



**Christ Church Walmersley  
and  
St John with St Mark Bury  
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



*100 Years of Remembrance*

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**50P**



## **REGULAR SERVICES**

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### **Sunday**

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark (Barritt Room)
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Family and Parade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion 4 <sup>th</sup> Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sung Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parade Service 3 <sup>rd</sup> Service of the Word	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> United Service	Alternately CC/SJM

### **Monday**

7.30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Listening Prayer	150 Walmersley Road
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### **Tuesday**

7.30pm	Christian Meditation	St John w St Mark
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### **Wednesday**

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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### **Thursday**

2.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Other services as announced  
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church  
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



## *Why Remember?*

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Dear Friends

The point of Remembrance is threefold.

- An act of honest recollection – recalling the horror of war, wasted lives and tragic heroism
- An act of thanksgiving – acknowledging the sacrifice of those we did not know
- An act of dedication – pledging ourselves to work for peace and justice throughout the world

This year's observance of Remembrance Sunday offers a unique opportunity to mark the centenary of the armistice of 11 November 1918 that ended the hostilities of World War One.

In this exceptional year, the Royal British Legion is leading a national movement to say 'Thank You' to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War.

Recognising the need to work together for peace, the Church of England has commissioned a series of guidelines as part of their 'Steps towards Reconciliation' theme.

They can be used as a starting point to avoid conflict of any kind:

1. The need to remember and to look back honestly
2. The voicing of regret and loss
3. Recognising the humanity of the other, the enemy
4. The need first to change one's viewpoint
5. Accepting our differences
6. Agreeing to walk together
7. Sharing a vision

I pray that the planned events of 11 November 2018 will enable each one of us to observe this commemoration - as we look back and give thanks for the sacrifice of others and pledge to seek a better world.

May God guide and bless us as we serve Him, Dave

## Remembrance

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It was a beautiful sunny morning on Thursday September 27th 2018 as we stood in the Cemetery at Haverincourt near Cambrai in northern France. Apparently it was also a sunny morning 100 years previously when more than 200 young men were involved in the last battle of Cambrai.

They were never to return to their native land as they were killed in the fighting on that day. The men buried in there were mainly between the ages of 18 and 24, the majority being under 20. It was a sobering experience to stand in that cemetery remembering my uncle, Percy Earl from Langdale, who died 100 years earlier aged 19, and it brought home the sacrifice of a generation of young men.

The cemetery is immaculate and has been created in the corner of a cornfield and it really brought home the words of the Rupert Brooke poem "There is some corner of a foreign field which is forever England."

Of course I never knew my uncle but he was remembered by my father all his life and we have some of the moving letters Percy wrote home to his parents. We put some Langdale earth on the grave, along with a wooden cross and poppy, and I quoted that poem and said a prayer.

Whilst we were there two other families arrived to remember relatives who died on that day and who are in the book of remembrance, and there were many more visitors that day.

Although it was a sad time, we remember the sacrifice of all those young men and are grateful.

For our tomorrows they gave their today.

Margery Spencer



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER***

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Nov 4	<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>	Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 11: 32-44
Nov 11	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Hebrews 9; 24-28	Mark 1: 14-20
Nov 18	<b>Second before Advent</b>	Daniel 12: 1-3	Hebrews 10: 11-25	Mark 13: 1-8
Nov 25	<b>Christ the King</b>	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1: 4-8	John 18: 33-37
Dec 2	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Luke 21:25-36



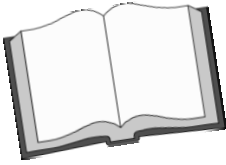
## ***FLOWERS IN CHURCH***

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At Christ Church

- Nov 4 In memory of the Mather family
- Nov 11 In memory of past Mothers' Union members
- Nov 18 In memory of Astonn Mitchell-Male
- Nov 25 Café Church

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Betty Winterbottom (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark).



## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

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### **Baptisms**

October 7 Laurie Elizabeth Booth

*"In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit....."*

### **Church Funerals**

Sep 24 John Law

### **Funeral Services held at the Crematorium**

Sep 21 Paul Reader

Oct 11 Sarah McEvoy

### **Interment of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance**

Oct 14 George Fryer

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



### **PARADE SERVICES**

*at both ST.JOHN with ST.MARK & CHRIST CHURCH*

11 November (REMEMBRANCE)

Commemorating the Centenary of the end of World War One.

At 10.30am



Our Cafe Church services this year have a common theme based on the report released by the Archbishops' Council in Feb 2017, '**Setting God's People Free.**'

This challenging report looks at 'the true treasures of the Church' – i.e. YOU and why change is needed for church growth. The final two services will once again look at how EVERYONE in church can be empowered and liberated for fruitful, faithful mission and ministry not just on Sundays but throughout the week too.

### NEXT CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES

(please note new dates) –

**Christ Church: 10.30am 25 November**

**St.John with St.Mark: 10.30am 16 December**

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### *First Thursday*

On the first Thursday of each month from 2.00pm -3.00pm a small informal group meet to have a cuppa, listen to a talk with food for thought from one of the ministry team and finish with communion.

We would like more people to join us. You will be very welcome at Christ Church hall. The next meeting is on Thursday November 1st.

If you need transport contact Jean Slater or Claire Altham.



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## From the Vicarage

- \* Please let a member of the ministry team know if anyone is ill and requires a home or hospital visit. At the heart of our ministry to the parish is pastoral care. This is not the exclusive concern of the clergy but part of each Christian's duty to love one another.
- \* The Gateway Ministry services are continuing in Christ Church Hall every Saturday evening. Please support them if you are able.
- \* Thanks as ever to those who contribute to our regular copper collections. These are always well received by the charities that we donate to and we welcome new suggestions of organisations to support.
- \* This month's meeting of the MOB – Men of the Benefice – will be our Christmas meal. Please look out for further details in the News Sheet/Bulletin
- \* The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meet every month – usually on the second Monday evening. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- \* Porch Boxes are desperately in need of food items to meet the current demand. A box is available at the back of both churches. Please support this worthy cause.
- \* Any enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc should be made at the Parish Office at St.John with St.Mark's Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00.
- \* Both the churches in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road are now on Facebook! Search for both Christ Church, Walmersley and St.John with St.Mark, Bury and "like" and "follow" to receive messages from the site. We now also have a twitter feed – the twitter handle is @cofewalmersley.



\* Thanks to all who filled in the annual income survey last month. This is needed by the Manchester Diocese for the calculation of Parish Share - which is the amount requested from each parish for diocesan and clergy support.

\* Both of our Church Halls are available for a whole range of activities for use by church and community groups. Please however check with the bookings officers (June Banks for St.John with St.Mark and Jennifer Wood for Christ Church) if the building is otherwise occupied before anything is arranged.

\* Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. The next edition will be for December and January, and is also an opportunity to send Christmas Greetings if so desired. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk

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## ***ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES***

Starting the week of 26th November we will have this years' Advent Bible Study. We will be looking at Rowan William's book 'Being Disciples', which also ties in with the theme of our final Café Church services this year.



The Study will be over four weeks, meeting at 150 Walmersley Road on a Monday night at 7.30pm and in Christ Church Hall on a Thursday afternoon from 2.00 pm.

The current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, had this to say about the book: 'Here is quite the most beautiful writing on discipleship I know. I commend it to those who have been on this journey a long time, as well as to anyone who wonders what on earth following Jesus is all about'

All are very welcome to these groups.

**Christ Church Walmersley PCC report 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

1. Brian Crow distributed the monthly financial report to the end of August. Administration costs are high - includes insurance and utilities. The parish share next year will be £30,042, the bank balance currently is £11,500.
2. The vicar commented that some churches put the heating on at low level throughout the year, this to be further discussed.
3. It was noted that anyone on the electoral roll or others in the church family do not normally need to process GDPR consent forms.
4. The PCC were updated on the position regarding the sale of the field.
5. The fund raising committee noted several events were to be held in coming weeks.
6. The first Pop-in meeting for mothers and toddlers had been held last week but unfortunately no children attended. The next one is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
7. Most committees had not met over the summer months. The pastoral committee report was distributed at the meeting.
8. Gill Barnett's final service in the benefice will be the joint Benefice service on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.
9. The vicar thanked all those who had covered the church on the open afternoons on Tuesdays.
10. Remembrance this year celebrates 100 years since the end of World War I. This year Armistice Day is a Sunday, ideas were requested for this special event. It was suggested that the last post be played on the organ, the organist agreed to do this.

11. The vicar noted that Paul Sanderson was still at St Stephen's, possibly continuing for the foreseeable future. Curate, Gill Barnett is leaving at the end of September to begin full ministry in Rochdale. Gill was thanked warmly for her ministry here. Other clergy arrangements for 9.00 communions and the Priory service were noted.
12. Margery Spencer's ministry licence was approved by the PCC.
13. Various items of any other Business were discussed.
  - a. Maintenance of the tower.
  - b. A published guide to the church building and contents.
  - c. It was proposed and carried that a bench be set up in the memorial garden in memory of George Fryer.
  - d. The Lych gate trees need trimming, this will be done by a working group.
  - e. The church was broken into on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. nothing was taken but severe damage was done to the vestry door and damage done to the lower hall door.

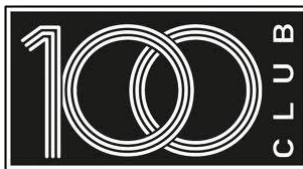
The meeting closed with prayer at 9.10 pm.

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## **SEPTEMBER 2018 WINNERS**

First Prize      Maria Nuttall

Second Prize    Phyllis Holt



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

One of our members, Jean Slater, led us in a meditation - The Light of the World. *The Light of the World* is a painting by the English Pre-Raphaelite artist William Holman Hunt (1827–1910) representing the figure of Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, illustrating Revelation 3:20: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me*". Members studied the painting and commented on various aspects of it saying what they thought Hunt was trying to portray. One copy of the painting is on display at Manchester Art Gallery.

David Andrew, also a member, addressed our next meeting entitled "Two Greats." There was so much to relate about the first Great that David will return in the New Year to inform us about Great 2 (who may that be?).

Geoff Stokes has kindly written the following article on David's talk :-

This meeting centred upon a talk by our member, David Andrew on aspects of the life and times of Martin Luther. We were inspired and entertained to learn how Martin Luther rejected aspects of the Roman Catholic tradition of the time, aspects which he felt were against his Christian faith. Clearly, Luther's ideas were not welcomed by the members of the established church. However he found a growing number of supporters. Luther was a German monk who was a contemporary of Henry VIII in England, and began the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century in Germany.

One of the aspects which he complained about was the use of "Indulgences". These Indulgences were supposed to be acts of penance but were effectively payments of money which could reduce the time in purgatory expected. The gifts of money enabled the church to raise significant funds.

This all came to a head when Luther was summoned to a meeting in the city of Worms in 1521. This meeting was an assembly of the Holy Roman Empire and was called the Diet of Worms. The purpose was to

condemn Luther as a heretic. However, the conviction was delayed and eventually abandoned. With the help of some friends, he went to hide in the castle of Wartburg. One friend was "Fred" who had a large collection of dubious Christian "Relics", some of which he sold for Indulgences. During that time Luther translated the New Testament into the common German language, and was the first to do so.

Luther encouraged monks and nuns to question their vows of chastity. He helped some nuns to escape from a convent in barrels. He later married one of the nuns and had five children.

Our November meetings are Holy Communion followed by a soup supper (7<sup>th</sup>) and secondly a talk by Tom Dalton on Youth Loneliness (21<sup>st</sup>).

Members from across York Province will gather on 9 November to celebrate and give thanks for the triennium now drawing to a close. Why not join us at 11am in York Minster, where Archbishop Sentamu will preside and preach. He will also dedicate a stunning new provincial banner. No tickets – just come along to worship in this magnificent setting.

This will be one of the last occasions for our York Provincial President, Barbara Taylor, who comes to the end of 6 years in this post. She will be succeeded by June Houghton, from Liverpool Diocese. Our Diocesan President, Cath Hilton, will have completed her 6 year term at the end of the year and her successor will be Christine Sharp. Our congratulations to Cath who has been elected to serve on the Mothers' Union Worldwide Board of Trustees from January.

All are welcome to our branch meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7.30pm in the hall.

Bob Taylor

Branch Leader



## **QUIET MOMENTS IN NOVEMBER**

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### **Week One - Autumn**

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:  
for falling temperatures and morning chill,  
trees turned gold and red, brown and orange,  
falling leaves and blowing leaves,  
the smell of burning leaves,  
the joy of leaf-pile jumping.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:  
the beauty and hope in the change of season,  
the promise that the coming of autumn  
heralds another ending,  
a new beginning,  
and the wonder of another winter,  
another spring,  
another summer,  
yet to come.

### **Week Two - A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday**

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## **Week Three - Remembering the Elderly**

Father of all, you see every one of us as your child,  
no matter how young or old.  
You have known us for every second of our lives.  
You give us every breath, and you sustain us every day.  
We lift to you now the elderly.  
Each one is your child, Each one is precious in your sight.

You have told us that through your Spirit, old men will dream dreams,  
Proclaiming that the day of the Lord is here.  
You see old men and women as they truly are – knowledge-keepers  
and dreamers,  
Many of them ever-faithful followers who have learnt to walk in your  
ways.

And we know, Father, that every aging heart is held in your hand,  
young and vibrant to your touch.  
We see how you use the wisdom, knowledge and experience of the  
older generations to teach the young,  
To bring old insight to new problems, and to give love and security  
where there is uncertainty.

## **Week Four - A Celtic Blessing**

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine upon your window pane.  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near to you and  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Read more at: <http://www.faithandworship.com/Celtic>

## **MISSION ACTION PLANNING**

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*The Manchester Diocese are encouraging parishes to prepare Mission Action Plans as part of our aim to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. MAPs have been established in the benefice since 2015. Items are discussed at each PCC meeting and the benefice MAP is reviewed and updated at the joint PCCs that are held in June and December. At the December 2016 meeting the following were identified as our mission priorities.*

### **JOINT BENEFICE:**

- \* Encourage more social activities across the benefice.
- \* To arrange a Stewardship Campaign with the Diocesan Stewardship Officer.
- \* Developing the Christian basics group set up to nurture new believers.
- \* To establish a presence in social media.
- \* Responding to the issues identified in the questionnaire issued to Electoral Roll members in Lent 2016.

### **ST.JOHN with ST.MARK:**

- \* Increase the number of midweek Parade Services
- \* More ecumenical activity

### **CHRIST CHURCH:**

- \* Engage more with the community groups to heal the rifts caused by the field issue.
- \* Dealing with possible sale of church field and securing agreement about use of current church buildings.
- \* Engage more with our young people and refresh our approach to Junior Church

*Mission Action Planning is an ongoing process that will be constantly under review by the PCCs. If you have any ideas for this aspect of our church life, please speak to one of the ministers.*

*Please pray for us as we continue to seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ within our benefice.*





## ***Welcoming Strangers***

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Manchester is launching a new fund at the Evening of Celebration in the Stoller Hall on 29 October. *(If you are reading this in time, do come along to an enjoyable and informative evening – 7.30pm, tickets £8 on the door)* The story began when Heidi and Peter Reiss asked for support in their aim to welcome a Syrian family under a scheme arranged by the Home Office – the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.

Manchester Mothers' Union agreed to sponsor this family but soon realised how many groups in our diocese are working in various ways with refugees and asylum seekers and would benefit from sharing experience. Peter and Cath Hilton spoke at a recent meeting of Churches Together in Bury, where information was shared by everyone.

In a few weeks a family will arrive in our community and we shall welcome them warmly, helping them to settle into their new life in Bury.

At the same time this fund is being launched to support this and other groups in their work. There will be leaflets, giving envelopes and lots of information in our churches and on social media.

We are planning a number of fundraising events and would really value your support. Please look out for the "Welcoming Strangers" logo.

Now:

- Please would you sponsor Cath Hilton who is doing a sponsored swim – forms available in church, from Cath or Barbara Taylor.
- A St Andrew's Ceilidh will be held on 1 December – details on page 27 and tickets available at church.

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." *(Leviticus 19: 33-34)*



## **SATURDAY WALKING GROUP**

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Michael Ryan offered to lead our walk on 6th October. We met at St. John with St. Mark Hall at 9.00am for the start of a local route, which first saw us heading up through Chesham Woods and towards Lowes Park Golf Course. I enjoy the usually spectacular sights of Autumn colours and within the first hour of the day it was already noticeable how trees were changing from green to bright orange.

After passing the golf course we then crossed over the M66 bridge towards Castle Hill Road before beginning our walk up towards Buckhurst, for our mid morning break. When we resumed, we continued towards Ridshaw and our route took us past Julie Tyrer's Farm, who was clearing the fields of cattle at the time we were walking through (I'm not sure Julie realised we were behind her). At Ridshaw, we climbed up towards Bury Old Road and this allowed us to cross the top of Fletcher Bank Quarry where it was quite noticeably windy.

We were then in a position to be able to descend what we sometimes refer to as (h)orrible (h)ill. You really need to do this to know what we mean but it is quite a sheer route full of slabs and loose stones. Going down sideways is best! Once at the end this took us near the Fishermans Retreat and we then headed towards Bleakholt and St. John in the Wilderness Church, Shuttleworth.

Crossing the M66 again, this then allowed us to continue to Stubbins and we crossed the fields towards Ramsbottom and Nuttall Park, where our lunch stop awaited.

We continued towards the Waterside Bridge in Summerseat and then picked up the River Irwell through the Burrs. We enjoyed refreshment in the Brown Cow before we went our separate ways.

We enjoyed a good walk and, despite an ominous forecast, we did not see a drop of rain all day. The Autumn scenes were plain to see. Thank you to Michael for organising this day.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

## ***ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK PANTOMIME 2019***

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As the Pantomime is early next year, from 16th to 20th January 2019, we are appealing for help early before people get involved in Christmas & New Year preparations.

Can you help with front of house jobs?

We need people to help:

- a) With refreshments
- b) Selling programmes
- c) Selling raffle tickets
- d) Helping on the sweet stall



If you are willing to help, please see Margaret Duckworth or Rosemarie Ashworth.

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### ***Sunday @ Seven***

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

November 25th at 7pm  
Back Room Christ Church Hall

***“Are you ready?”***

Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour – tea/coffee and cake/biscuits are served.

You will be most welcome!





The Open Group gathered on Wednesday 10th October for a craft night led by Linda Thompson. However we were quite surprised 15 minutes before 7.30pm when the Vicar walked in and advised he was leading instead! No not for crafts, Linda had other commitments that week, so Dave agreed to stand in to present his own talk complete with a bag full of visual aids. We were a little low on numbers this month for a variety of reasons. We had our brief service before Dave began his talk.

Each of us took turns to pull an item from the bag, which meant something significant to Dave, and he spoke briefly about each item. There was around a dozen items altogether, which included family photographs of weddings and grandchildren, sporting memorabilia such as a cricket ball and Blackpool FC scarf, souvenirs including lighthouses and a model of a rickshaw and personal items such as a Gideon's Bible. He has also kept his old school tie, which he brought along.

We heard several stories connected to these items, their history and why they were important to Dave. I won't go into too much detail about these in case we decide to ask him to repeat this talk again at a later date or in case any other group wish to book him.

However it was very informative and we discovered each item had its own unique story. It also makes you think whether the rest of us could produce a bag of items of significance and entertain a group of people for an hour. Ian also did it for the Open Group last year with his 'Treasure Chest'.

We presented Dave with some flowers (sorry - I was expecting Linda) for coming along to lead the Open Group this month.

David Robinson

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room

Led by Reverend Paul Sanderson  
**'Myself and my story so far'**

All are welcome

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## *First Aid Training Update*



For those of you who have already put your name down, British Red Cross are hosting the First Aid course in St. John with St. Mark Church Hall (Barritt Room) on Saturday 10th November, two hours, from 9.15am.

The course will be on helping 'Adults at greater risks of falls'.

We have a dozen spaces and there may be some left. Please contact Ian Banks if you are interested in attending this but don't worry if you can't make this date or have missed out this time, as we are re-running the course on Saturday 2nd February 2019.

An everyday First Aid session is approximately two hours long and helps people become more confident to help someone by teaching First Aid skills that are easy to do, easy to learn and easy to remember. The British Red Cross work alongside other organisations, such as our Churches, and tailor their First Aid training to meet our specific needs in an inclusive and flexible way. Each participant receives a certificate of First Aid learning.

## *It is never too late*

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The last word has not been spoken,  
the last sentence has not been written,  
the final verdict is not in.  
It's never too late to change my mind,  
my direction,  
to say "no" to the past,  
and "yes" to the future.  
to offer remorse,  
to ask and give forgiveness.  
It is never too late to start all over again,  
to feel again,  
to love again,  
to hope again...

*Harold Schulweis*



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## ***The Wood Street Mission***

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The Mission is a children's charity based in the centre of Manchester. More than one in three local children is living in poverty. They help children and families living in poverty in Manchester and Salford live a life free from poverty. They aim to alleviate the day to day impact of poverty and improving life chances. Their vision is to alleviate the effects of poverty on local children through practical help.

### **The Christmas Project**

Wood Street Mission has provided toys for local children at Christmas since the charity began in 1869, and it continues to be their busiest time of year. Every year, they collect thousands of toys and goodies to distribute to families in need across Manchester and Salford.

To be able to provide this support they need:

- Donations of new toys for children aged 0-14 years, 'treat' items such as advent calendars and selection boxes, and wrapping paper.
- Time! Christmas is their busiest time of year so lots of help are needed to sort donations of toys and Christmas goodies and at our Christmas Party.
- Funds – why not hold a Christmas Jumper Day – or choose to make a financial donation.

*THE 2017 CHRISTMAS APPEAL handed out over 12000 gifts to 3677 children. This year there are hopes to beat this figure. All the toys donated at our Christingle Services will be donated to Wood Street Mission.*

**The Clothing Project** aims to provide items including children's clothing, school uniforms for all ages, clean bedding and towels, new or excellent quality laundered, used duvets and new shoes for families in need.

Please contact the vicar if you are able to help by providing items for mission or contact 0161 834 3134

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

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### **FIREWORK FAMILY FUN A JOINT SOCIAL EVENT**



Join us for a night of fun at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall on Friday 2nd November from 7.00pm to 9.30pm

**FIREWORKS, CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES, HOT FOOD, CAKES, CHILDREN'S SNACKS & DRINKS**

Basic licensed bar  
Tickets £3.00 (adult) & £2.00 (children)  
are available from  
Rosemarie Ashworth at Church  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **ALL SOULS**

Service for the bereaved,  
including the reading of a list of those whom we love  
but see no longer.

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER at 3.00pm  
*St. John with St. Mark*

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### **Light Lunch**

on November 15th  
at 12.00 noon in the Hall at Christ Church

Everyone is welcome to share food and  
fellowship – so please bring your friends.





York Province  
Mothers' Union  
**Celebration**

11 am, 9 November 2018

in York Minster

Preacher and Celebrant:

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu

Everyone is welcome

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

***A BUFFET DINNER DANCE***

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCE,  
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET  
AND GUESTS, LITE MUSIC GROUP

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH  
£7.50 EACH

ALL WELCOME



*ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK  
CHRISTMAS FAIR*

**Saturday 24th November  
11am – 1.30pm**

Cake stall

Tombolas

Seasonal Cards and Gifts

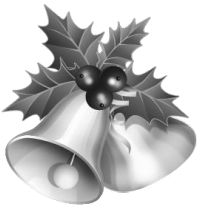
Toys & Games

Books & Jigsaws

White Elephant, Raffle & much more



**Lunches and Refreshments Available**



**Visit Santa in his Grotto**

Please come along and support this event  
and enjoy our friendship.

Items for stalls may be brought to Church in advance.

We may have some stalls needing volunteers at the Fair. This is your opportunity to help raise funds for your Church. Without volunteers we cannot have these stalls. If you wish to help and do not normally do so, either on the day or the Friday before, or have any new ideas, please speak to Rosemarie Ashworth or June Banks in advance of the Fair



## **THERE BUT NOT THERE**

— COMMEMORATE. EDUCATE. HEAL —

## ***Acts of Remembrance***

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at St Stephen Elton  
to which all are welcome

### **Marking 100 years from the ending of WW1**

Saturday 10th November 2018

1-4pm: Time for Reflection in Church - Poetry, Exhibits, Quiet Space

2-4pm: Refreshments in the Centenary Room  
with the Choir singing songs from WW1

4pm: Remembrance Vigil Service – There But Not There

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# **Ceilidh**

Saturday, 1 December 2018

7.30—10 pm

Blackburn Hall,  
behind Bury Parish Church

Tickets **£5** incl pasties, bring your own drinks  
from 0161 828 1427 or 07765 241093  
or House on the Rock, Bury Parish Church

## **RNLI Ramsbottom Branch**

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday November 6th

10.30 - 12.00noon

Christ Church Hall

£2 including tea /coffee and biscuits

Souvenirs

Raffle Cake Stall



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### **Festive Afternoon Tea**

Christ Church

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tickets £4.50

Tickets available in Church

or from Tricia Stokes



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### **FAITH IS LIKE WI-FI**

It is invisible but it has the power  
to connect you to what you need.



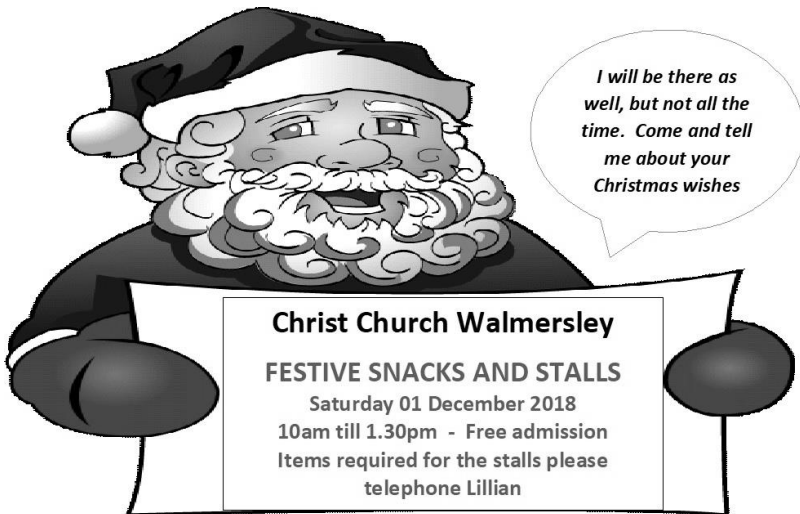
## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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Thu 1	2.00pm	First Thursday Prayers(CC)
Fri 2	7.00pm	Firework party (SJM)
Sat 3	6.30pm	Gateway Ministries (CC)
Sun 4		<b>All Saints' Day</b> Services as usual
	3.00pm	Service for the Bereaved (SJM)
Mon 5	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Wed 7	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Fri 9	11.00am	MU Provincial Celebration (York Minister)
	7.30pm	Buffet Dinner Dance (SJM)
Sat 10	9.15am	First Aid course (SJM)
	6.30pm	Gateway Ministries Meeting (CC)
Sun 11		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Services as usual
Wed 14	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Thurs 15	12.00noon	Light Lunch (CC)
Sat 17	6.30pm	Gateway Ministries (CC)
Sun 18		<b>Second before Advent</b> Services as usual
Wed 21	7.30pm	Mother's Union (CC)
Sat 24	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM)
	6.30pm	Gateway Ministries (CC)

Sun 25		<b>Christ the King</b> Services as Usual Cafe Church (CC)
	10.30am	
	7.00pm	Sunday at Seven (CC)
Mon 26	7.30pm	Advent bible study begins (150 W Rd)
Tue 27	2.00pm	Festive Afternoon Tea (CC)
Thu 29	2.00pm	Advent bible study begins (CC Hall)

**and in DECEMBER**



**Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm**

(Note the change of date for St. John with St. Mark)

**Christingle Service**

At Christ Church and St. John with St. Mark.

These events will support the work of the Childrens' Society.  
Please bring a toy for a child in need.



**Says it all, really!**

GOA said farewell with a meal  
at our favourite diner,  
La Dolce Vita,



where we raised our glasses to  
a much loved curate and a  
great friend

**Our prayers, Gill, as you move  
to Rochdale, and always xx**