



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



June 2013

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
9 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family and Parade 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Morning Service 5 th Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 nd Parade Service	St John w St Mark

Wednesday

10 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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Thursday

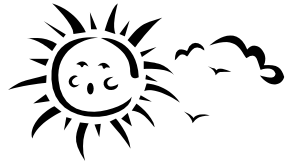
2 p.m.	1 st First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Saints days and other services as announced
(see calendar on pages 21 and 22)

If you need transport to church
please contact the wardens.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Anticipation is something that runs through our minds at this time of year; will it be fine when we have our Summer Fairs or going on holiday - if we are fortunate enough to be able to afford one.



For children they are looking forward to the long Summer break from school (though their parents might not be!) perhaps changing school or moving up from Infants to Juniors or to High School which can be tinged with a bit of fear of the unknown.

Nigel and I are anticipating what will be happening on our summer holidays when for the first time we will be going away with our children and grandchildren – though not all at once thankfully! As a church we are anticipating the arrival of our new vicar, Dave, and his wife Linda.

Did the Disciples ever anticipate what would happen after Jesus died? From the scriptures I don't think they did and perhaps that was a good thing - they might never have joined him if they had!



Neither can I believe that they could have anticipated the power of the Holy Spirit that spread among the believers at that first (well for us) Pentecost. What they did anticipate, however, was that Jesus would return and that the world would be put right with God.

From the letters of Paul and the disciples we can gather that Jesus' return was expected within their life time and were getting worried that some of the believers had already died. I don't for one minute think that they anticipated that some two thousand years later we would be still waiting!

Well we are.

The question is do we still anticipate the return of Jesus to our very troubled world?

Are we 'Pie in the sky when we die' Christians or are we dealing with the 'Steak on the plate while we wait'? Whichever our stance is, we need to deal with the here and now and not to opt out. There are plenty of people around us that don't even have mince on their plate (and I don't mean vegetarians.)

As Christians we have hope, something that can be very lacking in society in general, and anticipation that Jesus will return. It is up to us to keep both alive by both words and action, and the best way is to follow Jesus' example.

When Jesus returns - because I do anticipate his return - what will he find? Will it be like the facetious mug one of my daughters bought me some time ago - the caption read " Look busy, Jesus is coming" - that implied the kind of busyness that greets the boss when there is not much to do; or will we be really busy in anticipation of his return?

Yes there is much to do before Jesus returns.

Yours in Christ

Barbara

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

- 2 Trinity 1**
1 Kings 18: 20,21, 30-39 Galatians 1: 1-12 Luke 7: 1-10
- 9 Trinity 2**
1 Kings 17: 8-16 Galatians 1: 11-end Luke 7: 11-17
- 11 St Barnabas**
Acts 11: 22-end John 15: 12-16
- 16 Trinity 3**
1 Kings 21: 1-10, 15-21 Galatians 2:15-end Luke 7: 36-end
- 23 Trinity 4**
1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15 Galatians 3:23-end Luke 8: 26-39
- 24 Birth of John**
Isaiah 40: 1-11 Galatians 3:23-end Luke 1: 57-66, 80
- 29 Peter and Paul**
Acts 12: 1-11 2 Timothy 4: 6-8,17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19
- 30 Trinity 5**
2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-end



A Big Thank You to everybody who worked so hard for this year's Christian Aid appeal during May.

Especially the loyal team who collected envelopes in our street collections and those who helped organised and serve our lunch on 12th May. The lunch raised £312.00 for Christian Aid, which was up on last year's takings.

News of the totals for the street collections will be announced when all the money is in.

Thank You, John Brennan & Team

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 28th Joseph Andrew Whitehead
May 5th Edward Wayne Loveridge

We welcome them into the Lord's family

Christian Funerals

April 29th Helen Pickstone
May 2nd Annie Chadwick
May 14th Jean Smith

Interment of Ashes

April 21st Alice Tomlinson

May they rest gently in the arms of God



FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

June 2 Mr & Mrs N Silvester
June 9 Vacant
June 16 In memory of the Falshaw family
June 23 Mrs J Wood
June 30 Vacant

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCILS

Christ Church APCM REPORT 2013

Electoral Roll, there were 95 people on the electoral roll when it closed on the 26th March 2013. PCC members and Sidesmen and women were elected.

A wardens' report was given covering Ian Stamp's departure, thanks to all the clergy and the Junior Church leaders, sadness at the loss of two long serving members of the congregation, Roy Warburton and Mary Leak, fund raising and the condition of the church building, the receipt of the British Empire medal by Arthur Smith and the licensing service for our new vicar, Dave Thompson on the 3rd July.

A secretary's report contained key activities during 2012, including the sale of the field, the village green objection, the summer and autumn fairs, retirement of Don Altham and Ian Stamp and of David Thew as PCC secretary.

The Parish Share was paid in full and thanks were expressed to the treasurer for his dedicated work on the financial report. Reports were also received from, planned giving and gift aid, cradle roll report, Ministry, flower arrangers, Rainbows, Mothers' Union and Tearfund. All the reports are in the copies of the APCM report available in church.

Don't worry that you don't know all the right moves.

GOD DOES.

You simply need to follow His lead.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCILS

St John with St Mark PCC – 16 May 2013

This was our first meeting of the new PCC, and a welcome was offered to new members.

Most of the issues however were ongoing from the previous year, in particular Child Friendly Church, 100 Club and the heating in the Memorial Chapel. All these matters are still ongoing.

Our main topic of discussion was centred on Dave's Licensing and first service in July. The Licensing will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at Christ Church and volunteers will be sought from both ends of the Benefice to present Dave with various "Symbols" of our Church life at that service.

Dave & Linda's first Sunday service will be held on 7th July at St. John with St. Mark. A discussion followed as to how this service will be celebrated, and what the social arrangements will be afterwards. This will all be confirmed at our next meeting in June following consultation with Dave.

Elizabeth also updated us on the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable adult's course she attended last month, the Treasurer advised us that the Anonymous Income survey is due at the end of May, and a provisional date for a Joint PCC Away Day was set for Saturday 17th August.



If you read through your Facebook wall and you don't see anything sensible to comment on then maybe you should start using the remove friend button!

Stan Parkinson

Stan, who died on May 14th, was a very familiar figure at Christ Church. He lived all of his 83 years in Walmersley and throughout he was associated with the church. He has been described as an institution or part of the furniture.

In his youth he was a choirboy, member of the Sunday School, the Scouts, and the Tennis Club, taking an active part in all church activities. He trained as a teacher, eventually becoming an enthusiastic and committed headteacher.

Stan was the driving force behind the tennis club and in recent times he organised highly entertaining quizzes to provide funds for the church. With Kath he ran "Auntie Wainwright's" second hand stall at Summer and Autumn Fairs for many years.

He became a trustee of the church and the Benefice. Stan has been a sidesman and a member of the PCC for over 40 years – that is an awful lot of PCC meetings to sit through – it is as well that he had a unique sense of humour!

His Christian faith and his service to Christ Church have been exemplary. He was a good friend and influenced the lives of many.

The community of Walmersley will be the poorer without him.

Thank you Stan.

FOR QUIET MOMENTS

Week One

A Prayer for today (and every day)

Lord, we offer you ourselves this day
for the work you want accomplished
for the people you want us to meet,
for the word you want to be uttered,
for the silence you want to be kept.
for the places you want us to enter
for the new ways you want to be pioneered.
Go with us along the way, Lord,
And enable us to realise your presence
At all times and in all places,
our loving Lord Jesus Christ.

Week Two

A Prayer for all those who work to bring healing.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who spend their lives bringing comfort and healing to others; for doctors, nurses in hospitals and in the community, midwives, physiotherapists, psychologists and therapists. We remember those who are technicians whose skill enables accurate diagnosis and effective treatment. We remember those who work in hospices, especially in our local hospice, who bring relief to those with terminal or life limiting illnesses. We pray for all clergy, chaplains and laity as they visit and support the sick bringing comfort in your name.

Lord, grant to them all, the skill and compassion which brings relief from pain and freedom from anxiety. Amen.

Week Three

Gracious God,
We pray for peace in the world, remembering the people of Syria
whose lives have been shattered by the civil unrest, and place in your
hands those who work to find a solution to the situation.

We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,
And those who work to uphold law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear,
For comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities,
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

We pray for peace in our churches, that divisions may be healed, that
all members may work together to bring the good news of your
gospel to the world.

We pray for peace in our lives, that in our homes and our workplaces
anger, resentment and mistrust may be replaced by tolerance,
acceptance and love.

In your mercy, hear our prayers,
now and always. Amen

Week Four

My dearest Lord,
be Thou a bright flame before me
be Thou a guiding star above me,
be Thou a smooth path beneath me
be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me
today and for evermore.

Saint Columba





We welcomed back the ladies from Holcombe Brook Circle Dancing group for our meeting on 1st May. It was a good opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones and the friendship dance at the beginning was a wonderful way to share a smile with each other.

The music and lovely poems created a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere and the dances weren't so very difficult to learn, although some still got their right and left muddled up!

As I write we look forward to a demonstration and talk on the art of Bonsai on May 15th.



The Commissioning service for Barbara Taylor as Provincial President on May 17th will be reported on next month but we are looking forward to our day in York and attending the service in the Minster.

Dates for the diary;

June 5th - Deanery AGM with Christ Church Walmersley acting as hosts

June 19th - Mrs Jeanne Mundy - "Ba Ba Black sheep"

June 27th - an invitation to join St Peter's Bury for a 'Strawberry Sparkle and flower arranging evening'

July 3rd - Institution of our new Vicar - Rev Dave Thompson

Plans are being made for our summer meal out and by next month we hope to have a date and venue for the diary.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone at our meetings. You don't have to be a member to join us for an evening. Please feel you can come along and learn more about Mothers' Union.

Kathryn

Book Review

Crossing Boundaries in Prayer by *Una Kroll*

Una says---- "the work of intercession is frequently described as standing in the gap. Every time we pray for others, we enter border country. How can we pray for others and for our world?"

From her life of contemplative prayer Una shows us how to listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings, how to pray while going about our other tasks, how to become sensitive to the needs of both sides of conflicts, how to confront the powers of darkness and how to hold heaven and earth together in our praying and our living.

If you have a book you would like to recommend or Words to Ponder please contact Jean Slater or the editor of the magazine by e-mail at wrub@live.co.uk

ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP

On 1st May, the Open Group welcomed regular speaker Mr Watson - Rossendale Folklore expert - to give one of his many fascinating talks. The theme was based on the origins of East Lancashire traditions, sayings and superstitions that have been passed down through the generations.

How they affect us, even in today's modern society, created quite an interesting and humorous hour with members sharing their personal experiences on Birth, The Home, and Death with the group. An interesting evening that made members think about what a different world it is now than what our ancestors lived in, and had to put up with!!



**Next Meeting ~ Wednesday 12 June
at 7.30pm in the Library**

A talk by the Reverend Elizabeth Binns on
'Lord Lieutenant & Lesser Beings'

***Please remember, the Open Group is just that,
open to all. We would love you to join us for our
meetings.***

Please also remember our stall at the Summer Fair on Saturday 15 June. If you have any gifts for the stall please bring them to church a couple of weeks before the Fair so they can be priced.
Thank You

Summer Praise

Sunday 9th June 10.30 a.m.

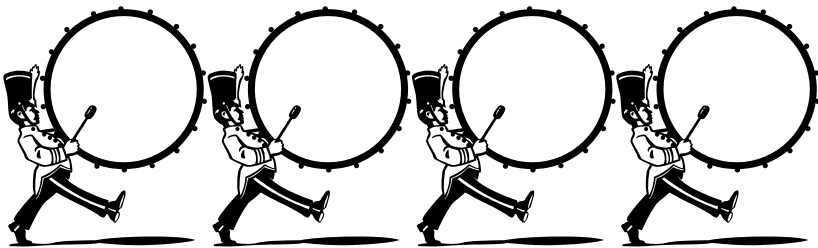
Please come and join us for this annual Walmersley event.

It will be held on our Church Field if dry and warm enough, otherwise in the Church.

Once again it will be led by members of your worship team and Tottington Public Band (Brass) will be leading us in traditional hymns.

A collection will be taken to help maintain the ministry of Christ Church in this neighbourhood.

(The service will finish in plenty of time to get to the carnival parade in Bury town centre.)



Bishops' Holy Land Pilgrimage

through the lands of Israel & Palestine

led by

the Rt Revd Chris Edmondson & the Rt Revd Mark Davies

30th October - 7th November 2014

Following the great success of our last diocesan pilgrimage we have been asked to make a return pilgrimage following In the footsteps of Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem.

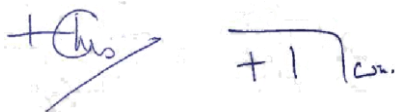
In Galilee we will visit Nazareth, the town in which Jesus grew up, and Capernaum, the fishing village which became the centre of his ministry, as well as other places associated with the events of the gospel.



In Jerusalem, we will retrace Jesus' steps from Bethany to Gethsemane and along the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will also visit Bethlehem as well as Jericho and the Dead Sea. We will spend a day in Bethlehem visiting the birthplace of Jesus and taking the opportunity to learn about and reflect on current realities and tensions for Christians and their neighbours in the Holy Land as well as meeting with local church leaders and visiting various projects.

We hope many will want to join us on this unique opportunity to follow in the steps of Jesus and support our Christian brothers and sisters in this troubled region.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company on this great pilgrimage of Faith and Discovery which is certain to be a most memorable time for us all.



Details of the pilgrimage are on the church notice boards.

Sue Walker and Janet Lyssejko went on a similar pilgrimage last year and found it a very uplifting and rewarding experience. If you would like more information, please ask them.

National Day of Prayer for Parent & Toddler Groups

This day of prayer will be marked on June 2

A prayer for children to use:

Father God,
Although I am little, help me to know
That you are with me,
Wherever I go.

Keep me safe and close to you
And bless me and my family in all we do

Thank you for each precious day
And help me to love you in every way.
Amen.



SUMMER FAIRS



on Saturday 15 June
at St John with St Mark's
from 11 a.m

lots of fun and fellowship
at two venues next month

Please help to make both a success by

- ✓ putting the dates in your diary now
- ✓ offering to run a stall, or to help on the day
- ✓ collecting books, preserves, tombola gifts, etc
- ✓ planning children's activities, quizzes and so on
- ✓ having a bakeathon for the ever popular cake stalls

on Saturday 29 June
at Christ Church
from 11 a.m.



11th/24th Scouts gain Fire Safety Badge

For two Monday nights the Scouts from St John with St Mark attended Bury Fire Station to learn about fire safety.

This was led by firefighter Mark Dunham; we learned about the fire triangle, the fire brigade, fire extinguishers, how to make an emergency call and much more.



The highlight of the sessions was using the fire hoses and a small ride in the fire engine. All 7 Scouts gained their badge and we would like to give a special thanks to Mark who runs this course in his own spare time as the fire brigade doesn't budget for it.

Congratulations to:- Caitlin Cowan, Daniel Dunn, Ellie Gaunt, Sam Knight, James Peat, Benji and Joseph Senior.

See picture on back page.

MANCHESTER DIOCESAN HEALING CONFERENCE

With: The Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt Revd Dominic Walker

When: Saturday June 15th

Time: 10am – 3pm

Where: Oasis Academy, Media City, Salford

Theme: "Healing Wounds – Healing Places"

For more information contact:
Jean or Frank Slater

FORTHCOMING DATES

Some opportunities to support the Repairs and Renovations Fund at Christ Church. Please watch out for further details and do all you can to support this appeal.



July 19/20/21

Scrap Weekend

Collection point at church hall for **scrap** metal (including gold & silver) also clothing for weighing in.

On Saturday morning come and enjoy coffee and bacon butties.

September

Sponsored walk

See Jennifer Wood.



Late autumn

Bubbly Night

Pre Christmas - we hope to arrange a band or choir concert.

Once we are able to treat the dry rot outbreak and reinstall the organ, there will still be lots of work needed - to the tower, improved access for wheelchairs and pushchairs, etc.

If you would like to donate to the appeal please contact Nigel Silvester or pledge@ccwalmersleybury.org.uk

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

2		First after Trinity Services as usual
	3.00pm	Mothers' Union Salisbury Link Celebration with Bishop Mark, at St Stephen Astley
4	7.30pm	PCC (CCW)
5	7.30pm	Bury Deanery Mothers' Union AGM (CC Hall)
6	9.15am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJSM) Holy Communion (SJSM)
9		Second after Trinity Services as usual (SJSM)
	10.30am	Summer Praise on the Church Field (CC)
11		S Barnabus Holy Communion (SJSM)
	7.30pm	
13	9.15am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJSM) Holy Communion (SJSM)
15	11.00am	Summer Fair at St John w St Mark's
16		Third after Trinity Services as usual
		Licensing of Darren Dunn as Reader
19	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CCW) Ba Ba Black Sheep Mrs. Jeanne Mundy
20	9.15am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Coffee Morning & Toddler Group (SJSM) Holy Communion (SJSM) PCC (SJSM)

The Best Bit!!



The 11th/24th Scouts work towards their Fire Safety badges

(See page 22 for more info)

Thank you to the Scouts for sharing this with us. Please let us know what your group is doing – with photos if possible. Editor.