ministration of women will tend to produce a lowering of the spiritual tone of Christian worship such as is not produced by the ministrations of men How does that grab you?

At the time of writing this article, we are aware of the problems facing the Church of England on the outcome of debate in Synod about the appointment of women bishops. We hear that division will be the first reaction. Some will leave the Anglican faith and go elsewhere. This situation is only with us now because the Church did not grasp the nettle and do the right thing way back in the nineties. I venture to suggest that here in Walmersley we have long since moved on from such reluctance to accept women in ministry. We have enjoyed the Reader ministry of Margery and Barbara for some twelve years, and the priestly ministry of Elizabeth for some three years, and are happy with the recent arrival of Janet in the team.

It is worth reminding ourselves that Jesus had no such reservations about the value of women. Our gospel reading for this weekend (Luke 10.38) shows Jesus disregarding the traditions and culture of his day. He treats women in a revolutionary way and liberates them from the patriarchy of the time, and the systematic oppression of women in social structures and institutions.

In spite of Paul`s assertion in Gal 3.28 that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for we are all one in Christ Jesus, tradition has overlooked that and concentrated on other statements which illustrate how Paul was caught up in his cultural limitations. Call him a male chauvinist! Or even a misogynist by our present standards. Two passages are well known and have been well used to promote a male hierarchy:

1Cor 14.34 as in all the congregations of the saints women should remain silent in the churches . They are not allowed to speak , but must be in submission ... it is disgraceful for a women to speak in the church.

1Tim 2.11-15 a woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over man; she must be silent ... but women will be saved thro childbearing – if they continue in faith love and holiness with propriety.

It is evident that the battle goes on in this day and age. Society has moved on but the Church still lags behind in what some of us consider are basic principles of our Christian faith.

Don

PS: July 29th is the feast day of Martha, patron saint of housewives.

Come on and Celebrate!

We shall celebrate the coming together of Christ Church Walmersley and St John with St Mark into the new Parish of Walmersley Road, on Sunday, 17 October 2010. Archdeacon David, who of course lives in the parish, will lead our celebrations and we hope the whole church family will be there.

Details have yet to be confirmed but will involve both congregations and both places of worship. Watch this space!

SERVICES AND READINGS FOR AUGUST



- August 1st **Trinity 9**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21
- August 8th **Trinity 10**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Hebrews 11: 1-3,8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
10.30 a.m. Family Service
 Luke 12: 32-40
- August 15th **Trinity 11**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Hebrews 11:29 -12:2; Luke 12: 49-56
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Hebrews 11:29 -12:2; Luke 12: 49-56
- August 22nd **Trinity 12**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
 Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17
- August 29th **Trinity 13**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15,16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
 Hebrews 13: 1- 8, 15,16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

If you are unavailable, please arrange to exchange with someone else.

READINGS

August 1 st	Bill Noble
August 8 th	Sybil Fryer
August 15 th	Ian Riddick
August 22 nd	Jean Slater
August 29 th	David Peters

INTERCESSIONS

Margaret Schofield
Barbara Taylor
Joe McDermott
Bob Taylor
Alan Spencer

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

August 1 st	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer
August 8 th	Bill Noble	Alan Standring	David Thew
August 15 th	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Standring
August 22 nd	Nigel Silvester	George Fryer	David Peters
August 29 th	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer

LAY ASSISTANTS

August 1 st	Tricia Stokes	Gill Pilkington
August 15 th	Barbara Silvester	Jean Slater
Aug 29 th	Jennifer Wood	Cath Hilton

FLOWERS

August 1 st	In memory of Mrs. Margery Greenhalgh
August 8 th	Mr & Mrs A Standing
August 15 th	In memory of Norman Leake
August 22 nd	Mrs B Winterbottom In memory of Fred and Malcolm
August 29 th	Mr & Mrs I Riddick In memory of their parents



Baptisms

May 30 th	Jacob Richard Platt
July 18 th	Jamie Alexander Smith Lewis James Hakin



Interment of Ashes

Jul 6 th	Roy Grundy
Jul 19 th	John Sutherton

First Thursday Prayers

When:	5 August 2010
Where:	Bottom Room, Church Hall
Time:	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

There being no communion this month, the group will meet for scripture reading, prayers, a short time of meditation and reflection, along with a cuppa and a chat.

We had a very enjoyable Pamper Evening in June featuring David Anthony, foot spas courtesy of Tessa Walker, nail painting by Tricia Stokes, the Mothers' Union Shop and some very scrumptious nibbles! We hoped to attract some new faces on that evening. We were successful in that we have already enrolled two new members with more waiting in the wings. David Anthony gave a very interesting presentation complete with models. The evening was very relaxed and we spent some time informing visitors of all the work that Mothers' Union does both at home and abroad. Some common myths were dispelled!

The first July meeting was our Holy Communion when, in addition to enrolling our new members, Elizabeth Binns and Jean Swanson, we welcomed Archdeacon David Bailey into our Branch. The Strawberry Sparkle gave us an opportunity for a good chat whilst we tucked into sweet goodies and a little sparkling wine. At this meeting we raised £20 to buy badges and scarves for our members overseas.

More news about our Meal out at The Lord Raglan next month.

Do you know?

Comic Relief have given almost £1 million pounds to Mothers' Union over a 5 year period to provide literacy and financial education training in Sudan!

It's the time of year that we start to think about Freshers' Week and begin to collect teabags (split into small bags of about 20), coffee, pasta, rice, toilet rolls, basic toiletries.

At our meeting on August 4th we will be collecting bras for homeless women. If you have any that you can spare please could you pass them to one of the members.

On August 18th we will be having a Home Produce stall to raise money for the Wheels Appeal. This is to help provide and support transport for Mothers' Union work abroad.

Some dates for your diary

(All events are open to those who are not yet members)



- ❖ Monday 9th August
Archdeaonry Festival at Bolton Parish Church 7.30 p.m.
Preacher: Archdeacon David Bailey
- ❖ Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September
Bag packing for Freshers' Week
at St Peter's Chaplaincy
- ❖ Thursday 16th September
Diocesan Festival in Manchester Cathedral
- ❖ Monday – Thursday 20th-23rd September
Welcoming Students, at St Peter's Chaplaincy, Oxford Road
- ❖ Wednesday 29th September
Deanery Festival at St. Anne's Tottington 7.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 14th October
Bury Deanery leading Midday Prayers at Manchester Cathedral
- ❖ Saturday 13th November
Autumn Council

Cath Hilton
Branch Leader

Prayer Mat

Week One

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the holidays and for the rest they give us from work. Bless the children on holiday from school and keep them safe in their activities. Bless all those who go away as families and give them a loving time together to reflect on how fortunate they are. Bless those who have to stay at home through lack of money or infirmity and comfort them. O Lord, hear our prayer, Amen.



Week Two

The Personal Prayer of Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

Week Three

Lord, we thank you for Christian aid organisations. We thank you for their workers, especially those working overseas for their tireless and selfless efforts to improve the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for all the collectors and the time they give and thank you to those who give in the knowledge that their money is going to worthy causes. May we always be generous and may the money raised be spent wisely. Amen.

Week Four

Dear Father, we thank you for friendships, for the love people have for one another and for the care they show to us. Help us to cherish these friendships and to befriend those who are friendless and to show them all the love we can. Help us to reach out and care. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Children's Corner



Summertime Anagram

- afn _____
- aabbells _____
- beefirs _____
- dghoot _____
- horsst _____
- acgimnp _____
- eflorw _____
- adegnr _____
- ginsw _____
- nsu _____

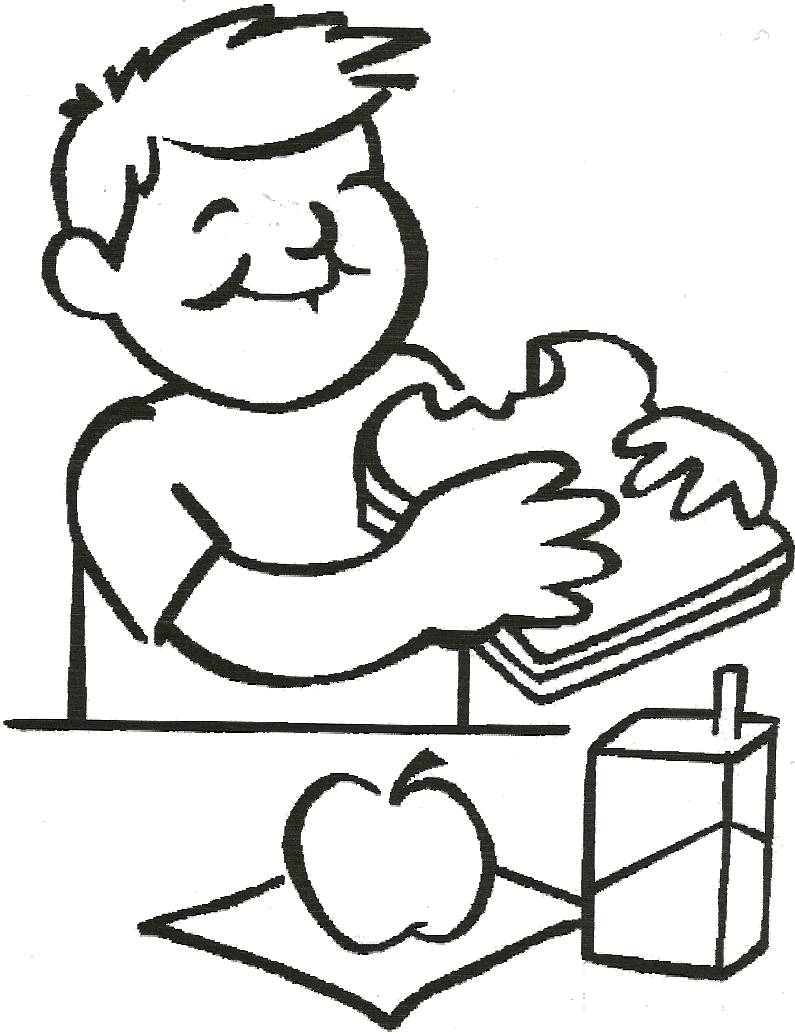
Can you find the hidden word in the letters which are underlined?



A Summer Prayer

The summer will be full of new experiences
For me and my friends,
New jobs to do around the house
Exciting trips to places far away.

Be with us, stretch us whatever we do,
And through wherever we go,
So when we have done and return to school
We'll end up being a little more like you.



Give us this day our daily bread;

a picture to colour



This year's Diocesan Weekend of Prayer takes place from 10 to 12 September 2010. The theme is 'Setting the Compass', the idea being that as we move into our Autumn programmes, we ensure that we are seeking God's direction for all we are and do.

Last year some churches held prayer vigils; others used the Heritage weekend as an opportunity to help visitors understand the building primarily as a 'house of prayer'; others used prayer stations and creative ideas to enable encounter with openness to God.

Here at Christ Church prayer stations were beautifully created by a small team. Those who came found these stations moving, helpful and thought provoking. It is hoped to have similar stations on this year's theme. If you would like to be involved do please contact Jean Slater.

In my journeying with you
may I never lose my sense of direction
never lose sight of the landmark
towards which I travel
And should cloud or rain obscure my vision
may I draw closer to you
so that my feet may tread
in your footsteps
your words be my encouragement
and your love my protection
against the storms that assail me.

Please set aside some time on Saturday, September 11 to 'Set the Compass'.



Jottings

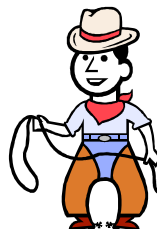
The Ten Commandments

Some people have trouble with all those "shalls" and "shall nots" in the ten commandments

Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms, so in middle Tennessee they translated the "King James" into "Jackson County" language..... no joke!

Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainsborough, Tennessee.....

- 1 Just one God.
2. Put nothing before God.
3. Watch yer mouth.
4. Git yerself to Sunday meeting.
5. Honor yer ma and pa.
6. No killing.
7. No fooling around with another feller's gal.. or another gal's feller.
8. Don't take what ain't yours.
9. No telling tales or gossipin'
10. Don't be hankering for yer buddies stuff.



Now that's just plain simple ain't it!!! Have a nice day!

Thanks to Barbara Silvester for this contribution.

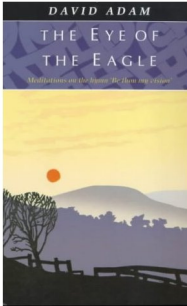
If you have a contribution for **Jottings** please contact Jean Slater



Book Review

The Eye of the Eagle

by David Adam



This month I want to recommend to you this book. David was born in Alnwick, Northumberland and has been vicar in Danby, North Yorkshire and Holy Island, Northumberland.

He has a gift for composing prayers in the Celtic pattern. In this book David takes us through the well-known hymn, "Be thou my vision", discovering the spiritual riches that are hidden in our lives.

If you have Christian book that you would like to be included in *Book Review* please send details to Jean Slater



Calling all artists!

The Art Workshop will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 6th. This is a do it yourself session and the cost is solely to cover the rent of the room. If you are interested, contact Alison Fewtrell

There are vacancies in the Friday afternoon Art Class, commencing on September 3rd. Contact Sybil Fryer

Bible Favourites



I wonder what your answer would be if you were asked to name your favourite parts of the Bible.

Would it be the reassurance of the 23rd Psalm, the story of the miraculous exodus of the Jews from Egypt or one of the marvellous stories told by Jesus? It might be the story of the Last Supper when Jesus washes his disciples' feet or the account of Mary going to the tomb on the first Easter day.

We will each have passages of the scriptures which have a personal significance. Perhaps we read them at a time when life was difficult and found comfort and reassurance. Maybe hearing or re-hearing a story has caused a change in our life or been the first step on our journey of faith.

Reading the whole of the Bible is a daunting task but an interesting starter is the 100 minute Bible in which the most important stories and themes have been included. It is a useful introduction to the Bible but also enables more familiar readers to see a wider picture very easily. There is a copy at the back of church if you would like to borrow it.

My favourite story has to be the Good Samaritan and my favourite passage is in the letter to the Romans which assures us of the unfailing love of God.

What is your favourite part of the Bible – let us know and we can compile a list.

Margery Spencer

Make a Joyful Noise is a day to encourage and equip all who want to see music flourish in their church worship.

Date: 16 October 2010 9.45am to 4.30pm. Cost £9

With a choice of 24 workshops across a wide variety of church music and worship styles, there is something for everyone.

A group from the parish is going to take this opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of music for worship both old and new, and explore fresh approaches in a changing and challenging world.

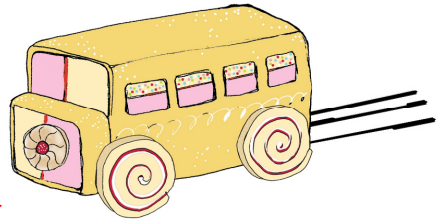
Please pick up a leaflet from church or contact Barbara Silvester. There is a discount if booked as a group.

Workshops will include:

- Choral
- Gospel
- Taizé
- Being in a worship band
- Plainsong
- Reviving tired resources
- Songs from the World Church
- Managing limited resources
- Vocal skills
- Instrumental
- Minsters and musicians issues
- Organ for pianists
- What is worship?
- Using music in worship
- Fresh Expressions.








The Wheels Appeal



is raising money for vital aid transport. Mothers' Union worldwide transport budgets have been cut by 60% in the global recession. Without transport workers can't run their family support projects, or get crucial aid to the families who need it.

Please support this appeal

-  by supporting the Home Produce stall on August 18th
-  by enjoying Afternoon Tea at Falshaw's on September 13th - tickets £10 from Barbara Taylor
-  by tackling the Quiz, available in Church or from Mothers' Union members, price £1
-  by donating at www.themothersunion.org (and gift aid if able)
-  by praying for members in countries where transport is vital



Craft Fair

Saturday November 13th

The church will be having its own craft stall at this event. So please keep yourself busy making items to donate to this stall.

We will need help on the door, in the café, on the tombola and would appreciate items for our cakes and preserves stall. Don't forget that the many craft stalls will have lots of Christmas presents for you to buy.

Anyone wishing to run their own craft stall should contact Lesley Taylor a.s.a.p.

Philip Dutton is one of the organisers of two concerts featuring medical students from around Europe, who come together to play and sing. Philip has played in Hungary and Slovenia and this year they are coming together in England. One concert is in Chester Cathedral and the other is at the Royal Northern College of Music on Sunday 8th August at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £8 each with concessions available and income raised from the concerts will be donated to the teenage cancer trust unit at Manchester's Christie Hospital. Telephone 0161 907 5555 for tickets for what should be a wonderful evening of entertainment.





MANCHESTER DIOCESAN HEALING DAY



'Celebrating Christ the Healer'

With

The Acorn Christian Healing Foundation

Saturday 4th September 2010

10am to 4pm

Including talks, workshops and liturgy led by

Revd Dr Russ Parker: Keynote Address

Revd Andrew Bradley

Revd Tony Butterworth

Revd Canon Gilly Myers and Wellspring

Details from Jean Slater 0161 797 9388

Registration forms at the back of church



Acorn Christian Healing Foundation

Listening, Healing & Reconciliation

What's on in Walmersley

August

- Wed 4 Mothers' Union – 'bra' evening
Thu 5 First Thursday Prayer
Sun 8 Party in the Park – Openshaw Park 12 – 3 p.m.
Churches Together – Bury East are taking part
Mon 9 Bolton Archdeaconry Mothers' Union Festival
Sat 14 Joint PCC meeting
Sat 14 Social Evening 7 p.m. Church Hall
Wed 18 Mothers' Union - Home Produce

September

- Wed 1 Mothers' Union Branch 101st birthday party
Sat 4 Diocesan Healing Day
Mon 6 Ministry meeting
Sat 11 Day of Prayer

PLEASE let us know what is going on in your group or organisation, so that it can be included in the diary – in the magazine and on the website.

And **PLEASE** take photographs of your events and e-mail to ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk



Congratulations
to Don Altham
as he celebrates
a special birthday