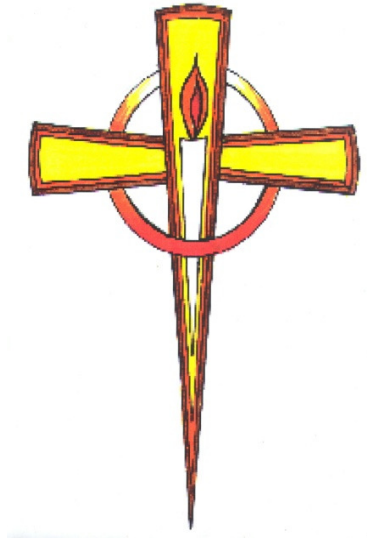


Christ Church Walmersley

in the Benefice of Walmersley Road



Magazine

Spreading the Word

May 2011

Thought for the Month

In the last few days we have been planning some journeys. In May we are off to the Lake District for a few days to relax and enjoy some walking. Then we are going to Portsmouth to see our elder daughter and look at the modifications that have been made to her dental surgery, which all looks very swish in the photographs but I am sure the reality will be even better. In June, our younger daughter is walking the Cotswold trail and we are carrying her luggage, walking small bits with her but mainly enjoying pub lunches and cream teas. And later in the year we are off on a river cruise down the Rhine looking at castles and sampling the wine!!



Four different journeys with different purposes, each needing different clothing, (although knowing the Spencers, rain gear for each one), each having different challenges and on each we will meet different people, on some making new acquaintances and perhaps new friends.

On our journeys last year, we met a professor of trombone from Dallas, and two realtors (that's estate agents to you and me) who were so busy tracking down the sale of a property in Los Angeles on their computers that they missed much of the scenery as we sailed from Moscow to Saint Petersburg.

And of course there was the Russian tour guide who had been brought up in one of the communal flats housing eight families with only one kitchen but who had gone to Saint Petersburg University at the same time as Vladimir Putin. Her spoken English put mine to shame.

And on another holiday we met up with two lovely couples, one who were Roman Catholics from Bradford and the other chapel goers from Anglesey. They spoke Welsh to each other but moved effortlessly to English when anyone else was around, and we had some interesting discussions after our evening meals.

Meeting all these people on holidays added to our enjoyment, broadened our horizons and at times compelled us to look at the way we lived, and what we thought and believed, in a critical light. You just never know who you will meet on a journey!



I wonder if those two people on a journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus had any idea who they would meet? They had been in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover and had heard the stories of the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection from the dead. It must have been the major talking point of the time. And a stranger joined up with them asking what they were talking about. They couldn't believe that he had not heard this hot piece of news. And they repeated the whole story to him.

As they reached their destination the stranger acted as if to leave them but they asked him to stay. As they ate, the man broke the bread and gave thanks and immediately they recognised him. Jesus was alive.

Immediately they returned to Jerusalem to tell everyone their news. How their lives were changed by a meeting with a stranger!

As each of us travels, whether near to home or further away, we may come across the risen Christ. He might not break bread in order for us to recognise him but he can still make himself known, challenge us, and awaken us to new beginnings.

May we all meet the risen Christ on our journey through life.

Yours in Christ

SERVICES AND READINGS FOR MAY



- May 1st **Second Sunday of Easter**
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

- May 8th **Third Sunday of Easter**
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Luke 24: 13-35
- 10.30 a.m. Family and Parade Service
Luke 24: 13-35

- May 15th **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 2: 42-47; John 10: 1-10
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Acts 2: 42-47; John 10: 1-10

- May 22nd **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 7: 55-60; John 14: 1-14
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
Acts 7: 55-60; John 14: 1-14

- May 29th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- 9.00.a.m Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 17: 22-31; John 14: 15-21
- 10.30.a.m Holy Communion (CW)
Acts 17: 22-31; John 14: 15-21

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

May 1 st	David Peters
May 8 th	Jade Bullen
May 15 th	Sybil Fryer
May 22 nd	Alison Fewtrell
May 29 th	Bill Noble

INTERCESSIONS

Ian Riddick
Confirmation Group
Joe McDermott
Barbara Taylor
Margaret Schofield

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

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

Following the APCM the new rota for sidespersons is available at the back of church.

LAY ASSISTANTS

May 1 st	Jean Slater	Cath Hilton
May 15 th	Margery Spencer	Tricia Stokes
May 29 th	Don Altham	Barbara Silvester

FLOWERS

- May 1st Mr & Mrs A Spencer
- May 8th Mrs M Leake in memory of the Leake and Rushworth families
- May 15th In memory of Norman and Bertha Meadowcroft.
- May 22nd Mr J Clegg
- May 29th Mrs M Booth in memory of the Simpson family



	<p>Baptism 27 March</p>	<p>Shane Nuttall</p>
	<p>Interment of Ashes 10 April</p>	<p>Ida Longworth</p>



The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 13 April 2011 and reports are available – please see the wardens or PCC secretary.

The composition of the PCC for the coming 12 months is:

Vicar	Reverend Ian Stamp
Associate ministers	Reverend Don Altham Reverend Elizabeth Binns Reverend Paul Sanderson Reverend Janet Lyssejko
Reader	Mrs Margery Spencer
Wardens	Mrs Jennifer Wood Mr George Fryer
Deputy warden	Mrs Barbara Silvester
Lay chair	Mrs Barbara Taylor (deanery synod)
Secretary	Mr David Thew
Treasurer	Mr Nigel Silvester
Mrs Hazel Bamford	Mrs Shelagh Beetson (deanery synod)
Mr Brian Crow	Mrs Sybil Fryer (deanery synod)
Miss Pamela Hoyle	Mrs Ann Nuttall
Mr Shane Nuttall	Mr Stanley Parkinson
Mr Alan Standing	Mrs Patricia Stokes
Mrs Betty Winterbottom	

Sidemen and sideswomen who will serve are:

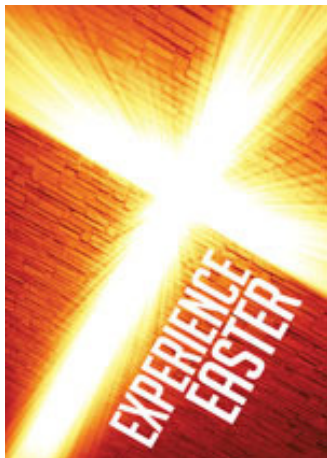
Mrs Shelagh Beetson, Mrs Alison Fewtrell, Mrs Sybil Fryer, Mr Geoffrey Hamilton, Miss Pamela Hoyle, Mr Bill Noble, Mr Stanley Parkinson, Mr David Peters, Mr Ian Riddick, Mr Nigel Silvester, Mrs Jean Slater, Mr Alan Spencer, Mrs Christine Standing, Mr Roy Warburton,

Child Protection – Mrs Sue Walker
Planned Giving – Mr Robert Taylor

Electoral roll – Mr Ian Riddick
Verger – Mr Alan Standing



**All
Partakers in
Christ's
Mission**



During the week leading up to Holy Week we presented **Experience Easter** in the church.

It was a resounding success and much appreciated by all who came – and all who took part in the presentations.

Nearly one hundred children with their teachers and helpers from Springside, St. John with St. Mark and Summerseat Primary Schools visited the event during the week.

The Head Teachers from the schools reported to us that the children really enjoyed their visit and appreciated being asked along. Eli, the donkey, proved to be as popular as ever with the young visitors and he expressed the hope that he would be granted a return outing later this year (with his woolly friends)!

On the Saturday the event was open to the 'general public' and we were glad to welcome many visitors. After morning service on Palm Sunday more members of the congregation participated in their own reflective tour of the displays. There were many expressions of appreciation of what they had seen, heard and felt in a learning and spiritual context.

Of course our thanks go to all those who helped in so many different ways – congregation members and beyond. Around twenty people were involved in preparing, presenting and welcoming visitors – adults and children. Special thanks must go to Summerseat Garden Centre for the loan of so many plants and hard landscaping materials.

Barbara & Nigel Silvester - on behalf of the Ministry Committee.

From the OLD to the New

During this year, which marks 400 years of the Bible in English, we shall be quoting parts of the Bible in the King James' Version and putting beside them a modern translation. This month we have chosen the piece where Jesus blesses children from Saint Matthew's gospel

King James' Version

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.



Common English Bible

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.



Called to ministry?

A day for **anyone** exploring God's call on their life.

Share with others who are thinking about their vocation, whether it be to particular, accredited ministries in the church and local community or to developing their ministry in the context of the wider world. Meet ordinands in training, recently ordained curates, Church Army Officers, Religious, Ordained Local Ministers, Readers, representatives of mission organisations, youth workers and many others who are there to offer guidance and help.

This day is for us all – is there someone who needs your encouragement, your companionship or your prayers?

Book your place now by contacting the Vocations Team on 0161 708 9366

21 May 2011, 9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.
St James Woolfold, Bury

Brownies have been Busy

At the end of March all the Brownies were awarded their hostess badges. They had made table decorations and turned the church hall into a delightful café where they served tea, biscuits and cake to their mothers, to give thanks to their mothers and celebrate Mothering Sunday.



In April the Brownies designed and made hats suitable for the Royal Wedding and there were some spectacular creations which would not look out of place in Westminster Abbey.

Well done, girls!

Prayer Mat

Week One



Heavenly Father, we thank you for holidays and for all the times of rest and recreation. Give refreshment of body and spirit to our friends who are away that they may return to their work and our fellowship with new strength and a new vision of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week Two

Heavenly Father, we pray for the young people and adults who are to be confirmed on Sunday, May 15th:



Abbie Holt, Grace Nuttall, Eryn Reiss,
Lucy Tyrer, Olivia White

Jennifer Barrett, Jennifer and Peter Jones,
Shane Nuttall, Helen Pervaiz, Lisa Weston.

Keep them firm and faithful to the promises which they make, and as we welcome them into full membership of the church, so let them be filled with the power, the love and the joy of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Week Three

Lord, you have taught us that the world is yours and those who live on it. Hear us as we pray for the life of the world; that every nation may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedom may be respected everywhere, and that the earth's resources may be ungrudgingly shared among all men. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



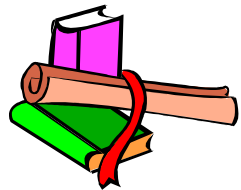
Week Four



As we remember this week the Archdeacon's Visitation at Christ Church, we pray for our Deanery, for the Deanery Synod, for our leaders Revd Gordon Joyce and Peter Lockett, lay chair, for churches in Bury and their clergy and lay leaders. May we all work together to further the sense of God's presence in our town. Amen

Week Five

We bring before you, Lord, all those we know who are taking important examinations at this time. Help them to face their task with calmness and confidence that they may do justice both to themselves and their teachers. Amen



Children's Corner



Easter People

Do you know who?

- betrayed Jesus?
- washed the disciples feet?
- cut off the servant's ear?
- denied Jesus three times?.....
- was the High Priest who questioned Jesus?
- was saved by the crowd from crucifixion?
- who washed his hands of Jesus?
- helped carry Jesus' cross?
- was the disciple Jesus asked to care for his mother?
- gave the tomb for Jesus to be buried in?
- was the first to see Jesus after the resurrection?
- doubted that Jesus had risen?

Sudoku

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Prayer

We pray for our friends in Junior Church who are going to be confirmed this month, that they will be blessed with the Holy Spirit and enjoy their confirmation.

Attendance Certificates and Badges

At this month's Family Service certificates for ten attendances at Junior Church were awarded to

Harris Pervaiz

Sophie Pervaiz

Isaac Robinson

and a Badge for 175 attendances was awarded to Nicholas White.



Lettings

Thank you to Barbara Taylor who found this contribution for *Lettings*

Written by Dianne Loomans, it is entitled ***If I had my child....***

If I had my child to raise all over again
I'd build self esteem first and the house later
I'd finger-paint more and point fingers less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off the watch and watch my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less tugging
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often
I would be firm less and affirm much more
I'd bother less about the love of power
and much more about the power of love.

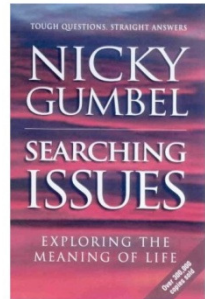
If you have a Christian Book recommendation for *Book Review*, or an item for *Lettings* please contact Jean Slater



Book Review

This is just one of many books written by Nicky Gumbel who is most famous as the developer of the Alpha Course, a basic introduction to Christianity supported by churches of many Christian traditions.

In this book "*Searching Issues*" he chooses 7 topics based on frequently raised "What About" questions by people he met on the Alpha Course. Chapters include questions on Suffering, Other Religions and Homosexuality.



Other Books by Nicky Gumbel can be found on the internet or in any Christian book shop.



When: 5 May 2011
Where: Lower Room, Church Hall
Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

There will be communion. Everyone is welcome, so do come and join this informal meeting for fellowship, worship and time for tea and a chat. Transport can be arranged for you if necessary.

If you require any more information, please contact Revd. Don Altham

Who Cares?

Caring for the Carers

**Diocesan Healing Roadshows
with Bishop Chris Edmondson**



There will be three morning events across the diocese in 2011.

Each will have:

- Keynote address
- Choices of Seminar
- Worship and Prayer
- Quiet area for reflection

Each event will have the following seminars:

- Care for the dying
- Being a carer

and some of the following:

- Care for the homeless (May/Sept)
- Care for the mentally ill (May/ Sept)
- Care for the elderly (Sept/Nov)
- Care for abused children May/Sept)
- Care for victims of sexual assault (Nov)

Dates and Venues are:

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| Saturday 14 May | Christ Church, Pennington |
| Saturday 17 September | St. Peter, Halliwell Bolton |
| Saturday 11 November | St. Martin, Droylsden |

Coffee from 9 a.m. Session 9.30- 1.00 p.m

Cost £10 to cover expenses and refreshments

Application form and further details from Jean Slater

Our meeting on April 6th was an opportunity to look at our theme for 2011, namely 'Faithful Relationships'. I took the resources found on the MU website and we looked at several symbols associated with relationships and faithfulness. It sounds very dry, but in fact we had the chance to chat in groups and discover some truths about why we are members of Mothers' Union. We were challenged to think of ways that we can reach out to our community; the inspiration being a rainbow – one of God's signs of faithfulness to us. We also used the symbol of the cross and challenged ourselves to move forward in faith and prayer.

April 16th was Spring Council, held at St. Thomas' Centre in Ardwick. Eight of our members attended. There is always a plethora of information which is challenging for any who are attending for the first time. I remember feeling overwhelmed on the first few occasions but now absolutely love absorbing everything that is going on. It appears that Manchester Diocese is at the cutting edge of Mothers' Union! I think we are very active and enthusiastic and this is thanks, for the most part, to our Diocesan President, Barbara, who is always thinking of ways to move forward.

The main speaker was Fiona Thomas, the Communications Officer based at Mary Sumner House. Her message was 'Mothers' Union needs you!' The members are the secret weapons to go out and advertise the MU! We need new members so that the organisation can continue to do its wonderful work for many years to come.

Our own Rosemary Taylor is coordinator of AFIA (Away from it All). This is set up to enable people who are seriously in need of a break to have some financial help to do so. Do you know anyone who might need a short holiday or a retreat? If you do, speak to me and I will put you in touch with those who can help.

Barbara Taylor has received an email from the Bishop of Nord Kivu, thanking us for our generosity and reporting that his work is going well.

May 4th Deanery AGM at Bury Parish Church

May 18th **"These are a Few of my Favourite Things."**

Inspired by the idea of the history of the world in 100 objects

Please bring a favourite item and speak for a few minutes.

Cath Hilton,
Branch Leader

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Sing Praises!

A singing day for all aged 8 – 108!



Saturday 11 June 2011

Manchester Cathedral and nearby venues

9.15 am – 4.30 pm



R S M



A multi-choice workshop day designed for all those who enjoy singing, with opportunities to celebrate the diversity of music that is sung in our churches.

Workshops include choral singing (for a range of abilities), opportunities to learn some new hymns and contemporary worship songs, and a chance for children to take part in their own workshops with the Cathedral Choristers.

Bishop Chris, a trained musician, heads a team of renowned musical leaders.

Booking is essential – forms at the back of church, or contact Barbara Silvester. Cost: £10, (discounted to £9 if you pay by Sunday 15th May), children £5. Children must be accompanied.

'We don't have to come back down this ladder do we?' had to be the quote of the day, from the lady in front of me as we started our ascent to the centre of Manchester Velodrome's domed roof.



As my group of four, 'harnessed and helmeted', moved up the walkway, clipped together for safety, I looked down and saw the venue from a completely different viewpoint. People, the track and cyclists all became smaller as we climbed higher. I always thought this would be a good idea but began to question why I had been looking at the Christian Aid website in the first place.

At the apex of the velodrome roof we stood waiting. The only male in the group decided he would be a gentleman and let the ladies go first. I watched Hannah and Kath descend and then it was my turn. Clipped to the safety rope I climbed through the barrier and stood with my toes perched on a narrow ledge.

My abseil rope which I would use to lower myself was also attached and then it was time to lean back and smile for the camera. After that I had to take my feet off the ledge so I was now dangling 40 metres in mid air. The instructor's next words were, 'now is the hard bit, you need to smile for the camera again!'

As I lowered myself down slowly I took a bird's eye view of the cyclists riding round the track and as my confidence grew decided that I would let go of the safety rope and wave to the spectators below! When I reached the ground I took a moment or two to steady my feet and then asked 'can I do it again please?'

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for this challenge, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and which helped raise £482 to support the work of Christian Aid.

Whose turn is it next year?

Rosemary Taylor



What's on in Walmersley

May

- Wed 4 Mothers' Union Deanery AGM – St Mary Bury
- Mon 9 Ministry committee
- Sun 15 Confirmation 6 p.m. at St Thomas'
- 15-21 Christian Aid Week
- Tue 17 Deanery Synod – OPEN MEETING 'Women Bishops'
at St Paul Ramsbottom at 7.30 p.m.
- Wed 18 Mothers' Union – These are a few of my favourite things
- Sat 21 Living Stones St James Woolfold
- Tue 24 Archdeacon's Visitation at CCW
- Wed 25 PCC, preceded by Holy Communion at 7 p.m. in church

June

- Sat 11 Sing Praises!
- Sun 19 Summer Praise

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

In 2011 Whitsunday or Pentecost falls on the second Sunday of June, which is the date on which we now hold our SUMMER PRAISE.

June 12 will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

June 19 will be Summer Praise



Young People from Springside School



Experience Easter