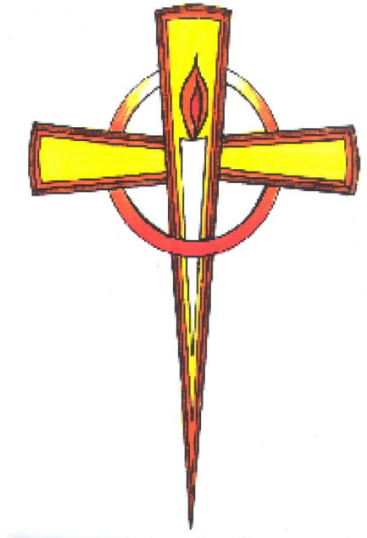


Christ Church Walmersley

in the Benefice of Walmersley Road



Magazine

Spreading the Word

August 2011

Thought for the Month

A couple of weeks ago Nigel and I decided it was time to have another "Pensioners Day Out." Instead of heading off to Manchester we took the bus passes and headed up to Edenfield – a walk was the order of the day.

We dropped down to Irwell Vale and then walked back towards Bury following the railway. The walk follows the Irwell Valley Sculpture Trail. The first sculpture we came to reminded me of pumping gear (think school physics meets Victorian engineering) and onwards we went. We passed a couple of dead trees that had been carved – one had rotted and had fallen over, then we saw what looked like a wooden rectangle – what on earth was it we thought? Is this another sculpture or random pieces of timber that had once been something? Had something fallen off it? A swing perhaps? It looked really odd.

As we approached it we were none the wiser, it was only when we had walked by to the other side of the construction and were looking back that we realised that it was carved all the way round and the view through it was a picture (complete with the carved trees) we had been looking at it the WRONG WAY. What a difference looking at it the right way made.



There have been several art programmes on television recently where those with knowledge of the subject have talked the viewer through aspects of the painting and the social background of the day. What a difference that made to the appreciation of the painting.

It's just the same looking at the scriptures, we can be looking at them the wrong way and it just doesn't make sense. Jesus spent his ministry getting the people to look at things through God's eyes- the right way. If you think about it the thing that stuck in the mind of the followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus was how their fellow traveller had opened the scriptures to them with his knowledgeable explanations.

It's not easy for us today, it takes time and effort, but looking at the scriptures with a bit of help makes all the difference, not just as to how you interpret them but as to how you live your life. This is where study notes and groups come in. I am thankful that as a Reader I can go on study days provided by the Diocese which was where I was last Saturday with Margery (and Nigel as an ALM in training.) Our ideas about Pharisees were turned around we had been looking at them the wrong way. You will probably hear more about them another time.

Many of us take a book on holiday; it's the only time we get to read in our busy lives! So how about taking a study/Christian book with you – perhaps one that has been on your shelf for some time waiting for that moment of peace and quiet to read it.

Happy holiday reading to you;
God bless,
Barbara

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 – numbers are limited





SERVICES AND READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 7th **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

August 14th **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

10.30 a.m. Family Service
Matthew 15:21-28

August 21st **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

August 28th **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Looking for something good to read this week?

There are lots of Bible reading notes to help you: Daily Bread, Every Day with Jesus, The Grid, and lots more – ask any of the clergy for guidance

ARE YOU ON DUTY?

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

READINGS

August 7 th	Bill Noble
August 14 th	Sybil Fryer
August 21 st	Alison Fewtrell
August 28 th	Jean Slater

INTERCESSIONS

Barbara Taylor
Alan Spencer
Joe McDermott
Ian Riddick

SIDESMEN / WOMEN ROTA

August 7 th	Alan Spencer	Roy Warburton	Sybil Fryer
August 14 th	Chris Standring	Bill Noble	Ian Riddick
August 21 st	Shelagh Beetson	Geoff Hamilton	David Peters
August 28 th	Nigel Silvester	Pamela Hoyle	Alison Fewtrell

LAY ASSISTANTS

August 7 th	Cath Hilton	Tricia Stokes
August 21 st	Nigel Silvester	

*People may doubt what you say,
but they will always believe what you do.*

FLOWERS

- August 7th Mr & Mrs A Standring
- August 14th In memory of Norman Leake
- August 21st Mrs. B. M. Winterbottom in memory of Fred and Malcolm
- August 28th Mr& Mrs I Riddick in memory of their parents

Apologies for the error in last month’s magazine – flowers given for the following dates were:

- July 24th In memory of Mr and Mrs L. B. Thew
- July 31st In memory of Margery Greenhalgh



	<p>Baptism July 3rd</p>	<p>Ethan James Hargreaves</p>
	<p>Funeral June 27th</p>	<p>Barbara Leather</p>



When: 4 August 2011
 Where: Lower Room, Church Hall
 Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Summer is here!

This month I am hosting a series of afternoon teas at home to raise money for Mothers' Union charities. I have my fingers crossed as far as the weather is concerned. My imagination shows us sitting in the garden but time will tell! I have made sure that there will be room inside if it rains.



Last month I promised a report about the Italian Evening. I feel that I can confidently say that it was a resounding success and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put it together.

The Hall looked amazing thanks to Miriam Hamilton, Pat Mongey, Christine Standring and Shelagh Beetson who spent the afternoon setting up. We had table quizzes provided by Pat Mongey and Alison Fewtrell which helped to get people in the mood and socialising whilst we prepared food in the kitchen. Many thanks to all those who helped with serving and clearing up afterwards and also to Hilary Riddick for bringing the MU Shop.

All in all it was a very enjoyable time and we were really pleased and excited to recruit several new members in addition to making a small profit to use for MU charities.

We contributed to the Summer Fair with the Holiday Stall and a café serving Ploughman's Lunches and Cream Teas. Thanks to all helpers and scone providers we made a sizeable profit for Church funds.



Holy Communion and Strawberry Sparkle was particularly rewarding as we had FIVE new members to enrol. Welcome to Dennis Dutton, Betty Walker, Kim and Nichola Cassidy and Nichola Kelly.
(See <http://mothersunionmanchester.org/visitors> for their welcome!)

Bolton Archdeaconry held 'Any Questions' at St. Catherine's Farnworth on July 12th. Several of our members attended. The evening was led by Revd. Alison Hardy who very ably introduced the questions and kept order. The panel consisted of Jake Berry, MP for Rossendale and Darwen; Jeremy Duerden, a retired County Court judge; Mrs Pat Cannon, school governor and Mothers' Union member and Mrs Barbara Taylor, Diocesan President. Questions addressed included the topics of the commercialisation and sexualisation of children and opinions on same sex 'marriage' on religious premises. It was both informative and entertaining.

We are now looking forward to our meal out with family and friends at Summerseat Garden Centre.

Dates for your diary

Aug 3 rd	Beetle Drive
Aug 17 th	Rosemary Taylor – 'Away From It All' scheme
Sept 7 th	102 nd Birthday Party
Sept 21 st	The Trip of my Life! (You are invited to bring photos or a DVD to give a snapshot of a special trip.)

*August 9th Bolton Archdeaconry Festival at St. Anne's, Edgeside
(Lifts will be available for this event)
Bishop Chris will preach and also commission Angela Dand to her role as Action and Outreach co-ordinator.

August 9th is Mary Sumner Day and designated this year as a Day of Prayer for the future of Mothers' Union work around the world.

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 prayer which Jesus taught his disciples and we know as the Lord's Prayer.

King James' Version

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

Contemporary English Version

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray."

So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way:

'Father, help us to honour your name.

Come and set up your kingdom.

Give us each day the food we need.

Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us.

And keep us from being tempted.' "



THE WORD REVEALED

A diocesan service to commemorate the
400th anniversary of the King James Bible

Sunday, 23 October at 3 p.m.

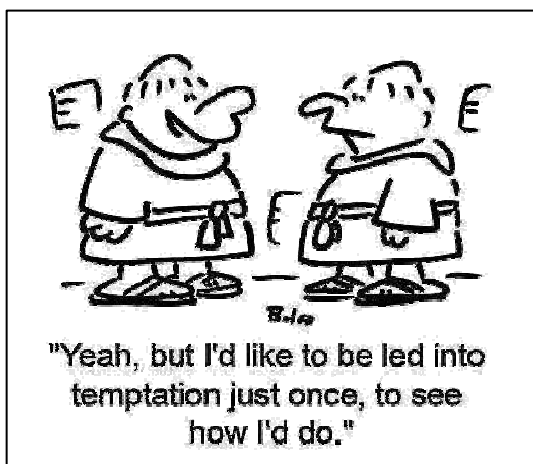
in Manchester Cathedral

The address will be given by The Revd Professor Alister McGrath, Professor of Theology, Ministry and Education, and Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture at King's College, London.

As well as contributions from churches within the diocese, Riding Lights Theatre Company will be playing a major part in leading the service.

Bishop Nigel has expressed the hope that those who week by week read the scriptures in public worship will be among those who come to this service to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

Tickets are free but must be requested in advance by contacting the Wardens or directly to Bishops court on 0161 792 2096 or sec@bishops court.manchester.anglican.org



"The Word Revealed, writes Bishop Nigel, *"will be, quite literally, a once in a lifetime event as we thank God for the gift of His word and lasting impact of the labours of those who made it so readily available 400 years ago."*

Prayer Mat

Week One

Prayer of Cardinal Newman

Dear Jesus,
Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with your Spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly
that our lives may be only a radiance of yours.
Shine through us, and so be in us that every soul
that we come into contact with
may feel your presence in our soul.
Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!
Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine;
so to shine as to be a light to others, the light, O Jesus,
will be all from you, none of it will be ours:
it will be you, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best
by shining on those around us. Amen.

Week Two

This week we give thanks for the life of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers` Union. We pray for our own branch here at Walmersley, for Cath, our branch leader, and Barbara, our Diocesan President, and our newly enrolled members- Kim, Nichola, Betty, Nichola, and Dennis.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.



Week Three

Christ our life,
you are alive in the beauty of the earth,
in the rhythm of the seasons,
in the mystery of time and space,
Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive in the tenderness of touch,
in the heartbeat of intimacy,
in the insights of solitude,
Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive to offer re-creation to every unhealed hurt,
to every deadened place,
to every damaged heart,
Alleluia

Week Four

We remember in our prayers those waiting for exam results, those about to start new schools, classes, and jobs. We pray for those who are unemployed and those for whom the future looks bleak. Amen

Bye Buy Test

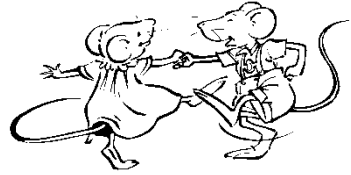
Use this test when shopping to help you think about what or who is influencing your choices:

- ❓ Why do I want to buy it?
- 0 How often will I use it?
- £ Can I afford it?
- X What will happen if I don't buy it?

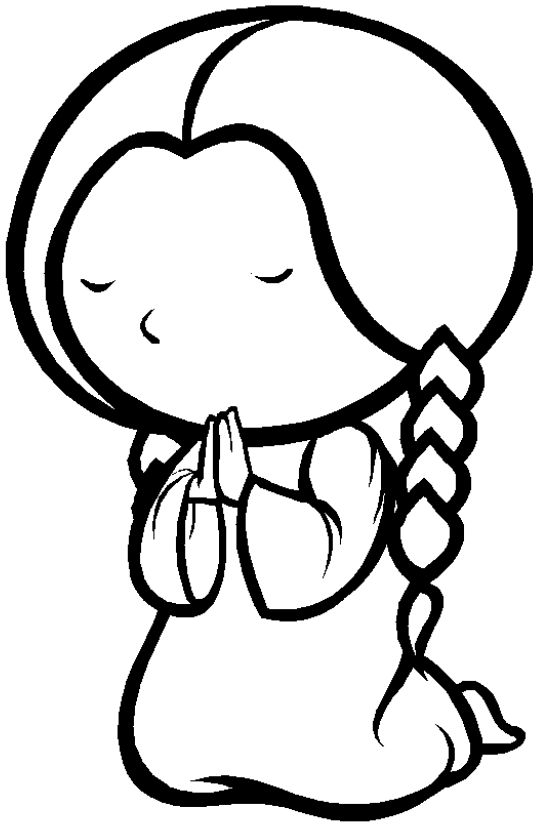
£350 million is spent in the UK each year on advertising to children. Product placement and pester power encourages children to spend, spend, spend. As individuals, we can feel small against the power of commercialisation.

But together we can, and will, make a difference – and transform the lives of children. Check out the Bye Buy Childhood campaign.

Children's Corner

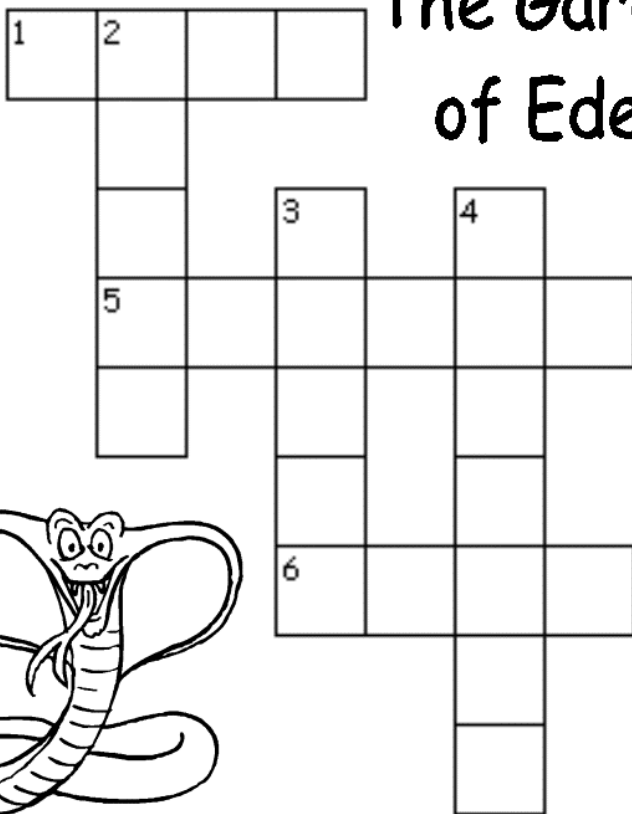


A page for you to colour



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

The Garden of Eden



Across

1. God created woman from one of Adam's _____.
5. Eden was a beautiful _____.
6. The _____ of Knowledge stood in the center of Eden.

Down

2. God created man in His _____.
3. The snake tempted Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden _____.
4. The _____ was the cleverest of all the beasts.



Lettings

Thanks to Sybil Fryer for this contribution to *Lettings* this month.
I think this should be dedicated to all who knit.

Go On With Your Knittin'

When the folks next to you act like those in the zoo
A grumblin', growlin' and spittin'
It's a pretty good plan
To be as calm as you can
And do something useful like knittin'.

When a gossipin' Susan with poison barbed tongue
Comes into the room where you're sittin'
And starts to defame
Some neighbour's good name
Count your stitches out loud and keep knittin'.

When there's been slight misunderstanding at church
And others hint broadly of quittin'
Why the very best thing you can do is to sing
And stay at your post and keep knittin'.

When Satan moves in with his cohorts of sin
Say you'll never find me submittin',
You irk me I find
So get thee behind
And please don't disturb me – I'm knittin'

In the middle of problems, the big ones and small
It's always proper and fittin'
To trust and to pray
'Til the Lord shows the way
And go right ahead with your knittin'.



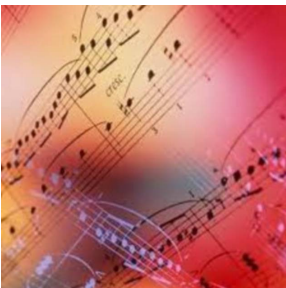
Book Review

Sorry I have no book review this month but I would like to thank Nigel Silvester for his comments and corrections he put in the magazine last month about the book "Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation" by Adrian Plass that I reviewed in June.

I had only recently been thinking that apart from my review of "The Shack" no-one has ever comes back to me with comments about the books that are reviewed, so thank you Nigel. It would be good to hear from you your opinions of any you have read. So please let me know what you think, either personally or through the magazine.

Also thank you to Don for giving a number of books to church for people to borrow. These can be found at the back of church immediately behind the pews. Please feel free to take any to read and then return after use.

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



Do you enjoy singing?

An ad hoc choir, under the leadership of Cath Hilton, will be singing in Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday, 5 October for the Mothers' Union Annual Festival. Please have a word with Cath if you would like to join in.



Around ten million people in East Africa are facing severe hunger as some areas experience the worst drought in 60 years, destroying crops and livestock.

Combined with failed harvests and escalating staple food prices, the drought is creating a dangerous mix that is pushing people to the brink of starvation.

South east Ethiopia is the hardest hit region, with 3.2 million farming-dependent people experiencing food shortages, while 3.2 million others are affected in northern Kenya and 2.5 million in Somalia.

All the major agencies are working in these countries to alleviate distress and to try and prevent this disaster from becoming a catastrophe.

An easy way to give to this appeal is through the Disasters Emergency Committee, which represents 14 aid agencies including Christian Aid and Tearfund. Donations can be made at any bank, online or by post to

DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal, PO Box 999, London, EC3A 3AA

If you are a UK taxpayer, please do not forget to complete a Gift Aid form.

DEC chief executive, Brendan Gormley, said in mid July that the British people had already donated £10 million for those in need in East Africa.

“A British pound can provide an emergency food parcel to feed a family in Kenya or Somalia for a week. We want people to know their generosity is making a difference.”

To the countries where food is scarce,
mercy Lord, while there is still time.
To the countries where crops have failed,
rescue Lord, while there is time.
In the countries where we have plenty,
set our hearts on sharing at this time.
In countries where we forget those in need,
set our prayers on Africa at this time. Amen

Peter Graystone



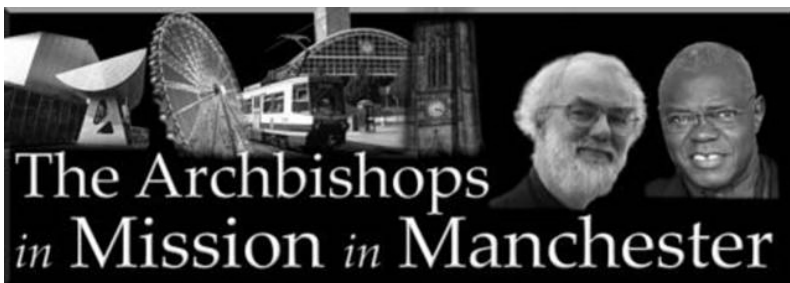
It rained and it rained and it rained.

Piglet told himself . . . never had he seen so much rain.

Well certainly there was far too much to allow Junior Church to hold the planned Sports Day on the field. But lots of fun and games were nevertheless enjoyed, in the Hall.

Children, leaders and the PCC expressed thanks to Margaret Noble for her valuable contribution to the leadership team over the past 11 years – and wish her every blessing in her future ministry at Christ Church.

Leaders have a break, an opportunity to recharge their batteries. We who meet each Sunday in church look forward to the contribution the young people make to our worship, whilst they are able to share the whole service with us. Junior Church will meet again in the Hall on September 18th.



This visit was the first by the archbishops together to an industrial city – Manchester once again leading the way! During the visit the Archbishops led a service marking the end of Run the Race, the Bishop of Manchester's five year pilgrimage to the diocese. During the service the Bishop carried the Commonwealth baton to Manchester Cathedral, the place where the pilgrimage began, and a new challenge was given to the diocese by the Archbishops.

A dvd is now available from this unique occasion and may be borrowed – please ask the Wardens if you are interested.



The Summer Garden Party

What a success!

Sunshine, laughter and community spirit.

Thank you to all who helped with preparation on or before the day and especially the clearing up after. Thank you again for all the wonderful donations of gifts for raffles, tombola stalls and many others toys etc. Your time given to raise much needed funds for our church is always appreciated; it also enabled us to make a donation to the charity Boomerang.

Everyone had a fabulous time and the positive feedback makes it all worthwhile in the end. The children had a great time and their input was fantastic. They also helped us raise money with the events on the field.

We had the opportunity to see members of the congregation who normally can't get out for one reason or another. When I walked around and chatted to them while they were enjoying their ploughman's lunch or their cream tea they expressed their gratitude and said they were having a really lovely time and the food was really good as always when they attend anything at Christ Church Walmersley.

Other people said they had seen the bright banner passing on the bus and decided to come so that was fantastic news. Without support these events just would not happen. Well done everyone.

Thank you again.
With love and fellowship
Tricia Stokes

(See the back page for photos of some of the fun and games)

It is our practice to give 10% of the proceeds from the Summer and Winter Fairs to charity – preferably a local one. This year the PCC decided to give this donation to Boomerang which is a Bury charity providing safe, sensory play areas for disabled (and able-bodied) young children.

We went down to Boomerang in Woodhill Street, off Brandlesholme Road, to give them the donation of £118. They welcomed us in and gave us a tour of the facilities.

The photos and write-up displayed at the Summer Fair, and the articles in the Bury Times, only give a flavour of what is provided there – you really need to see it for yourselves to realise what a great, special play space Boomerang is. There are three separate rooms – light and sensory, large soft play area and reactive projections. All very hi-tech, very safe and very accessible to ALL children. There is also a small café where everyone can socialise. All the staff are welcoming, friendly and very committed to the project and are working hard to build up the usage of the facility. Boomerang are keen to stress that whilst they are there for disabled children, they are open to all children (accompanied by an adult) who want to share this almost magical play experience.

Check in at

www.boomerangcentre.co.uk for details or phone 0161 764 4842.

Barbara & Nigel Silvester



What's on in Walmersley

August

- Wed 3 Mothers' Union - Beetle Drive
Tues 9 MU Archdeaconry Festival St. Anne's Edgeside
Sat 13 PCC Away Day – see below
Wed 17 Mothers' Union – Away from it All
Sat 20 MU Diocesan Quiet Day Bolton Rd Methodist Church
Wed 31 PCC

September

- Sat 10 ALM Commissioning, to include Nigel Silvester
Sun 25 Installation of Canons, including Ian Stamp & Peter Reiss

October

- Sat 15 Presentation of certificates for Children's Ministry

The **PCC AWAY DAY** is actually a *half* day from 9am to 12noon and it's not *away* but in St John with St Mark's Church Hall!

At 7.30pm for everyone from the united benefice there will be a

FAMILY social evening

with *free* entrance,
a licensed *bar*
and light *refreshments* on sale.

Please come along for the fun and games – Saturday, 13th August





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