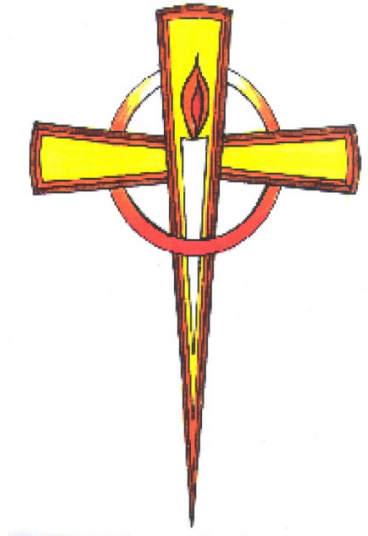


Christ Church  
Walmersley



Magazine

*Spreading the Word*

September 2010

## Thought for the month

I don't know about you but one of the pleasures in my life is to get together with family and friends to share in a meal or other occasion to eat and drink together.

Over the last few weeks we have been making the most of it. We had a trip to Leigh-on-Sea to celebrate my eldest daughter's birthday- a meal in a restaurant, then to Surrey for my great niece's Christening and party after. We have had friends round for meals and before you read this letter we will have been over to the Isles of Scilly to prepare and join in an afternoon tea to celebrate Nigel's mum's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I really enjoy the preparation of meals and the sitting around a table just chatting with friends and catching up on what is happening in their lives. It's good to build new friendships and meet new people as we did after the Christening. And despite health warnings food and drink are good!

Jesus spent a lot of time in people's homes eating and celebrating with them, as well as listening to their problems and teaching. During his last days he ate what has now become a particularly special meal - "The Last Supper"

It is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to practise hospitality (Romans 12:13). Most of the major faith groups make a point of hospitality. Much of their life revolves around meals eaten together- not just symbolically as in communion. Whenever we went to a Muslim/Christian forum meeting we always shared a meal afterwards - just try that after PCC and we might have a queue to join!

So all I can say is:- **PRACTISE HOSPITALITY** (the more practising the better.)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob' followed by a flourish.

# Come on and Celebrate!

Please make sure you have Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> marked in your diary. This is when we shall celebrate the coming together of Christ Church Walmersley and St John with St Mark into the new Parish of Walmersley Road. Archdeacon David, who of course lives in the parish, will lead our celebrations and we hope the whole church family will be there.

The Service will begin at Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. and end at Saint John with Saint Mark. We hope that some members of the congregations will walk between the churches and transport will be provided for those who need it.

A Bring and Share tea will follow the service. More details next month.

## Getting to know you

In preparation for this 'marriage' the two PCCs met recently to discuss ways in which the parishes would worship, work (and play) together. They attempted to write a mission statement which conveyed hopes for the future. See the back page for the results – what would yours be?

In the evening members of both congregations came together for social activity during which we discovered things about each other that we never knew!!

Do you know:

Who crossed the equator several times without realising it?

Who is the proud owner of 72 coffee pots?

Who was educated at boarding school?

## SERVICES AND READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER



### September 5<sup>th</sup> **Trinity 14**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

### September 12<sup>th</sup> **Trinity 15**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- 10.30 a.m. Family Service  
Luke 15: 1-10

### September 19<sup>th</sup> **Trinity 16**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13

### September 26<sup>th</sup> **Trinity 17**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
1 Timothy 6: 6-19 ; Luke 16: 19 - 31
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)  
1 Timothy 6: 6-19 ; Luke 16: 19 - 31

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> **Trinity 18**

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

# ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

## READINGS

September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Slater
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jade Bullen
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Noble
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Fewtrell
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Peters

## INTERCESSIONS

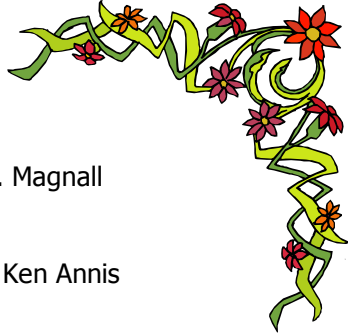
Barbara Taylor
Margaret Schofield
Joe McDermott
Ian Riddick
Margery Spencer

## SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Warburton	Shelagh Beetson	Sybil Fryer
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Noble	Alan Standring	David Thew
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Hamilton	Ian Riddick	Chris Standring
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel Silvester	George Fryer	David Peters
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alison Fewtrell	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer

## LAY ASSISTANTS

September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel Silvester	Jennifer Wood
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tricia Stokes	Jean Slater



## FLOWERS

September 5<sup>th</sup> In memory of Mrs. P. Magnall  
September 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. J. Clegg  
September 19<sup>th</sup> In memory of Ann & Ken Annis  
September 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs. J. Wood



## Baptisms

August 15<sup>th</sup> Erin May Turner  
Lucy Simpson

As so many children have been baptised in recent weeks and will be in the near future, we have included this prayer for children.

Loving Jesus, we pray that children may be loved  
and nurtured in a peaceful environment,  
and allowed to grow in wisdom and confidence  
so that they may experience the peace of God in their lives.

See page 19 for one way in which you can help less fortunate children.

## **CHURCH FINANCE January - July 2010**

Planned Giving £16,333

Open Collections £2,158

Other income £9,877                      Total £28,368

Payments made during this period £27,597

Whilst on the face of it we would appear to be keeping our heads above water the reality is that we are doing so because we have only paid £7,000 toward our Parish Share which has been set at £38,984 for this year. Last year we failed to pay the amount of Parish Share requested. Paying Parish Share is an important part of being in the Church of England – it helps to fund mission in every parish. We should be doing our best to pay it. Additionally, there are a number of pressing building matters which will call for expenditure in the near future – the church east wall repairs; extension of the Garden of Remembrance; disabled access; church tower repairs; to name but a few. Donations toward refurbishments in the church hall have allowed us to do some work there- maybe donations for other particular projects would be appropriate. As I have pointed out many times – our buildings require a lot of money to keep them properly maintained.

Please prayerfully consider your giving to church and if you have not changed your level of giving for a while please consider looking to increasing the amount. Our costs are rising every year – has your giving? Are you part of the Planned Giving Envelope Scheme? Are you a tax-payer who could Gift Aid the amounts you give? Please speak to Bob Taylor or myself for more information.

Thank you for your support so far. Nigel Silvester – Treasurer



Come and experience our Day of Prayer on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 10.a.m. until noon and 2 – 4 p.m.

The theme is '**Setting the Compass**' as we seek God's direction for all we are and do.

Prayer stations will be established in church which will provide a focus and direction for our thoughts and prayers.

This is particularly important as we enter into a new stage in our journey with the people of Saint John with Saint Mark.

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.

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here.  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear.



A pleasant evening in July saw over thirty members and friends gather at the Lord Raglan for fellowship over an enjoyable meal.

At our first meeting in August, we welcomed speakers from **"The Mustard Tree"** which works to improve and rebuild the lives of homeless and marginalised people in Manchester. Lydia Chan, their communications officer, gave a brief overview of its activities before introducing artist in residence Graham Hudson and Ken Lee who is driver cum chef for the charity. Both spoke movingly of the situations which led them to seek the help of the charity. They explained some of Mustard Tree 's approaches to helping people such as the Dignity project and the Freedom project.

Mustard Tree is the charity behind the Bosom Buddies 2010 campaign so members handed over the bras they had collected. Lydia then invited members to join them on a fund raising evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September to pamper homeless women with a bra fitting service and goodie bags. Tickets are £10 and are available from Maria on 0161 228 7331.

We celebrate our 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on September 1<sup>st</sup> with home grown entertainment, good food and lots of fun. Please come and join the celebration!

Brian Fewtrell will share his "Desert Island Discs" with us on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

As usual we shall be collecting items for distribution to students during Freshers' Week and your contributions of rice, pasta, toilet rolls, soup, tea bags, small jars of coffee or other similar items will be gratefully received. Please give to any member or bring to church. Could you spare a few hours to help pack these items (Wed 15<sup>th</sup> and Thur 16<sup>th</sup> September) or to welcome students (Mon 20<sup>th</sup> to Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> September)? Please let Cath Hilton know if you can help.

The Diocesan festival will be held in the cathedral on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.p.m. Bishop Nigel will preside and the speaker will be Ms Susie Mapledoram, diocesan youth officer. Some of our members will be singing in the choir and are very happy for others to join them. Please contact Cath.

On Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Anne's Tottington will host the Deanery Festival at 7.30.p.m.





If you haven't yet been on holiday don't forget the postcard competition – non ecclesiastical buildings.

## *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 sharing Afternoon Tea at Falshaw's on September 13<sup>th</sup> - 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](http://www.themothersunion.org) (and gift aid if able)
-  by praying for members in countries where transport is vital

# Prayer Mat

## Week One

Father, we pray for the peoples of Pakistan and China in their plight with floods. We pray that aid will be found to restore the infrastructures of the villages and towns affected and for those struggling with cholera and other diseases caused by the dirty waters. We pray for the dead and for those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the hungry that they will be given food and fresh water. O Lord, hear our prayer, Amen.



## Week Two

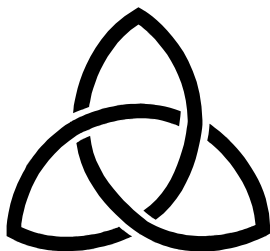
Lord,  
You chide us gently when we sin  
But love us all the while  
O Heavenly Father teach us  
to be as good as we can be.

And when at last we see you  
in Heaven, all clear and bright  
You'll take us gently in your arms  
And all our sins will be wiped out.

## Week Three

Heavenly Father, we pray for the mentally ill. We pray for understanding for those who are sick. O Lord to be mentally ill is to be in agony. Pour your compassion on all who are ill and give them some peace from their torment. Bless all doctors and psychologists working with them and give them knowledge and guidance in dealing with their patients. In Jesus name we ask this.

## Week Four



To us you are the Father,  
To us you are the Son,  
To us you are the Holy Spirit,  
You are the Three in One.

And when we ever doubt you  
Remind us of this fact  
That you are everything to us  
Immortal Three in One.

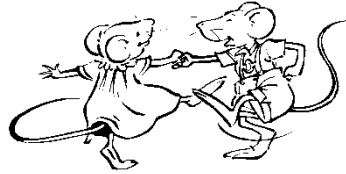
### First Thursday Prayers

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

The group will meet for Holy Communion followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Transport can be provided – ring Don 01706 822025

# Children's Corner



## Sudoku

6			7	4	5	3	8	2
4	7					9		
	3		8				4	
2		7			4			
	6				2			
1	8	9	6		7			
			4				5	7
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	2		3		6	8		

## A Prayer for new beginnings

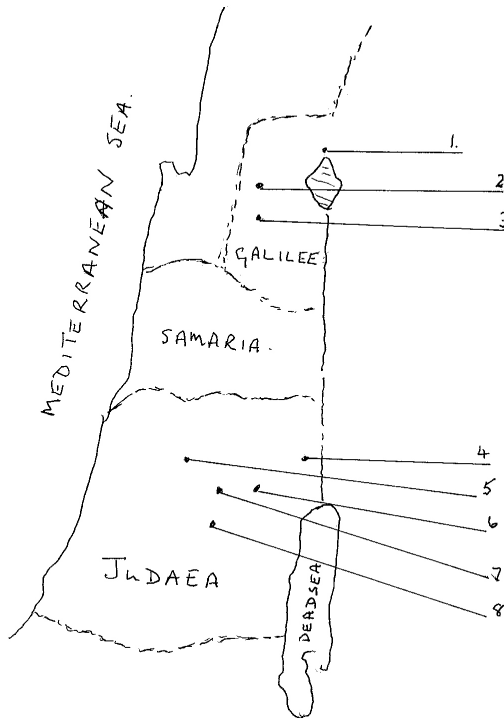
Heavenly Father we ask your blessing on our Junior Church as we begin another year. We thank you for our leaders who help us to grow in faith.

We remember those who will be going to school for the first time and hope that they will be happy and find new friends.

Two young people from our church, Lucy and George, will be going to Secondary School and we pray that they will take all the opportunities that the school can give them.

Some people who attended Junior Church have recently got their GCSE results and will be going to college which will be a big change in their lives. We ask that you will be with them and help them on this new step. We ask these things in Jesus' name Amen.

# The Land where Jesus lived



Can you unscramble the place names?

1. mepacannu .....
2. anac .....
3. harezant .....
4. horijec .....
5. meamus .....
6. abythen .....
7. srulejmae .....
8. lebemeth .....



## Top Ten Beauty Tips

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For beautiful eyes, look for the good in other people.
3. To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger and the need to control others.
4. To improve your ears, listen to the word of God.
5. To improve your nose, smell the roses in your life and count your blessings; giving thanks for each one of them.
6. For poise, walk with knowledge and self esteem. Rather than walk this earth lightly, walk firmly with determination and leave your mark.
7. To strengthen your arms, hug at least 3 people a day. Touch someone with your love.
8. To strengthen your heart, forgive yourself and others. Don't worry and hurry so much.
9. To strengthen your back, carry someone else's burden for them.
10. For the ultimate in business, casual or evening attire put on the robe of Christ. It fits like a glove but allows room for growth. Best of all, it never goes out of fashion and is appropriate for every occasion.

Do these things on a daily basis – and they will certainly make you a more beautiful person.

If you have a contribution for **Jottings** please contact Jean Slater tel. 0161 797 9388



## Book Review

### **In His Steps** by Charles M. Sheldon

Although a work of fiction this short story gives the account of a church whose members pledges to ask "What would Jesus do?" before taking any action in circumstances that occurred in their lives. The story goes on to say what their actions were and how this affected their lives and the community in which they lived. In his steps is an appeal to Christians to follow in Christ's steps.

A copy of this book is available for you to read. Please return the copy to church for others to borrow.

If you have Christian book that you would like to be included in *Book Review* please send details to Jean Slater tel. 0161 797 9388



### **Calling all artists!**

The Art Workshop will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 0161 764 9663

There are vacancies in the Friday afternoon Art Class, commencing on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Sybil Fryer 0161 763 6805

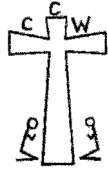




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**Rainbows, Brownies and Guides**  
**with Junior Church**

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Sunday 12th September 2010

Following Church Parade we move into the Church Hall with our packed lunches for an afternoon of charity work.



We will be supporting **MARY'S MEALS – BACKPACK PROJECT** – filling backpacks with basic educational material.

Very often families cannot afford to buy basic things like pencils and exercise books, or even suitable clothes for their children to wear to attend school. The backpack project solves the problem by providing poor children with the things they need in school. Last year over 45,000 backpacks were sent to some of the poorest children in the world – in Malawi, Uganda, Liberia and Romania.

### **WHAT WE NEED**

Old Backpacks/school bags

Exercise books/notebooks, coloured pencils, pens, crayons

Eraser, ruler, sharpener and Pencil cases

Towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste spoons

Used shorts/skirt & t-shirt, dress

Flip flops and sandals/crocs

A small ball e.g. tennis balls

Items can be second-hand in good condition, or from the cheapest range. NO EXTRA TOYS PLEASE – JUST A BALL. Please collect what you can from the items that your children no longer need. How many odd spoons do you have lurking in a drawer – bring them along. Hotels/Banks are usually very generous with pens.

Even if you don't have anything of the above but would like to contribute, a small donation will help us to buy some of the items. Please let Glennys know if you are able to donate quite a lot.



Thank you

Any questions please contact Glennys Nichols

## Junior Church

Junior Church will meet again on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30.a.m. We are looking forward to hearing what everyone has been doing during the summer holiday.

All children above the age of three are welcome to attend Junior Church. If you are bringing a child for the first time please make sure that one of the leaders has the necessary information.

Christ church values its young people and the leaders who work so hard to provide for spiritual growth in an enthusiastic and enjoyable way.

## Churches I have known!



Whenever we go on holiday we try to visit a local church, to worship and to see how other people do it!

This year gave us a unique experience. We went to Russia, and I am not sure what I expected on the trip but I certainly did not envisage being taken into many wonderful churches.

During the “Soviet Period” church-going was not allowed and many churches were destroyed. I knew that the church of Saint Sophia with its gorgeous coloured onion domes remained on the edge of Red Square but I did not expect to find within the walls of the Kremlin another two richly decorated churches. Stalin had declared that these two churches must not be destroyed and they had been “mothballed” for decades. They were in wonderful condition with the walls covered with icons telling the story of the prophets and the major events in the life of Christ. There were no stained glass windows so the paintings told the stories. There were no pews either – you had to stand for the whole service.

During the Soviet period, baptisms could not place in a church but many parents took their children to their grandparents who baptised them. Older people knew the words from their church-going days but the whole event had to be kept secret. In fact Vladimir Putin, the current prime minister discovered, on the death of his mother, papers confirming his baptism. Even his father did not know that he had been baptised.

We saw more churches in the towns and villages we visited and even some being built. Russians are now free to worship; with about ten per cent of the population admitting to being believers.

They have a wonderful heritage of church buildings in which to do so.

Margery Spencer



## Have you signed up yet?

**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 £10 with concessions

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



## *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.

## What's on in Walmersley

### September

Wed 1	MU 101 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party
Thu 2	First Thursday Prayer
Sat 4	Diocesan Healing Day
Mon 6	Ministry Meeting
Sat 11	Day of Prayer – Setting the Compass
Sun 12	Mary's Meals Charity Event
Weds 15	MU "Desert Island Discs" with Brian Fewtrell
Thurs16	MU Diocesan Festival, Cathedral
Weds 22	Deanery Synod – St Anne Tottington
Wed 29	MU Deanery Festival, St Anne Tottington

### October

Sun 10	Harvest Festival
Sat 16	Make a Joyful Noise
Sun 17	Celebration of new benefice

**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](mailto:ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk)

To follow the example of Christ in teaching, healing and nurturing; to bring all those we encounter closer to God and each other.

To care for people and spread the word of Jesus.

To be Jesus' hands, feet and voice reaching out in love and service to our community.

To share the love of Christ with all in our community; enriching our fellowship and enhancing God's world.

To bring to the parish actions to introduce and support Christian values for all.

Inspired by Jesus, to nurture faith, to offer hope and direction and draw people together.

**In which direction do we believe we should grow?**