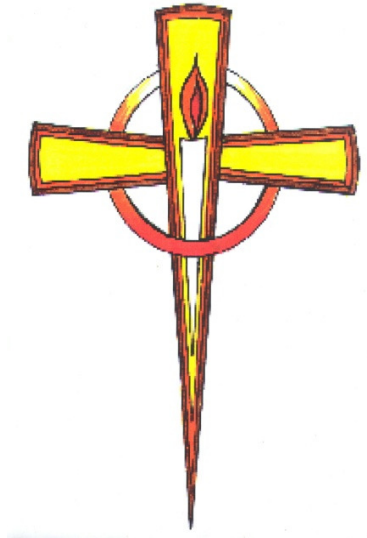


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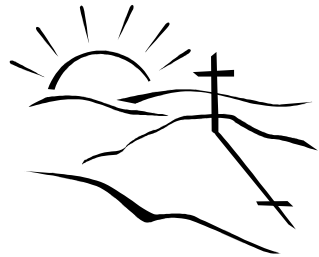
Spreading the Word

June 2011

Thought for the Month

the place: Porpoise Point, Maine, New England
the date: Easter Sunday
the time: 5.45
the occasion: a sun rise service for Christian insomniacs to celebrate the Risen Lord.

No sun this morning but a sea fret that clouded both the headland where we held our service and the surrounding seascape. The result- visibility zero! No porpoises today, then! We could hear the melancholic boom of the foghorn and the cry of birds in the silence of the moments of contemplation. At one stage, I was aware that there was a stretch (nearly 3,000 miles) of Atlantic ocean between us and the nearest land, Ireland, and I thought of our church in Walmersley, even further away, gathering in worship to celebrate Easter some five hours before the American scene on this side of the Pond. The poet, Robert Browning wrote of *home thoughts from abroad*: Oh, to be in England now that April's there.... Time and distance are no separation - it is a special moment of togetherness in the Body of Christ stretching beyond the mist shrouded horizon we were currently experiencing.



After the chill and damp of the open air which meant that the service was kept quite short it was lovely to go into the church hall for a lavish breakfast of coffee and donuts (and forbidden extras swimming in maple syrup) and enjoy warm fellowship with this Christian community. The mist was to disappear later that morning and give us enough sunshine to encourage us to go for a walk along the beach. We have been learning how to play baseball under the strict tutelage of a coach of eight years of age. No consideration for the elderly!

We had travelled to make our first visit to our son and family since they had left these shores on the 27th December and settled into their new home in Kennebunkport, famous for the holiday home of the Bush family, formerly of the White House – for those of you who have short memories!

Nowadays, we have the privilege of easy contact with the junior family because of telephones but, more importantly, we have the ability to have a conversation and **see** them via Skype on the computer. I know that others in our Church family are equally in regular communication with distant family and friends via these modern systems. How grateful we are for this miracle of modern technology! Keeping in touch is not a problem.

Even so, what greater joy than to be actually with the people who matter, to share the daily routines again, to be swept up in the business of family involvement! It still beats a remote electronic conversation.

You do not have to have a good memory or even to have lived a long time to be aware how much our horizons have altered in the last two decades. There is an unfinished debate about whether it is all progress but we continue to take advantage of some benefits of communication.

I hope that your Easter provided a special moment of family time, a time of outreach, a time shared with the Risen Lord, a time of love, a time of hope.

Keep those lines open.



Don

SERVICES AND READINGS FOR JUNE



June 2nd **Ascension Day**
7.30 p.m. Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

June 5th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

June 12th **Pentecost**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23

June 19th **Trinity Sunday**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20
10.30 a.m. Summer Praise

June 26th **Sunday after Trinity**
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

June 5 th	Bill Noble
June 12 th	Jean Slater
June 19 th	
June 26 th	Ian Riddick

INTERCESSIONS

Margaret Schofield
Joe McDermott
SUMMER PRAISE
Margery Spencer

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

June 5 th	Jean Slater	Alan Spencer	Roy Warburton
June 12 th	Sybil Fryer	Chris Standring	Bill Noble
June 19 th	Ian Riddick	Shelagh Beetson	Geoff Hamilton
June 26 th	David Peters	Nigel Silvester	Pamela Hoyle

LAY ASSISTANTS

June 5 th	Jean Slater	Margery Spencer
June 12 th	Cath Hilton	Tricia Stokes

FLOWERS

June 5 th	Mr & Mrs N. Silvester
June 12 th	In memory of Mr & Mrs. Dutton
June 19 th	In memory of the Falshaw family
June 26 th	Mrs J Wood





An icon for baptism showing a cross above a person being baptized in water, with a dove above the cross.	Baptism May 1 st	Oliver Ethan Walker
An icon for a funeral showing a cross in an arched window with a landscape below.	Funeral May 13 th	Irene Walmsley

Summer Praise

Join us for a time of praise and thanksgiving
for the blessings God has given us

Sunday, 19 June at 10.30 a.m.

Tottington Band will lead our singing;
with members of the church family
involved in prayers, drama and readings

If weather permits we shall meet on the Church Field
and, if not, in Church
Everyone is welcome so please bring your friends

This is also **Fathers' Day** - why not bring your Dad and Granddad?

As a father is kind to his children,
so the Lord is kind to those who honour him.
Psalm 103:13

On 18th June in our Cathedral, Janet will be Ordained Priest and will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time at 10.30am on Sunday 19th June in St John with St Mark's.

I know she feels like I do about the whole thing so, along with her wedding and the birth of her children, this will be one of the life changing events in her life.

It also happens to be the 40th Wedding Anniversary for Ann and myself and we are privileged to have Janet's very first Priestly Blessing be on our marriage.

After the service there will be a buffet lunch with a licensed bar by way of a joint celebration. Janet and John and Ann and I would be very pleased if you can get to the service and/or join us afterwards.

Ian



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Manchester

What a wonderful few weeks we have had with the Easter celebrations and the magnificent weather!

I have little to report as there has not been a Branch meeting since my last contribution to the magazine, however, there is much to look forward to!

On May 4th, ten of our members attended the Deanery AGM which was held in the Blackburne Hall at Bury Parish Church. Following the business part of the evening, we were treated to a lovely selection of cakes and cups of tea and an unusual entertainment by a group of ladies who are connected to the Guiding Movement. They took us through the year and seasons with a variety of songs and readings, many of which had a Lancashire bent. Better still, we were able to join in and it was a novelty to sing rhymes such as 'Hot cross buns, hot cross buns. One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns.' !

Next month I will be able to uncover some of the 'Favourite Things' belonging to our members (with permission of course.) I am looking forward to that.

Looking further ahead, may I recommend our first June meeting. For those who may not be aware, Dr. Jennifer Cropper is the daughter of Barbara Silvester. We are really happy that she has been able to come to speak to us, particularly as she lives on the south coast. She is a Clinical Psychologist who works with profoundly deaf children. It will be a fascinating evening. May I also reiterate that our meetings are open to all – not only members.

The Italian Evening is for anyone in the congregation – male or female – who is interested to find out about the work of the Mothers' Union and may be interested in joining. You will be amazed by the extent of the outreach achieved here and abroad. Please see a member to get a ticket. There is no charge for the meal but we do need to have an idea of numbers for catering.

June 1 st	Look who's Talking - Dr. Jennifer Cropper Cochlea Implants in children
June 15 th	Italian Evening
July 6 th	Communion in the Chapel followed by Strawberry Sparkle
July 20 th	Meal out with family and friends

On Saturday 20th August
Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Manchester
Day of Quiet and Retreat
'Be still and know that I am God'
Bolton Road Methodist
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
£5
See Cath Hilton if interested.



Catherine Hilton, Branch Leader

From the OLD to the New

During this year, which marks 400 years of the Bible in English, we are quoting parts of the Bible in the King James' Version and putting beside them a modern translation. This month we have chosen the story of Pentecost

King James' Version

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

Good News Bible



When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages?"

Bible on a washing line

Saturday 4 June 7.30 p.m.,
St John's Mossley



In nearly 1½ hours this drama presents a wide range of biblical events and topics in a modern context. The "Top Ten" approach to well, and lesser, known bible stories is delivered through the eyes of forensic scientists, fashion students, a talk show host, Uncle Dave and a host of other characters.

The event is suitable for all ages from early teens upwards and presents things in a novel way to those who might not realise just what you can find in the Bible! Tickets £5. More details at <http://www.manchester.anglican.org/events/1874/bible-on-a-washing-line>

Who's Who

How do you sum yourself up in 250 words? I'm a teacher and a clergyman so that makes it doubly difficult. Although I am a fairly local lad I'm not really 'from round here'. Born at Bealey's, in Radcliffe, I spent my first carefree seven years as an only child in Stoneclough near Farnworth. The early 60's was a great time to be a kid. It seemed to be summer all the time and we had great fun playing out, making dens and getting up to the usual innocent mischief. A great memory, and I have the photo to prove it, is of a steam train ride to see Father Christmas at Lewis's. I danced with the Elves, so as you can see I've always been a bit precocious. At seven all changed. Over the next seven years I gained four brothers. We moved house 6 times, in Bury then Rochdale and back to Bury in 1971. I completed my education at The Derby School and read Biochemistry at UCW Aberystwyth. My career aim was to be a clinical biochemist. Then Chemical Engineering but went to Chester to do teacher training as my girl friend was doing her law part two exams there. So I sort of fell into teaching. I started teaching science at Wardle High in Rochdale before moving into Further Education in Salford where I have remained.

I first sensed a call to ministry at University and eventually followed my Grandfather's footsteps into reader ministry. I had a very fulfilling 21 years in that office. God had other ideas and like the Mountie he always gets his man (or woman). I had at least 10 talks over the years with various diocesan officers but it wasn't until Ian suggested OLM that I finally took the plunge.

I love walking and real ale and so does our Jack Russell Dodger. I also like art and architecture which fits well with my wife Diane. As I write I'm having my musical tastes expanded by our daughter Eleanor, getting into Greenday and reawakening my interest in Heavy Rock.

(If you haven't worked it out the answer is on page 26)

Sing Praises!

A singing day for all aged 8 – 108!



A multi-choice workshop day, on 11 June at Manchester Cathedral, 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, opportunities to learn new hymns and songs, and an opportunity for children to sing with the Cathedral choristers.

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

Booking essential – forms at the back of church, or contact Barbara Silvester. Cost: £10, children (who must be accompanied) £5



When:	2 June 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

25th Bury Guides

Invite you to a
PAMPER NIGHT

Friday 10th June

7.30pm

at Christ Church Walmersley
Church Hall

Refreshments will
be served

Open to all so bring a friend!

The evening will be run by
a Vie at home consultant
and there will be plenty of
samples and an opportunity to
order from the catalogue

VIE
at home



One of the advantages of being a Church representative is that you get invited to the local Tearfund prayer and support group.

Last month the group was visited by two amazing people, the first was Katy Holden she had taken up the opportunity to visit one of the projects run by Tearfund in Uganda – it was the project that we supported back in 2009 at Harvest “Make Life Flow” campaign where the Diocese of Kigezi was working with villages who wanted to collect rainwater for domestic use. This is a project that has been running for nearly 20 years- Tearfund have been in from the beginning and will continue their support as long as the Diocese want. The government have recognised the work and now want the Diocese to help in other regions.

During her visit she saw many villages and how the scheme has evolved and adapted over the years, at one village she saw a water tap that was disused and on enquiring as to why she was told that a charity came in and installed it but provided no local knowledge of maintenance or repair so it was no use as nobody knew how to fix it. At another project she came across a Mothers Union person who worked with AIDS victims and they too were in for the long haul.

The other person was Barbara Chavunduka who gave us an insight into her homeland of Zimbabwe and what was going on there.

On 20th June the speaker will be Richard Avery, our Tearfund Network Advisor, who will be speaking about communities that are being transformed by local churches in Uganda, Peru and Nepal. If you would like to join me in hearing him speak please ask and we can sort out details.

Barbara Silvester. (Tearfund Church Rep.)

Prayer Mat

Week One



Dear Jesus, after your resurrection and giving proof to your disciples that you were alive, we thank you that on Ascension Day you ascended into heaven to be with the Father. We thank you also that you have promised to come back to us in the same way that you went to heaven. Lord, we long for the day when you will come again and pray that we may recognise you by your glory and your deeds. We pray also that we may all remain in your love for eternity. Amen.

Week Two

Dearest Lord, we thank you that the Holy Spirit came down to us at Pentecost bringing the gift of tongues to those present. Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts that you bestow on us today through your Spirit. Help us to be open to them and not be afraid to use them. Help us all to be born again in the Spirit that we may rejoice and proclaim your name and your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Week Three

Father, we rejoice that you are the Trinity – the three in one: On this Trinity Sunday help us to know that you are God the Father who loves us so completely and unconditionally; God the Son who takes us to you and intercedes for us; and God the Holy Spirit who bestows such wonderful gifts upon us. Help us to understand who you are, what you do for us, and for us to give thanks for your greatness. Amen.

Week Four

THE WORD OF GOD

Brighter than a star,
Deeper than the sea,
Gentler than a dove,
Higher than heaven,
Quicker than light,
Sharper than flint,
Stronger than steel,
Sweeter than honey
Wider than the ocean,
That is the word of God to me
Lagos Diocese, Nigeria
(a Mothers' Union anthology of poetry)



We pray for Janet as she is ordained priest in Manchester Cathedral on June 18th

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

Children's Corner



A new language The Holy Spirit Acts 2 – 4

Follow the directions then write the words that are left in the spaces below to see the wonderful thing that happened to the believers after Jesus went back to heaven.

Cross off all the words that have an X in them.

Cross off all the words that begin with a letter C.

Cross off all the words that rhyme with time.

Cross off all the words that are books of the Bible.

Cross off all the words that are animals.

Cross off all the words that are colours.

Cross off all the words that are numbers.

Cross off all the words that end with the letter P.

GENT	LIME	MARK	THEY	AXE	DOG	WERE	MIME
BOX	ALL	FILLED	BLUE	WITH	THE	TWO	RAP
HOLY	EZRA	SPIRIT	MOUSE	FLAP	AND	RED	FOUR
BEGAN	LAMB	TO	FIVE	WHITE	SPEAK	COMB	RUTH
KINGS	IN	SIP	SIX	OTHER	DIP	LANG- UAGES	YELLOW

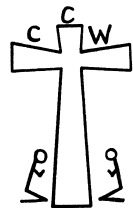
A picture to colour and a prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Holy Spirit which strengthens us. Let us use the gifts we receive in your service. Amen.



Attendance Badges

At May's Family Service a badge for fifty attendances at Junior Church was awarded to Charlotte Weston and a badge for 75 attendances was awarded to Lucy Tyrer. Congratulations!





Lettings

Having read this recently, thought I would share it with you this month. A Blessing by Revd. Thomas Mustard.

*Be careful as you go into God's creation
For it does not belong to you.
Be gentle with yourself and others
For we are the dwellingplace of the Most High.
Be alert and be silent for God is a whisper.*

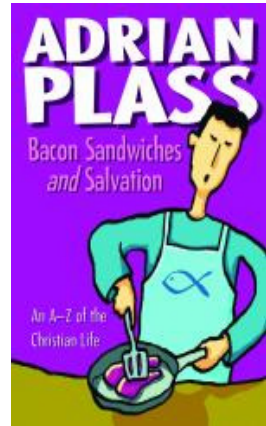


Book Review

Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation an A-Z of the Christian Life

Adrian Plass is renowned for writing books to express the silly side of Christian culture. This, his latest book creates an enthralling A-Z of Christian life with many hilariously funny entries alongside those that provoke more serious thought.

Adrian is a writer and speaker who has written over thirty books, his most famous is "The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass". He lives in Sussex and has been in demand as a speaker for many years, in churches, prisons and various venues. Now with his wife, Bridget, he travels around the world, privileged to work alongside World Vision to encourage people to take up Child sponsorship.



If you have a Christian Book recommendation for *Book Review*, or an item for *Lettings* please contact Jean Slater at magazine@ccwalmersleybury.org.uk



SUMMER

FAIR 2011

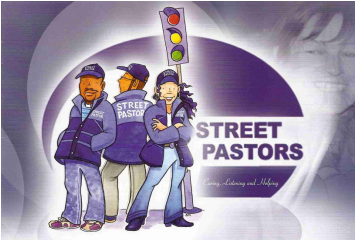
Saturday, 2 July

11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Church field and hall

Please contact Tricia Stokes if you are able to help, with planning, publicity, stalls or any of the myriad of other tasks, or e-mail ccwalmersley@hotmail.co.uk

STREET PASTORS IN BURY



The first Street Pastors Initiative (SPI) was established in 2004 in Moss Side; several others followed across the region and Bury is one of the latest to be set up. At the moment there are approximately 160 active street pastors in Greater Manchester

For Bury 12 Street Pastors from a range of Churches (none from the C of E at the moment) have been undergoing training as well as a number of Prayer Pastors who will support the teams as they go out. I have been to one and a half training sessions and they are very well organized and hard hitting. The focus is on safety, working with the police, local authority, bar owners and other interested parties. At both of the days I've attended there has been input from the police who see SPs as valuable assets on the streets and able to defuse incidents before they develop just by their presence. There has been an emphasis on practicalities including walking the streets, observing and role play. It is clear the primary focus is on pastoral care not evangelism. If seeds are sown then all to the good but the opportunity to show care and concern is paramount.

In the two months I've been involved things have moved apace.

MAJOR MILESTONES IN THE SETTING UP OF THE BURY SPI

- Two Coordinators have been appointed who have day to day running responsibilities
- Premises for a base identified
- Bury Management Group set up it has 4 members I represent CofE
- Agreements made with Ascension Trust who oversee the Street Pastor Initiatives country wide.
- Affiliation to the Greater Manchester Street Pastor Initiative and meetings have been attended
- Funding is being applied for with the help of the Police, GMSPI and Ascension Trust
- Bank Account set up and Treasurer identified

COMING UP

- 24th May: Bury Stage 5 meeting. This is a formal meeting with local agencies Police, security, local authority etc. before SPs will be allowed out onto the streets. It will also clarify communication networks and protocols.
- 20th June Bury Commissioning Service at The Parish Church (The Area Dean will attend, others are welcome) and the first night out, with full nights out starting from Friday 24th June.

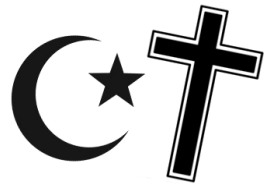
It is proposed to field a team of 6 each Friday who will patrol a rectangle comprising Silver Street and Market Street and adjoining streets with a short spur along Bolton Street and the Rock.

Once the scheme is running it is proposed to use the group to publicise the work more widely in local churches to recruit both SPs and Prayer Pastors to ensure the initiative continues and possible widen the scope to Saturday night.

Paul Sanderson

Each year the Muslim Christian forum arranges **Harmony Day**

- an opportunity for Christians and Muslims to share a short act of worship; to ask questions; to explore church and mosque and to share fellowship over refreshments.
- also by processing between church and mosque to show our community that we are working together.



On Saturday, June 11 the afternoon will start at 2 p.m. at St Joseph's Church, followed by a walk to the Jamia Masji-e-Khizra mosque in Parker Street for 3.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at approximately 4.30 p.m.

Are you curious about other faiths? Come and share in this day.



For 2012 Spring Harvest will be looking at the Church. We'll explore what it is in theology, in history and in reality. We're focusing on 'Church Actually' because **we love the Church** and because we believe that it is God's hope for the world!

We'll answer some of the big questions that get asked about the Church by exploring four of the pictures used in the New Testament to describe it- the people of God, the Community of the Spirit, the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ.

We'll look at the mission of the Church in our culture and our calling as God's people. The **vibrant**, practical programme will get you thinking more, loving more and doing more.

Spring Harvest 2012 is a **celebration** of the most life-changing world-shaking community in history.

Join us in April. Bring your family, bring your friends for an amazing event.

For a change we intend to go to Minehead instead of Skegness – Nigel and I went there last year and were really impressed with the site and facilities- it made the drive worth it!

The accommodation at Butlins has been improved beyond all recognition over the last few years and now boasts some apartments with wide screen TV & DVD players (not that you will be wanting to spend too much time there as there so much to do and enjoy!) there is a choice of half board or self catering, and standard to Blue Skies accommodation levels.(See www.springharvest.org/accommodation)

There is something for all ages, from babes in arms to people in their 90's. Great fun for all the family and no need to worry if you are on your own.

Booking opens on 15th June and the most popular accommodation can sell out within a couple of hours so please see Barbara or Nigel Silvester ASAP for full details. If we have sufficient interest we may be able to get a small discount if we all book together rather than as individuals.

Barbara Silvester



Many thanks to all those who have kindly donated to the British Legion Appeal to provide items for soldiers from the North West serving overseas. I intend to deliver them to Standish in the second week in June. If anyone still wishes to donate, the box will remain at the back of church until then.

With grateful thanks,
Margaret Peters

What's on in Walmersley

June

- Wed 1 Mothers' Union: Look Who's Talking – Dr Jennifer Cropper
- Thu 2 Ascension Day 7.30 p.m.
- Tue 7 Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry training
- Fri 10 Pamper Evening
- Sat 11 Summer Fair at St John with St Mark
- Sat 11 Sing Praises! Manchester Cathedral
- Sat 11 Harmony Day arranged by the Muslim Christian Forum
- Wed 15 Spring Harvest booking opens
- Wed 15 Mothers' Union: Italian Meal – open to all
- Sat 18 Ordination of Janet Lyssejko Manchester Cathedral
- Sun 19 Summer Praise
- Mon 20 Commissioning of Street Pastors
- Mon 20 Tearfund prayer and support group
- Sat 25 Cream Tea at St John with St Mark
- Tue 28 Diocesan Synod

July

- Sat 2 Summer Fair
- Sun 3 Celebration of Reader Ministry Manchester Cathedral

The answer to **Who's Who?** – Paul Sanderson

God has called you by name
and made you his own



Some of the candidates gathering at St Thomas'
for their confirmation by Bishop Chris,
with Don, Margery and Janet
who guided them to this point.

