

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



November 2023



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**



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all here so please
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on our website



**SCARECROW
FESTIVAL
Christ Church
October 2023**



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It is the second week in October; halfway through autumn. Yet outside the sun shines from a cloudless sky and the temperature is above twenty degrees. In our garden roses are still appearing on the bushes and flowers are sprouting on shrubs which are expected to be showing off their colour only in early summer. The weatherman says we are having un-seasonable weather. A period of warm, sunny weather in September used to be called an Indian Summer; but this is mid-October! Have the seasons lost their bearings?

The seasons have been with us almost since the moment of Creation. That moment when the earth was set spinning and moving around the Sun. As many a poem and song has proclaimed – in our life we all experience sunrise, sunset; summer, winter; an unending cycle through time and space. The change from one season to the next has never been at an exact moment, there has always been a gradual merging from one to the next. Modern technology may be able to measure time to the thousandth, or even billionth, of a second but the natural timetable moves as it chooses, as it is ordained by power beyond our human grasp.

The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds of this. It is a book which simply observes life and draws logical conclusions. It is often referred to as 'wisdom literature'. Probably chapter 3 will be the most familiar – telling that there is a time for everything in life because God has made it so. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". If you haven't had a read of Ecclesiastes lately then have a look. There are words for every person, in every place, in every circumstance. God has appointed the times and seasons, the events of our lives, the happy and the sad, the easy and the difficult. This should bring us hope and assurance that, despite everything, God is in control. We may find that hard to grasp when we see what is going on in the world but we must hang on in there! As Ecclesiastes tells us there is a purpose for everything.

So the seasons change. Spring becomes summer; summer becomes autumn; autumn becomes winter; winter becomes spring. And round we go. We live in a world of change; the evidence all around us. Some change we can cope with easily; some we find much harder. Even the change of seasons some of us find difficult. For example, some love the long warm days of summer whilst others will dread the pollen which floats through the warm summer air causing health issues.

We often think of our lives in terms of seasons. Our younger days are considered the spring of our lives – all is new; fresh experiences blossom; excitement at what will come next as we look forward. Summer time as we fulfil maturity and we are totally full of life and energy. Come autumn we start to wilt a little; to feel a little more vulnerable; physically and mentally not as strong as we were. Then there's winter when days shorten and the cold bites – shut that door, there's a draught!! These are the seasons of life portrayed in Ecclesiastes. Many things will come and have their duration with us. They come and go; situations change; we move on. Each of us will have a story to tell of our seasons of life.

Barbara and I have become very much aware in recent months that our season has a very autumnal feel to it. Various issues – not least, health ones – have brought us to a time to put down, as Ecclesiastes has it. It is time to step back from some of our church activities. Over the years we have been involved in many aspects of church life. My authorisation to lead worship has now ceased. Barbara's Permission to Officiate (to lead worship) ends this month and she has decided not to renew it. So we will no longer be leading services in church. It has been a privilege to serve in this way and we thank you for your support. The season has moved on.

Whatever season you find yourself in; wherever you are in time and space; be assured of God's presence with you and his hand upon your life – especially when decisions have to be made.

With thanks and God's blessing to you all.

Nigel & Barbara

INTERMENT OF ASHES

14 Oct Ralph Mallinson at St. John, Bircle
15 Oct Susan Pearson



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

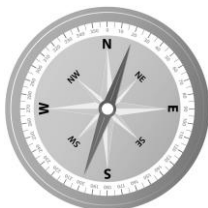


Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Nov 5 Vacant
Nov 12 In memory of past Mothers' Union members
Nov 19 In memory of Astonn Mitchell-Male
Nov 26 In memory of Jack Grindrod

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).



***God will meet you where you are
in order to take you
where he wants you to go.***

Tony Evans



BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 5 **4th before Advent – All Saints' Sunday**

Revelation 7.9-end 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12

Nov 12 **3rd before Advent – Remembrance Sunday**

Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end Matthew 25.1-13

Nov 19 **2nd before Advent**

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Nov 26 **Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-end Matthew 25.31-end

Dec 3 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-end

THANK YOU



Helen Mallinson, Elizabeth and Judith would like to thank the many people from both churches in the Benefice who so kindly sent cards and condolences after Ralph died. They were greatly appreciated. Ralph's ashes have now been interred in the Garden of Remembrance at Bircle church overlooking the wide views that he loved.

Thank you so much, Helen

Interregnum Notes

- * Many thanks to our ministry team and to visiting ministers who are ensuring that the vast majority of our usual services are continuing throughout our vacancy.
- * The Ministry Team (clergy and the Licensed Readers) meets every month – normally on the second Tuesday evening. If you have an issue that you would like them to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- * Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the treasurers.
- * Both churches now have the facility to accept donations and giving by bank card. Please ask for guidance.
- * The Bury Mission Community currently hosts a weekly service of Compline (night prayer) on Thursday at 9.00pm on Zoom. If you are interested in joining this, please contact David Robinson, Barbara Taylor or Ian Banks who have the Zoom link available to forward on.
- * Both churches have now signed up to the Diocesan Transforming Prayer Community and you can read more on the following pages. Individuals can also sign up and take part in this important call to each one of us.
- * Porch Boxes are always in need of food and toiletries especially in the current financial situation. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed. Also welcome are any 'bags for life' you can spare as the charity gives out around 80 bags each week. Thanks to those who support local families in need.
- * Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to wrub@live.co.uk or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. Remember, the next edition will be the joint December/January issue and the deadline is Tuesday, 14th November. We will also welcome Christmas greetings from individuals or groups for inclusion in this issue, with contributors invited to make a charitable donation. Please consider whether you wish to do this, and send your greeting by the deadline.

Transforming Prayer Community

Everyone is invited to join this community, helping us grow closer to God through prayer, and find support and fellowship.

All that is asked is that we set aside a little time each day to pray the Lord's Prayer, the diocesan prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope and the prayer for our local area.

Something we can do at home, in church, on a commute, at work – whatever suits us best.

If you use Facebook there are helpful prayers and weekly reflections, by both lay and clergy members.

Use this QR code to sign up, or visit tinyurl.com/3rxcbrnn



The prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope has been shared here before and is displayed in our churches and on the website. Here is the prayer for our local area – it is suggested that 'our land' is replaced with the name of the area where you are.

O High King of Heaven, have mercy on our land.

Revive your Church;

send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the children.

May your kingdom come to our town.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen

Here is the vision statement from the diocesan website:

Lord, teach us to pray.

Prayer, at its heart, is simple: it is all about God and being where we can meet him and be transformed by him. It is not about having fancy words or being clever, or about being holier than others. It is about being where God can show us the endlessness of that grace and love which invites us to respond with hope and joy. Human beings are made in and for God. Prayer, as our response to him, is as natural as breathing. As God breathes life into his creation, he invites us to use our breath freely in praise and thanksgiving and ask for his Kingdom of justice and mercy to come.

Our Transforming Prayer Community is all about connecting and reconnecting with this simple vocation to pray. In the face of a messy, complex world which pulls us in all sorts of directions, our diocesan prayer community will help each of us and our churches be better aligned with God's call on our lives. This call invites us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and be thankful. Prayer takes us to the solid ground of our hope on which the Kingdom is built: Jesus Christ. The first disciples cried out to Jesus 'Lord teach us to pray.' That is our longing too. Jesus, in his love, provides us with the family prayer on which we can rely: The Lord's Prayer. The anchor for our Transforming Prayer Community is a commitment, then, to pray the Lord's Prayer each day.

We, the people of Manchester Diocese, seek to serve over two million people in Greater Manchester and Rossendale. The Transforming Prayer Community is also an invitation, then, to commit to pray for the communities of which we are part. Our diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope articulates our longings for God's transformation in the local church, the Diocese, and for our communities: our thankfulness and need for refreshment, as well as our desire for all to know Jesus's transforming love and for his Kingdom of justice, mercy and peace to come. Those who wish to be part of our Transforming Prayer Community are asked simply to make time to pray the diocesan prayer along with the Lord's Prayer each day.



Summary of Christ Church PCC meeting – 9th October

1. Emails had been received from Donna Myers the Diocesan registrar regarding an extension date on the contract with Morris Homes. There was also a letter from The Eagles Wing charity thanking the PCC for their donation.
2. The treasurer reported on the month's financial report. The parish share for 2024 was discussed and no one had issues with the assessment. It was noted that £110 had been received via the collection machine this week. The quotation for replacement of the printer in the office was discussed at length and it was proposed by Ian Riddick that we accept the quotation for a new Toshiba printer on a 5-year lease; this was seconded by Cath Hilton, all were in favour.
3. Cath Hilton noted that there was a safeguarding prayer available and circulated a note regarding environment and sustainable development.
4. The faculty for the extension to the garden of remembrance is continuing to be worked on.
5. The woodworm affected areas in the church hall had been treated but another area required attention.
6. It was noted that the form required by Barclays bank in connection with the Baldingstone trust fund had been completed by the trustees.
7. The property committee reported that the access ramp would be bolted to the church steps and left in position as it was becoming a safety hazard due to weight for members of the congregation to put it up on a weekly basis. The property group also reported that the tree work on the tower and the church yard would be done in November.
8. The fund raising and social committee reported that the scarecrow festival and the quiz had been a success and thanked everyone who had helped. The Springside School harvest festival will be on October 18, and drinks will be served in church after the service.
9. There was no pastoral report.
10. The Christmas tree festival will be in December and the trees will be displayed in the church windows along the nave. Individuals and organisations will be contacted regarding submitting a Christmas tree.

Why do we need to act against domestic abuse?

This message comes from Dr Hannah Thompson who is the Safeguarding Learning and Development Manager nationally for the Church of England.

"Domestic Abuse is the most prevalent form of abuse within our society, and the church plays an important part in recognising and responding to this complex social problem that impacts people, communities and services across our society, spanning health, housing, social care, the criminal justice system and beyond.

Church should be a source of support for people experiencing abuse, but it all too often creates barriers and difficulties.

A recent study by the national safeguarding team in partnership with Mothers' Union highlighted that we still have some way to go to ensure anyone experiencing domestic abuse feels safe and supported by their church community."

- 37% feel domestic abuse is present in their church
- 3 in 5 feel their church can do more to raise awareness
- Just 1 in 20 say domestic abuse is spoken about in sermons, worship and prayer
- 85% of people state domestic abuse should be openly spoken about



Respond

Inform

Support

Empower

Unite

Pray

The chances are that you will know someone who is suffering. Mothers' Union's new campaign aims to raise awareness – will you / will we be part of that here in our community and churches?

‘How about a scarecrow festival?’

Almost a throwaway line near the end of a Christ Church PCC meeting. Now, so many people are planning that next year’s will be bigger and even better.

A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in whatever way. A lot of fun was had in several groups as scarecrows were created. (Who knew it was so hard to thread a needle? Why was Robbie’s number 17? Do you have to risk assess a scarecrow near a camp fire?)

A lot of families revisited several times that week. Brownies took torches but still enjoyed being ‘scared’ as they looked for certain items. Nursery children had an exciting trip to see the one they made in situ, and were photographed with others too.



Let’s not forget the team without which it would not have happened. They worked way beyond their ‘pay grade’ to prepare, instal, tend, remove and dispose. Pictured here are some of a great team without whose regular commitment our churchyard would not have made a good venue for this festival.

On page 2 there are some photographs but for a bigger selection visit ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/scarecrows and follow the link to a photo album. Thank you to those who have shared their photos and to all who shared social media posts to publicise the event. Above all, thank you Geoff for the suggestion.

Now – why not begin to plan your contribution (as an individual, a family, a neighbourhood, a group) for next year? Then you will have lots of time to collect the necessary elements.

Christ Church PCC

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped us to reach out from our Harvest Festivals.

At St. John with St. Mark, there was an appearance from Harvey and his friend, whilst there were some very generous donations of food for Caritas. Our uniformed groups were present and joined in our Harvest themed sermon. Thank you to everyone who helped make the service special and for contributions of food.



At Christ Church, members of the community received a visit, card and gift of homemade biscuits; the residents of the Priory received fresh food; tinned and packet goods were taken to Porch Boxes to contribute to parcels for families in need in our local area; and donations to Tearfund will help in its work around the world.

We give thanks that we are able to acknowledge God's generosity to us by giving generously to those around us.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love."*



Just a very small selection of your generosity

QUIET MOMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

On November 2 we remember the faithful departed and we all know someone who has died during the past year. This prayer is from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, with whom the souls of the faithful who have departed this life are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear; and we most humbly pray that, at the day of resurrection, we and all who are members of the mystical body of your Son may be set on his right hand, and hear his most joyful voice:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.



At this time of Remembrance - a prayer for reconciliation

As one family, we reflect today on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world.

Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised, bring compassion.

Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.

Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.

Where war still devastates, bring peace.

But most of all, wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness, bring us to one another, in the name of the love you bear in your heart for all people, all nations and all creation.

Amen

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It may seem a troubled world, but God's goodness is evident in humanity, as this prayer reassures us:

For small miracles
in the midst of tragedy
we thank you, Lord.
For refugees rescued
from sinking ships,
earthquake victims
brought alive from
upturned buildings,
and the many others
that go unnoticed
in our daily lives,
where acts of love
and selfless bravery
confront misfortune
and catastrophe
and from the darkness
bring light and life.



The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign aiming to raise awareness of and bring to an end domestic violence. The campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December each year, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Human Rights Day.



Almighty God, we pray for all victims of abuse. We ask you to surround them with Your care and protect them by Your loving might and permit them to enjoy health and healing, wholeness and strength, calmness and peace and love. Most of all, we pray that they feel Your presence and be confident in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Fashioning a scarecrow, or more precisely three, provided an evening with a difference!

We created, stuffed, dressed, painted, styled hair and applied 'make up' to a mother, small child and baby to represent family life. With the help of items such as a knitted chain, a shopping bag, hearts, bucket and spade, etc. there were links to several MU projects both here in Manchester and around the world.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

On November 1 we return to afternoon meetings (2pm) for the winter months. This first one falls on All Saints' Day and we welcome the Reverend Harvie Nicol who will preside at Holy Communion and speak to us in his own inimitable style. All are welcome to join us, in the Church Hall.

Our speaker on 15 November, at 2pm, will have travelled half-way around the world but his subject is rather nearer to home. David Riggs will talk about the history of Bury, the town he left in 1969. Lots of opportunities to reminisce, no doubt.

Please make a note of two dates for Advent services. In our deanery at 2pm on Sunday, December 3, hosted once again by members at Emmanuel Church Centre, and in the diocese at 11am on Monday, 4 December at St Ann Manchester.

Please do come along to any of our meeting, with no pressure to 'join'. If our scarecrow gave hints of the work of Mothers' Union and you would like to know more please have a word with me.

Bob Taylor,
Branch Leader



Following a suggestion at our meeting in August, the MOB gathered at Christ Church Hall on Monday 25th September to assemble their contribution to the Scarecrow Festival at Harvest.

We had decided that the theme was a police officer from the early days of the force, which first meant sourcing an image from that time. Our scarecrow was based upon the look from the 1800's when white trousers and big hats were the normal.

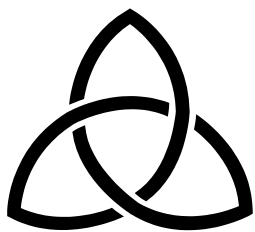
It was an enjoyable evening and all who attended got stuck into assembling the creation, with some providing clothes, scarves and decoration. It was a delicate job with one of us even wearing an eyepiece for the delicate facial features such as eyes. During the course of the week, several people returned to add some finishing touches and fill up with more straw from arms and neck.



Our completed article was named 'Robbie the Bobby' and was displayed amongst our many other scarecrows around the grounds of Christ Church Walmersley.

The MOB were meeting on Monday 23rd October at The Towler for a quiz led by Colin and the next scheduled meeting is Monday 27th November at 8.00pm.

David Robinson



The Open Group

The group met on Wednesday 11th October and we were pleased to welcome Jim Metcalfe, who had visited us a few years previously to discuss the work of Community Action Nepal. This time, we were treated to a presentation on cycling holidays, both near and far. Jim has lived locally all his life and been a cycling enthusiast for years. The talk took us across the world. However, it began with more familiar surroundings of the Bury and Ramsbottom area and the bicycles featured. We were privileged to see some fantastic images from countries across the globe, and there were a few history lessons along the way, along with a look inside the Grand Canyon. India was a big feature and there was a good insight into both the heavily populated urban areas and more tranquil rural parts. Our trip took us to areas of Africa, especially Kenya and Tanzania. It was apparent that some expertise is needed for these areas with narrow mountain paths and steep climbs, but definitely worth it. The pictures of the wildlife were quite stunning, especially close ups of lions and elephants. One thing we noted from the photos is that the locals were extremely welcoming and enjoyed the company of our English cyclists. They all looked happy in their native surroundings. Jim advised that bikes usually need to be hired overseas, as taking them onto planes is not usually desired! A familiar face from Jim's group was featured on the photographs and that was Ian Wardle, Archie's son. Good to see him. It was an entertaining evening of photography, adventure and history and thanks were awarded to Jim for the presentation and for putting it together for us.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th November and we will be having a 'Big Idea Discussion' and how it can be linked into our Church life. This is at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room and all are welcome.

David Robinson

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Can you help the appeal again?

St. John with St. Mark Scout Group are once again putting together and distributing shoeboxes. They will this year be likely going to local children.

However, we are in need of empty boxes and also some of the items to go in them, particularly soaps and toothpastes.

If you can help with providing boxes or any of the items then please see Kelly Watson or Margaret Duckworth over the next few weeks. Please also check with Kelly or Margaret if you need guidance on what items are needed.

COFFEE MORNING, TOYS & BOOKS

Well, wasn't it busy on Saturday 21st October at the Church Hall at St. John with St. Mark!! For those who attended our coffee morning, there were some rather shocked faces to see just how many had ventured out. We started off with the usual trickle of people at 10.00am, but by 10.30am, the place was bursting. No tables left, with people sitting on the sidelines eating bacon sandwiches, a queue for refreshments down one side of the hall, the teapot filled and refilled too many times to count and even the mugs almost running out. For those arriving at 11.00am, they were somewhat disappointed to find not one cake left and all 96 rashers of bacon consumed. We would have made a decent amount of money, but these events are also about bringing the community together in fellowship and socially. Many people we had not seen before. For some, it is an opportunity to get out on a Saturday when they otherwise may not do. Thanks to all who came and supported and who helped with the event.



Acts of Remembrance

Sunday 12 November

At Christ Church 10.30am Parade Service,
including 2 minutes silence and laying of wreath

At St John with St Mark 10.30am Holy Communion
including act of remembrance

In St Mark's Square 12.30pm Laying of wreath



Café Church

St John with St Mark Hall

10.30am
on Sunday 19th November
and

Christ Church Hall

10.30am

on Sunday 26th November

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

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!

Upcoming Dates: 16 November, 14 December

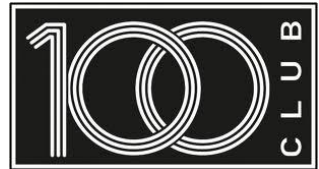
ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

October 2023 draw winners:

1st Prize £15.00 – (1) Kelly Watson

2nd Prize £10.00 – (67) June Banks

Congratulations to both winners



Slimming World relaunching with Kim

Thursdays at 7pm at Christ Church Hall

Contact Kim 07938 753499



Sunday @ Seven

**We next meet for our regular Sunday evening
informal worship (song/reflection/prayer)**

November 26th 7pm



Now, the Good News!

Come and join us for an hour of worship as we reflect and celebrate that, as Advent approaches and in the midst of everything going on around us, there is Good News. We will be at the Barritt Room, St John with St Mark hall. You can also join in via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.

DATES IN DECEMBER TO NOTE NOW



CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING IN THE MILLGATE CENTRE

Saturday, 16 December, 12 -1.30pm near T J Hughes

Everyone is welcome to take part, and do share with others as we spread the Good News in our town. (Musicians wanted too.)



CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 17 December

at 6.30pm

in both parishes

for ALL the family

**Readings, music, songs
for Christmas**

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday			
8.30am	3 rd	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ Church
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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		St John w St Mark
Other services as announced.			
Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



We are members of Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community

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

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

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

Lots more info on our websites:	https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com
Check out Facebook	@christchurchwalmersley @stjohnstmark
Twitter	@cofewalmersley
Instagram	cofewalmersley
and YouTube	CofE Walmersley

FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY

Wed 1	2.00pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 5		4th before Advent – All Saints' Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 8	2.00pm	PCC (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sun 12		3rd before Advent – Remembrance Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Act of Remembrance and Parade Service (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion & Act of Remembrance (SJM)
	12.30pm	Wreath laying at St. Mark's Square
Wed 15	2.00pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (CC Hall)
Thu 16	12 noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 19		2nd before Advent
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Sat 25	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM Hall)
Sun 26		Christ the King
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven in the Barritt Room
Mon 27	7.30pm	Deanery Synod on Zoom
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – venue /date to be confirmed

Please let us know what you are planning with your groups and use the magazine, our websites and social media to publicise.

Remember too to use these ways to let people know what happened, how much was raised, or to say Thank You for their support.

Christ Church Walmersley
Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday December 2nd 10am – 2pm

Entrance £2.00 per Adult Children free. Refreshments Available

If you would like to take part, decorate your own small tree with a theme to display in our church windowsills

Please get in touch with Tricia Stokes Christ Church Walmersley

Trees will brought into church Midweek W/C 27th November
Date to be confirmed nearer the time

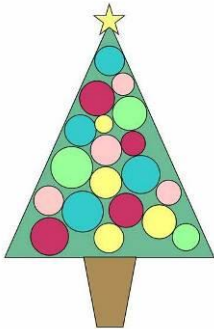


CHRISTMAS FAIR

**ST. JOHN WITH
ST. MARK**



**IN THE CHURCH HALL ON
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
FROM 11.00AM**



TOMBOLAS BOOKS

TOYS RAFFLE CAKES

JEWELLERY JIGSAWS

LUNCHES ALSO SERVED

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS
FOR STALLS OR CAN HELP ON THE DAY, PLEASE
SPEAK TO THE WARDENS**