

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



The Transfiguration of Jesus – 6th August

July & August 2019

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REGULAR SERVICES

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 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family and Parade 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 4 th Sung Eucharist 3 rd Morning Prayer	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th United Service	Alternately CC/SJM

Monday

7.30 p.m.	1 st 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 st 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



Looking down on creation

Do you remember that song by the Carpenters "I'm on the top of the world looking down on creation"? It came into my head as I stood at 1581 feet above sea level, about to launch myself off over the edge of a Welsh Slate mine on a zip wire. This was one of the most desolate scenes I have ever observed, it was almost barren, just the odd tuft of vegetation and below me sharp shards of slate in man-made holes, almost apocalyptic. It was like no other mountain top I've ever been on. I was surrounded by the destruction of the landscape by humankind.

What have we done to creation? Could the whole earth look like this if we're not careful? Nigel and I are in the midst of watching the latest series by Professor Brian Cox on 'The Planets' and it's brought it home to us that it doesn't take much for a planet to become unviable. Is that where we're heading?

Here in Manchester Diocese everything we do as a church (and individuals) should be measured against the 'Five Marks of Mission', the last of which is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.

It sounds like a mammoth task and ask doesn't it! But if we break it down into small bits it might just become something that's do-able for each one of us never mind our age!

I truly believe that God and therefore Jesus had his hand on the creation of our planet and therefore it is my duty as a Christian to do my bit in preserving this planet. Don't stop reading this now!! I'm not going to go on about how, etc; I'll leave that to Sir David Attenborough or Hugh Fearnely-Whittingstall.



Not only is the planet a creation of God, but each one of us too. One of my other vivid recollections in song was standing on a lush Austrian mountainside, with a large group of Christians, on a holiday and was singing the song 'I am a new creation, no more in condemnation, here in the grace of God I stand'. I hope you know the one – if not look it up on YouTube if you can.

Each one of us becomes a new creation when we give our lives back to God and it's by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can! It's by God's grace and Jesus' sacrifice that we have inherited the earth and all the bounteousness that it provides for us. So what shall we do? As the song says 'tell of all that he has done'. Show the world how much we care for each other, the planet, and ourselves. There is an old adage that says actions speak louder than words; so live lightly and kindly and be ready to tell folks why we do.

Blessings in Jesus name,
Barbara

CAFÉ CHURCH 2019

Next Café Church Services, all at 10.30 am

Please put these dates in your diaries:



St. John with St. Mark

6 October (led by the Archdeacon,
with Communion)

15 December

Christ Church

8 September

8 December



BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Jul 7 **3rd After Trinity**

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Galatians 6: 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11,
16-20

Jul 14 **4th After Trinity**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37

Jul 21 **5th After Trinity**

Genesis 18: 1-10a

Colossians 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-end

Jul 28 **6th After Trinity**

Genesis 18: 20-32

Colossians 2: 6-15

Luke 11: 1-13

Aug 4 **7th After Trinity**

Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-
14, 2:18-23

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

Aug 11 **8th After Trinity**

Genesis 15: 1-6

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

Aug 18 **9th After Trinity**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Luke 12: 49-56

Aug 25 **10th After Trinity**

Isaiah 58: 9b-end

Hebrews 12: 18-end

Luke 13: 10-17

“We are the Bibles the world is reading;
we are the creeds the world is needing;
we are the sermons the world is heeding.”

Billy Graham



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

At Christ Church

Jul 7	In memory of Joe and Gladys Cowley and Hetty Ives
Jul 14	Mrs K Whipp in memory of her parents
Jul 21	Mrs A. M. Peters in memory of her mother
Jul 28	Vacant
Aug 4	In memory of Betty and David Brown
Aug 11	In memory of Mary and Norman Leake
Aug 18	Mrs A Standing and family in memory of Alan
Aug 25	Mr & Mrs Riddick in memory of their parents

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).

THE PRIORY Highbank CENTRE



SONGS OF PRAISE

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY
2.30pm

If you haven't been able to join us before, do consider coming along to share in worship with patients, families, staff and congregation.

ALL WELCOME



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 26 Nyla Conway Evie Pilling
Jun 16 Bobbie-Paul Rogers
Jun 20 Jake Cathcart

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

Weddings

May 25 Philip Boddy & Molly Kerfoot

"Those who God has joined together let no one put asunder"

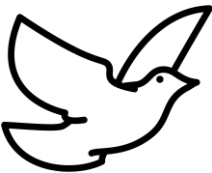
Interment of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

Jun 16 Jacqueline Yates

Funeral services held at the Crematorium

Jun 6 Ron Conroy

"I am the resurrection and the life"



Vivienne Stone and Barry Evans are being Confirmed on Sunday 7th July, at St. Mary's Church in Prestwich.

A bring and share lunch is being arranged for after the service on that day at Christ Church. If you would like to donate items of food, there will be a list at the back of Church.

Please join us to celebrate this happy occasion.

From the Vicarage

- * Christ Church are again planning to open church each Tuesday afternoon during the summer months. If you able to help between 2-4pm please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. We hope to be able to be open each Tuesday until the end of August.
- * Thanks to everyone who prepared and supported the Summer Fair at St.John with St.Mark last month. These are always special occasions for both the church and local community. The Christmas Fair is scheduled for Saturday 30 November. Please also look out for a Festive Afternoon Tea at Christ Church around that time.
- * Next year sees two significant milestones as we mark both the 10th anniversary of the creation of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road and 250 years since the parish of St. John was formed. We will be celebrating these events in a number of ways throughout 2020.
- * A service of Holy Communion with hymns takes place at Burrswood House on the last Thursday of each month at 2.00pm. The residents and staff are always keen for people to join them at this service. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- * 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.
- * 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.
- * 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 is always in need of food items to meet current demand. A box is available at the back of both churches. Items are also sometimes donated to the Booth Centre in Manchester. The Centre was previously based at Manchester Cathedral and aims to bring about positive change in the lives of people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness - to help them plan for and realise a better future. Thanks to those who regularly support these worthy causes.

* Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the Treasurers or Wardens.

* 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).

* 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 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk



ART GROUP NOTICE

There are vacancies at the Art Groups meeting in the Christ Church Hall each Friday - one vacancy in the group at 10am until noon and four in the group which meets from 1pm to 3pm. A very pleasant group to which anybody is welcome. The leader is a professional artist and there is a fee. Please turn up if you are interested or contact Margery Spencer or Alison Fewtrell.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCILS (1)

St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 29th May 2019

Paul has sent a message thanking us all for the donation given to him prior to his licensing at St. Stephen's Elton.

Upcoming social dates include: Scout's cream tea on Saturday 6th July; coffee morning at Pam Cowie's on Saturday 13th July and coffee morning & book fair in the Church Hall on Saturday 20th July.

A list of actions from the Quinquennial, both completed and outstanding, has been sent to PCC members. It is likely we will set up a small team to identify and work on any minor jobs. However contractors are likely to be required for others.

The new flexistep lift, linking Church to Hall, was installed on the day of the meeting. PCC members took the opportunity to see how this works and to ask questions. This starts off as a set of steps and can be converted to a lift for the use of wheelchairs, prams and people with limited mobility. It was also noted that the path at the side entrance has been widened.

The 250th anniversary of the Parish of St. John is next June 2020 and a small sub-committee will meet to discuss ideas for marking this occasion. It will meet at the Vicarage on Wednesday 26th June.

It has been observed that several memorial items are being left on the Garden of Remembrance. It has been agreed that a notice should be placed to advise families that PCC permission needs to be sought before items can be placed there and guidance to families of relatives who have ashes interred will be given going forward.

Following the Electoral Roll review we now have 90 names on the roll, as opposed to 120 from six year's ago. It has also been noted that very few people have completed the GDPR section on the forms correctly and this will be chased up.

Items of expenditure and income since the last meeting were discussed.

The Vicar passed round an updated Mission Action Plan following the joint PCC meeting in March. There was a brief discussion on this including ecumenical links and how we have adapted to the closure of the library 18 months ago.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 25th July at 8.00pm.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCILS (2)

Christ Church PCC meeting report for the 12.06.19.

1. In matters arising, on the outstanding decision on the type of new chairs, it was decided to order grey black chairs the same as existing chairs in the church hall.
2. The election of lay chair was passed to the next PCC meeting.
3. The treasurer's report was presented and it was agreed that we pay £1500 per month ongoing towards the parish share.
4. The sale of the field was discussed and it was reported that the Heads of Terms have been agreed and the contract is being prepared for signature.
5. The Friends of Walmersley had sent an email to the vicar requesting answers to questions about the sale; these were discussed at the PCC and the vicar will respond.
6. The war graves commission signs have been installed at two points on the churchyard wall. A leaflet giving information regarding the graves will be prepared for visitors to church.
7. Vocations, Ian Banks commissioning and Nigel Silvester's re-commissioning ALM service, will be at the cathedral on the 22nd September 2019 at 2.30pm.
8. Barbara Silvester is to be appointed reader Emeritus on the 14th July at 3pm in the cathedral.
9. It was noted that the church will be open every Tuesday afternoon in the summer (June, July, August) between 2 and 4 pm.
10. There will be a brass band Christmas concert on the 7th of December at Christ Church.
11. The Mission action plan was discussed by the vicar and he asked the PCC to think if anything else should be added to the mission action plan.
12. Next year the Benefice is 10 years old and it was decided to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to determine how it should be celebrated.

13. It was decided to ask Bury Council to continue cutting the grass in the church field.
14. It was also decided to have the grass cut in the church yard as soon as possible and again at a later date in the year.
15. The garden of remembrance was proposed by the vicar to be extended towards the east of the existing garden, at the vote all the PCC were in favour. The plan for doing this was then discussed. The gates at the side of the garden of remembrance will need to be removed and a wall built in place of them.
16. The question of trimming or cutting down certain trees in the churchyard was discussed and the secretary will speak to the church architect before any action is taken.

Sunday @ Seven

We next meet for our regular Sunday evening informal worship
July 28th at 7pm at Christ Church



(NB in the church *not* the hall)

“It’s summer...let’s sing!”

We are going to be singing some of our favourite songs and hymns –
let Nigel know what you would like to sing!

Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour – tea/coffee
+ ice cream/cake/biscuits. You will be most welcome!

Sunday @ Seven on August 25th

“I called.....You answered” – Psalm 138 v 3

At Christ Church Hall as usual at 7pm.



Do you have a vision for 2020? Well Archbishop Sentamu does!

He wants to see the Harrogate Convention Centre packed out with Christians of all shapes, ages and denominations from 14-18 April 2020.

In 2018 Spring Harvest took the bold choice to bring a different version to the North of England. You find accommodation to suit your purse in or near to Harrogate; buy a 5 day ticket for the event; sit in comfy seats, and no cold marquee! Nigel and I went along and Archbishop Sentamu said bring a friend next year, so we took 3. We had a great time, there were the usual high quality speakers and teachers, there were workshops for adults, separate teaching for the children and teens and the young adults had their meetings in the posh hotel next door- no scrimping! There was worship to suit all from formal Anglican Communion and compline to lively all age to start the day and of course in the evening a band that played both old and new songs and hymns. Not to mention performances by Riding Lights and a special evening with Graham Kendrick. The theme was "Unlimited - when you pray."

On the final morning Archbishop Sentamu made his latest and most heartfelt challenge for us to fill the Convention Centre in 2020. So can we do it? The theme for 2020 is "Unleashed". It's about Acts and the Holy Spirit. Because I've been before we can get special tickets for the 5 days at £99 each (less for children and free for the under 2's) if we book them before 31st July otherwise they will cost £105 till 29th November and £120 after that. So it's best to book early. Go on the Spring Harvest website to see more or speak to Barbara & Nigel Silvester. We're taking bookings and a deposit now.

Go on; Come and join us. You know you want to get 2020 vision!

Barbara Silvester

Cover story

Each month we try to choose a different and appropriate cover image for our magazine. It would be fantastic if throughout 2020 we could showcase the talents of those in our benefice.

We would like A4 designs, landscape or portrait, in any medium as long as we can scan it. It needs to be borne in mind that it will be reduced to no greater than A6 (quarter of A4).

We have listed some options below but you may have other ideas. All we ask is that it is appropriate for the publication and season.

December/January	Advent, Nativity, Epiphany
February	Ash Wednesday
March	Lent
April	Easter
May	Ascension
June	Pentecost
July/August	St Mary the Virgin
September	St Michael and All Angels
October	Harvest
November	Remembrance

drawing
painting
collage
word cloud
or your choice

Designs to be handed to wardens in both churches, or leave at the Vicarage. Please submit your design, together with contact details and your age if 16 or under, by 30 September 2019.

This is us

They say time flies – but why not let your imagination fly too?

In 2010 we ran a competition (with very few entries it has to be said!) to create a logo for our new benefice. In 2020, as we celebrate 10 years of working together, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a logo we could use in both churches?

Now we have had those years' experience of a united benefice maybe it will be easier to find a representation. Be thinking and watch this space for details of how to share your thoughts with us.



AT NO EXTRA COST

St. John with St. Mark has registered with easyfundraising.

This is a great site where you can raise money for Church with your everyday online shopping. At no extra cost to yourself!. Each time you shop online via the easyfundraising website the retailers give the church a percentage donation as a 'thank you'.

We want to raise as much as possible to support the work that we do in the local community and beyond. And the more who join, the more we can raise. So, please sign-up and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnstmarkch/>

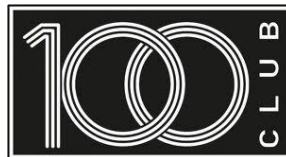
If you do any online shopping then you're bound to find at least one of your favourites. There are over 3600 shops and sites who are happy to be part of this - from Amazon, Argos, Asda, Aviva insurance, booking.com, Boots, Curry's, Debenhams and ebay... to XBOX, Yo Sushi and the Zoological Society of London!

So, please go to the site and click on 'support this cause'. Then follow the simple instructions and remember to click 'Download the donation reminder' at the end. This will prompt you to shop through the website and will make sure any eligible purchases are raising funds for St. John with St. Mark.

MAY 2019 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Roy Nuttall

2nd Prize ~ Betty Alty



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH

Quiet Moments this summer



We invite you to use this prayer as a basis each day for your own intercessions, which will doubtless change from week to week.

A Prayer for each Day of the Week was written by a Mothers' Union member, Dr Richard Appleton and is published in "Dear Lord".

Sunday is for Service:

to serve God and serve others first and ourselves last.

Lord, we pray that we will serve you and our neighbour in all and not just some of the things we say and do and think.

Monday is for Materialism:

for many there is simply no place, space or need for God.

Lord we pray that we will never forget that all we have has been gifted by you. Grant us a Christ-led and Christ-filled approach to how we use our money and gifts.

Tuesday is for Threat:

we live in a world that is full of threats – threats to our physical, emotional and spiritual lives; threats that can easily separate us from God.

Lord, we pray for Christians in all places that the Holy Spirit will provide faith, strength, courage and peace in their daily lives.

Wednesday is for Woman:

we live in a male dominated and female abusing world. Women were constant companions to Jesus throughout his ministry – present at his crucifixion, his death, his resurrection.

Lord, we pray for women everywhere that they may be respected, and treated as equals to men – as humans created in your image.

Thursday is for Temptation:

temptation besets our daily lives; temptations encircle our every situation, our every move and action. Temptation separates us from God.

Lord, we pray that we will always be alert to temptations and ask for the enduring strength and fellowship of the Holy Spirit to keep us safe and secure in the knowledge and the life of Jesus Christ.

Friday is for Food:

the world has more than enough food to feed every man, woman and child – and with surplus. Yet thousands will eat no food today and millions will eat no food this week.

Lord, we pray that nations will strive to eliminate starvation and that as individuals we will neither be greedy or wasteful.

Saturday is for Sickness:

sickness will at some time affect us or those whom we love. We are fortunate to have medical professionals and can access health care.

Lord, we pray for those in the developing world and for crises such as ebola, malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy and HIV. And we pray for those known to us personally that healing will take place through your gentle touch.

Maybe you feel there are important topics omitted here – but the writer was bound by the letters. Perhaps you could write a similar set of intercessions based, for example, on the months of the year, or the letters of a season such as Advent.

Send your contributions to wrub@live.co.uk or hand to one of the wardens and we will print when appropriate.

Four Things you cannot get back

The *stone* after it is *thrown*.

The *word* after it is *said*.

The *occasion* after it is *missed*.

The *time* after it is *gone*.

FORMBY RETREAT 2019



This year's retreat to the St. Joseph's prayer centre near the National Trust reserve in Formby was once again held the week leading up to the second May Bank Holiday.

The theme for our bible studies this year was the 'Miracles of Jesus' and we had several thought provoking sessions on some of these miracles and

how they relate to our daily lives in the year 2019.

We looked at the earliest miracle, the changing of water into wine at the Wedding in Cana; the healing of the demon-possessed man; Jairus' daughter; the feeding of the five thousand; Jesus walking on the water and the story of Lazarus. It was good to be able to look at some of these very familiar stories in more detail than we are usually used to.

Each of the morning sessions was preceded by Morning Prayer, whilst we closed our later sessions with Evening Prayer using the booklets set aside for 'Thy Kingdom Come' week. This gave an opportunity for different people to lead the worship or read from scripture, who would not normally do so. It was felt that this gave a different voice and feel to the services in a more informal atmosphere. This has since resulted in some of us subsequently leading worship during the week of 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

There was also plenty of space for free time during our days in Formby, which we thought may be tricky this time due to the one car during our stay. However thanks to some great weather (albeit a little windy in Crosby), creativity and efficient public transport we coped really well.



There were people new to the retreat who said they had really enjoyed both the time together and the beautiful local area. It was great to share each others friendship and company both at the centre and on outings. We also enjoyed some red squirrel sightings.

Thanks to Sister Nora once again for the hospitality at the centre and to those who cooked our meals and looked after us whilst we there. Thanks also to June's son, Stuart, for getting us there and especially to Ian for organising a really enjoyable retreat.

David Robinson

Our programme for the next 2 months is as follows:

July 3rd "Who's looking at you Babe" - identify which member from photographs taken in their early days!

July 17th Summer Meal at Bella Italia, Bolton Street at 7pm.

All are welcome, spouses, partners, friends. Menus and order forms available from myself or any committee member. Please return with monies by July 10th.

August 7th Ian Banks - Me and my day job

August 21st Gill Smith will talk about "Amber, Resin, Jet"

In September the branch will celebrate its 110th birthday with a meal at Falshaws on the 4th and we hope to hold a church service also. See September's magazine for date and time. Members past and present are most welcome. Our recent meetings have included a talk by Sarah from the North West Air Ambulance. This was well attended and a report written by Tricia Stokes appears elsewhere in the magazine. Many thanks for the generous donations given on the night for this much needed organisation.

Member Karen Kay spoke to us about her and husband John's winter travels in a motor home through France to Benidorm. This was illustrated with excellent slides and souvenirs of their journey.

The Bolton Archdeaconry Festival will be held on Mary Sumner day, Friday August 9th at 7.30pm at St Annes Tottington.

If you are holidaying during these next two months have a relaxing, refreshing break.

Bob Taylor
Branch Leader

Find out so much more about this
great movement at
www.mothersunion.org
talk to our members
or come along to a meeting

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP



Our intended walk on 8th June was around Haslingden Grane, Helmshore & Clough Head. This was a walk which Michael Ryan had previously led for us a couple of years back, but under rather wet conditions. We expected much better for the time of year however this was not to be the case as unfortunately we woke up to a very soggy morning. Therefore a decision was taken around 8.00am to call the walk off. None of us really had much enthusiasm for walking around the hills all day in the pouring rain and our decision proved to be the correct one as it did not stop raining all day, so apologies, but nothing much to write on this time. I am sure we will get this walk completed in dry conditions at some point.

Let's hope we fare better next month when we go to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales on Saturday 6th July. Please meet at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall at 9.00am for transport or we can pick people up at Christ Church Lych Gate shortly after at 9.05am. All are welcome, with packed lunch and other essentials.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019



It may only be Summer, but it is that time of year again when we start preparing the shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child appeal at St. John with St. Mark, and in preparation for this we are currently in need of empty shoeboxes.

Also the various items to fill them with, including toiletries, knitted hats, scarves & gloves, pencils, crayons & stationery and small soft toys, all for children of a variety of ages.

Please bring any items to Church and speak to Margaret Duckworth or Kelly Watson for further guidance.

North West Air Ambulance ~ Mothers' Union



Sarah was our invited speaker for the evening on 5th June, and gave a very interesting talk about the North West Air Ambulance and how it operates.

It was founded as a rescue service in 1999. The AA (Automobile Association) recognised that the North West did not have a rescue air ambulance service and that they were far behind the rest of the UK. The AA funded the set up and operation for 3 years for it to get off the ground. Hence the colour yellow of the helicopter.

Sarah told us of the many varied situations that the team, pilot and paramedics have to face and the difficulty they have landing the craft in some areas of the country. The time it takes the helicopter to get to the emergency is far quicker than an on road ambulance, saving many lives by being able to attend to the patient much sooner and getting them to the nearest hospital much quicker by avoiding road congestion. The training is also a key factor as the paramedics also have to undertake pilot training and have a vast medical background.

To run a helicopter it cost nearly £1000.00 per hour for fuel alone. There are various medical kits on board to provide the correct immediate care for adults and children in an emergency. In some situations the helicopter cannot be used due to the location and then a ground vehicle is used to transport the injured to the helicopter for immediate air lift.

It cost 8.4 Million pounds a year for the service to be maintained. This is all achieved by fundraising and donations. In many situations a person who has been assisted in a crisis goes on to fundraise in the future.

Our evening was well attended and raised £204.71. Our members and visitors made voluntary donations and purchased items from the gift shop that Sarah brought with her. We thank everyone for their generosity.

If you want to know more about the North West Air Ambulance and how you can help please visit the website <https://nwaa.net/how-we-work>

If you run a group and would like a speaker please get in touch and I can give you the details.

Tricia Stokes
Mothers' Union Branch Secretary



THE OPEN GROUP

On Wednesday 12th June the Open Group welcomed Nigel Silvester. Nigel had first visited us last year to discuss his own personal life journey and we realised after there was scope for a part two. This time around Nigel offered to talk about the Isles of Scilly, where he spent his childhood. Apparently none of our members have ever been so it was new to us all. We were advised this was not a history of the islands (that's perhaps the theme for another meeting), but merely an insight into life on the islands and what there is to do. This was aided by photographs on the projector screen (Nigel & Barbara looked extremely relaxed sat outdoors with a glass of white wine each).

We started, rather appropriately, with how to get there. Ferry is one option, but for those not keen on the water then there is always the SkyBus aircraft, which will hold around 8 people. It's like sitting in the back of a taxi apparently!

Our evening's entertainment included a look across most of the islands, including St. Mary's, St. Martin's, St. Agnes & Tresco. There was some great scenery and landmarks featured, including some shots of St. Mary's Parish Church in Hugh Town. The area looked extremely peaceful and I observed how beautifully clear the water looked. We also received a brief history of the politician Augustus Smith, who was largely responsible for the Islands' economy today.

As well as being a good advert for the Isles of Scilly, Nigel's talk was very light hearted and included the story of the Isles of Scilly football league consisting of the same two teams who play each other each week and also the hunt for a Sunday newspaper, which comes out on a Monday!

The main industry on the Isles of Scilly is tourism, which accounts for around 80% of the islands' income, and Nigel did his bit tonight with his talk and also the various travel brochures for us to take away. Nigel thinks there is mileage for part three next year if we agree to have him back, which I'm sure we will. Thanks for an insight into these lovely islands and the stories we heard.

David Robinson

NEXT MEETING OF THE OPEN GROUP

Wednesday 10th July

An as yet untitled evening, but please come along at 7.30pm to the Barritt Room. We may have a glass of Shloer, or something stronger

There will be no meeting of the Open Group in August

#More than Sunday

Join us for a Year of Discipleship

#MoreThanSunday *launches on 1 July 2019*

Through **#MoreThanSunday**,
we will grow our faith and increase our discipleship.

What does it mean to be a disciple
and how does our faith impact on our everyday life?
What do we feel called to do because of our faith?

When you sign up you will receive a monthly email
outlining a theme and suggested actions for that month,
along with a podcast featuring local people
who have particular insight to share.

For more information and to sign up visit
www.manchester.anglican.org/more-than-Sunday/
or pick up a card in church.



PRAYER DIARY

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SUBJECTS ON A DAILY BASIS.
THEY FORM PART OF THE PRAYERS AT EVENING PRAYER
AT 5.00pm AT ST.JOHN WITH ST.MARK FROM MONDAY - THURSDAY*

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services.
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.
Those who read, lead intercessions and serve in our churches
- MONDAY:** Our music ministry. The Study Groups.
Those considering lay or ordained ministry
Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- TUESDAY:** All the educational establishments in the parish.
School Governors. Nurseries, Pre-schools, Primary Schools,
St.John with St.Mark CE School.
Our pastoral care to all the community,
especially to those bereaved.
- WEDNESDAY:** Links with other church communities across the world.
Mothers' Union
Our care of the church buildings. Mission Action Planning
- THURSDAY:** The Sunday School /Junior Church and
all our work with young people.
Those preparing to be married in church.
Our baptism ministry.
- FRIDAY:** Links with our local communities.
The PCCS and their committees
Those who provide and arrange church flowers
Those who use our church halls.
- SATURDAY:** The Vicar, Curate and the Assistant Priest. The retired clergy
The Licensed Readers & ALM.
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th May 2019



A huge thank you to everyone who was involved with Christian Aid week this year. The luncheon platter on Sunday 12th May was enjoyed by all and particular thanks to those who helped prepare and serve food, provided raffle prizes, served drinks and to all who attended. The proceeds from the bar on the day have been put back into Christian Aid. Thank you also for the afternoon tea organised by the Women's Institute and to those who made generous donations before, during and after Christian Aid week.

Together, we raised a total of £487.00, which is a fantastic amount. Thank you to you all.

With every blessing, John Brennan (Christian Aid Co-Ordinator)



FIRST AID

We have recently run two First Aid courses, led by the British Red Cross, at St. John with St. Mark. The lady who organised these has been back in touch to see if we would be interested in more. The three courses being offered are as follows:

- 1) Supporting homelessness and rough sleepers
- 2) Supporting those with issues around drug and alcohol usage
- 3) Helping adults (over 65's) who are more likely to have trips and falls

We have run the third one twice now, but if there is any interest in doing it again, or anybody would like to do one of the first two courses then please speak to Ian Banks.

New Neighbours?

Do you have new neighbours? Please welcome them with one of our special cards.

Mothers' Union, in consultation with the Pastoral Committee, designed and had printed this card. Recently updated there is a new stock in the Vicar's vestry at Christ Church, together with some packets of seeds and some individually packaged teabags.

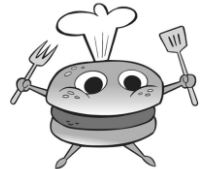


Please feel free to write your own message of welcome, or take one of the cards already written. Please log the address so that we don't bombard anyone. If you feel brave why not hand the card over personally? If not, post it through the letterbox. Why not take a copy of the church magazine too – available from the back of church.



Joint Benefice Social Event for the Bank Holiday weekend

SUMMER BUFFET



At St. John with St. Mark Church Hall
Sunday 25th August after the 10.30am services (approx 12noon)

Cost is £7.00 and includes a variety of barbecue foods
Burgers & sausages etc
Buffet food, salads & sweets

Drinks may be purchased separately from the bar.
A list will be made available at the back of both Churches
nearer the time for you to sign up.

Please pray for nice weather so we can sit outside

SUMMER EVENTS



SCOUTS CREAM TEA

*Saturday 6th July from 2.00pm
At St. John with St. Mark Church Hall*

Fresh cream scones with tea or coffee
In aid of Scout funds
Tickets available from Rosemarie Ashworth



STRAWBERRIES & CREAM COFFEE MORNING

*Saturday 13th July from 10.30am
At the home of Pam Cowie (opposite Fairfield Hospital)*

In aid of St. John with St. Mark Church funds



COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR

*Saturday 20th July from 10.00am
In the Church Hall at St. John with St. Mark*

Stock up on books
and enjoy a bacon sandwich and brew
In aid of Church funds



MORE SUMMER EVENTS



Third Thursday Light Lunch

at CCW Hall
12 noon/1pm

The next lunches will be on **Thursday 18 July**
& **Thursday 15 August**

As always there will be no set charge – if you are able, please give a donation but if you can't just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

YOU will be most welcome. There really is such a thing as a 'free lunch'!!



Afternoon tea

Christ Church Walmersley Church Hall
Tuesday 20th August
1:30pm until 3:30pm

Sandwiches
Cakes Tea or coffee
Glass of Sherry
£5

Tombola
£1 - everyone a winner

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sat 6	9.00am 2.00pm	Walking Group (SJM or CC) Scouts' Cream Tea (SJM)
Sun 7		Third Sunday after Trinity Services as usual Confirmation celebration at CC
Wed 10	2.30pm 7.30pm	Service at Priory Highbank Open Group (SJM)
Sat 13	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Pam Cowie's
Sun 14		Fourth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual 12.30pm Baptism (CC) 3.00pm Reader Celebration (Cathedral)
Wed 17	7.00pm	Mothers' Union (Bella Italia)
Thu 18	12 noon 7.30pm	Light Lunch (CC) Churches Together in Bury (URC)
Sat 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Book Fair (SJM)
Sun 21		Fifth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
Thu 25	8.00pm	PCC Meeting (SJM)
Sun 28		Sixth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual 7.00pm Sunday@Seven (CC)
Mon 29	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (CC)



WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Sun 4		Seventh Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
Wed 7	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Fri 9	7.30pm	Mothers Union Archdeaconry Festival (St. Anne Tottington)
Sun 11		Eighth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
Thu 15	12noon	Light Lunch (CC)
Sun 18		Ninth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
	12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
Tue 20	1.30pm	Afternoon Tea (CC)
Wed 21	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sat 24	3.00pm	Renewal of Wedding Vows (CC)
Sun 25		Tenth Sunday after Trinity Services as usual
	12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
	12noon	Summer Buffet (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC)



Do please let us know what your group has planned for the Autumn, so that we can spread the word – through the magazine, our website and on social media. Contact wrub@live.co.uk and we will make sure it reaches the correct person.

FORMBY RETREAT MAY 2019



Audrey & David enjoy time together on a lovely, but slightly breezy day at Crosby.
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