

**Christ Church Walmersley  
and  
St John with St Mark Bury**

**in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



**We will remember them**

**November 2019**

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## **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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Morning Prayer	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



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As some of you might know Nigel and I were caught up in the 'Rescue mission' for Thomas Cook passengers. When we got home and settled we dug out the insurance policies for the holiday to check if we could claim for things we didn't get that we had paid for.

It struck me then that many people see being a Christian and going to church as some kind of an insurance policy against the pitfalls of life. That if you follow the 'rules' you'll be alright, nothing bad will befall you and when you die you'll go to heaven and everything will be alright. Something you can call upon in an emergency; the fourth emergency service. However an insurance policy is all about 'if's' and 'but's' if this happens you're ok but if you've done that you're not - loads of exclusions and small print.

However for Christians it's more an assurance policy we have. Jesus is there for me/us all the time, I'm assured of his love and care every minute of every day come what may. It's all about certainty, confidence and a promise to be there for us till the end of time, not just an emergency measure which insurance tends to be. It's an overwhelming love that has come through at some of life's deepest and darkest moments totally unconditionally; no if's or but's.



Peter in Acts 2 assures the crowds that Jesus was indeed the Christ, the one who had redeemed humankind. He paid the price of the policy for ALL of those who listen to him and follow in his way that we might benefit in life and death. The ultimate assurance policy!

To quote the hymn:-

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

November is traditionally a time of remembrance, starting with the saints that have gone before us, continuing with a remembrance of political and religious upheaval (Guy Fawkes) and then the horrors of warfare. In all this Jesus assures us week in week out in the breaking of bread and drinking of wine of his sacrifice for us and the assurance of love that he has for us. It's not an insurance policy but a pre-paid assurance policy.

Blessings in Jesus name,

Barbara

## ***Sunday @ Seven***

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We meet for our regular Sunday evening informal worship  
on November 24 at 7pm at St John with St Mark's Hall

### *"Waiting for the Lord"*



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



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

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Nov 3 **All Saints' Sunday**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18    Ephesians 1: 11-end    Luke 6: 20-31

Nov 10 **Remembrance Sunday**

Job 19: 23-27a    2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,  
13-17    Luke 20: 27-38

Nov 17 **2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

Malachi 4: 1-2a    2 Thessalonians 3:6-13    Luke 21: 5-19

Nov 24 **Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6    Colossians 1: 11-20    Luke 23: 33-43

Dec 1 **Advent Sunday**

Isaiah 2: 1-5    Romans 13: 11-14    Matthew 24: 36-44



## ***FLOWERS IN CHURCH***

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### **At Christ Church**

- Nov 3        Mrs J Wood  
Nov 10       In memory of past Mothers' Union members  
Nov 17       In memory of Astonn Mitchell-Male  
Nov 24       Vacant

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**

Sep 29 Harry Andrew Robert Gray

Oct 13 Louie John Lawrence

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

### **Church Funeral**

Oct 3 Lynne Ashpitel

### **Interment of Ashes**

Sep 26 Audrey Brooks

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

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## **ALL SOULS**

Service for the bereaved

including the reading of a list of those who we love but see no longer

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

*3.00pm*

*St. John with St. Mark*



*ALL ARE WELCOME*

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 10 November**

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### **I WENT TO SEE THE SOLDIERS** *by Kenny Martin*

I went to see the soldiers, row on row on row,  
And wondered about each so still, their badges all on show.

What brought them here, what life before

Was like for each of them?

What made them angry, laugh or cry,

These soldiers, boys and men.

Some so young, some older still, a bond more close than brothers  
Those men have earned and shared a love, that's not like any others.

They trained as one, they fought as one

They shared their last together.

That bond endures, that love is true

And will be, now and ever.

I could not know, how could I guess, what choices each had made,  
Of how they came to soldiering, what part each one had played?

But here they are and here they'll stay,

Each one silent and in place,

Their headstones line up row on row

They guard this hallowed place.

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### **PARADE SERVICES with Acts of Remembrance**

- 10.30am Christ Church
- 10.30am St.John with St.Mark  
(with Communion)

**"We will remember them"**



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## From the Vicarage

\* Thanks to all who contributed to a very enjoyable Harvest weekend – especially to those who decorated the churches and also the Scout leaders who prepared and served the Harvest Lunch at St.John with St.Mark. All the recipients of our Harvest gifts were very grateful for all that we donated.

\* Thanks also to those who completed the annual Income Survey last month. This is required by the Manchester Diocese as part of the calculation of parish share which is the amount of money requested from each parish for diocesan and clergy support.

\* Plans are well underway to celebrate both the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road and 250 years since the parish of St.John was formed next year. The main event at St.John with St.Mark's will be held over the weekend of June 6/7 with our Summer Fair and a Celebration Service to be attended by the Bishop of Manchester. There will be a service to mark a decade of the Benefice in the autumn.

\* 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. An ecumenical group also visits Burrswood House and Limefield Court on a monthly basis for a short service. Once again anyone is welcome to join us. Please have a word with me for the exact dates.

\* 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 6.30-7.00pm.

\* The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Ministers 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.

\* The MOB – Men of the Benefice – hold their end of year meal at La Dolce Vita on Friday 6 December beginning at 7.30pm. Please indicate on the lists at the back of both churches if you would like to attend.

\* 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk Please remember the next edition will cover December and January.

\* CHRIST CHURCH - VISION FOR THE FUTURE:  
What is your choice -

REORDERED CHURCH? REVAMPED HALL? NEW BUILD?

## ***NOTES FROM OUR COUNCILS***

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### **Christ Church PCC meeting 12 Sept 2019.**

There was no general correspondence for the meeting.

Under finance the treasurer gave an update on the church finances as of the end of August 2019. Although bank statements have not been received, expenditure for August is expected to exceed income by about £900. Outstanding items for the electrical inspection amounting to approx. £1300 were agreed and a date is to be discussed when the work will be done. It was agreed that £50 from the copper collection in church would be donated to Porch Boxes. The treasurer was asked to circulate information to all the PCC members on the meeting for the Parish share.

Regarding the sale of the field, the contract is currently being worked on and exchanged between the Builder's solicitors and the PCC's solicitor.

Discussing the Benefice 10-year celebration, the vicar confirmed that Bishop Mark was being asked to attend for a 2020 Autumn celebration.

The fund-raising committee gave a report and indicated the following dates for further activities.

9th November Stan Parkinson Quiz, 7.30pm in the church hall, quiz £3 pie supper if required £3.50.

26th November festive afternoon tea 2pm in the church hall admission £5.

14th December Breakfast sandwiches and festive stalls in the church hall 10am to 1pm.

Saturday 15th February 2020 Valentine tea party 2pm £5.

Updates were noted on the brass band concert in church in December 2019 price £7.50. Further information will be available soon.

It was noted that the PCC approved Ian Banks' commissioning as an ALM.

In the Vicar's remarks it was noted that the Diocese is proposing to reorganise the existing 20 deaneries down to seven larger deaneries. This will be discussed further at the Deanery synod at the end of September. A letter had been received by the vicar from the Bishop of Burnley about "Estates projects" which are working toward a thriving, growing, loving church on every significant social housing estate in the country – through new patterns of ministry, sharing good practice and encouraging leaders". Further information on this can be seen on the internet at

[www.churchofengland.org/about/renewal-reform/estates](http://www.churchofengland.org/about/renewal-reform/estates)

The next PCC meeting will be on 7th November in the church hall.

### **St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 19th September 2019**

The Vicar advised it is preferred that all PCC members are DBS checked, although this is not a necessity.

Upcoming social dates were confirmed. The Coffee Morning & Book Fair scheduled for Saturday 2nd November will not now be taking place.

More statistics from the Website were shared. Top 5 visitors this month are UK, USA, China, India & Australia.

The steps to the Chancel are being looked at to make them more distinguishable for those with poor vision. A marking on the steps is an option.

Continued suggestions for the 250th Anniversary in 2020 include a Service in St. John's Gardens on a Monday in June. We may need to contact the council to gain permission for this. Debbie and the Pantomime team are also looking to put on a show around July.

It has been announced that we have a few members added to the Electoral Roll.

It is expected that we will move the Memorial plaques to the Chapel side of the Garden of Remembrance in the near future.

Three quotes for a new Church sound system were shared. These range from £3000.00 to £15000.00 and will be discussed further.

The annual income & attendance surveys will take place in October. The Parish Share for this next year will remain at £38500.00.

The Vicar read out a letter from the Bishop of Burnley advising us of an initiative between the Church & Urban Estates. Parishes which serve a social housing estate with more than 500 social housing homes are being asked to look at ways that the Church can strengthen their presence on these estates.

The Vicar also advised that he has recently met with the Methodist minister at Seedfield to discuss Ecumenical links in the area.

A handout giving details of the proposed Deanery restructure, reducing the number of Deaneries from 20 to 7, was shared with PCC. Ian advised he had attended an initial discussion session at Bolton Parish Church earlier in September. A further open Deanery Synod meeting was held on 30th September for Clergy and reps to ask questions and give feedback from their Parishes.

The next PCC meeting will take place on Thursday 14th November and a joint PCC meeting with Christ Church will be held on Wednesday 30th October.



In the next edition of this magazine (Dec/Jan) we will publish greetings if you would like to take this opportunity to share with a wider group and make a donation to charity at the same time.

Greetings should be sent to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) no later than 14 November. If you wish to attach a graphic please do, otherwise the editors will choose appropriate images.



## ***CHRISTIAN MUSLIM FORUM***

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m.**

ANNE ISAAC will recall her trip to

### **Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland**

The trip was organised by RABBI WARREN ELF  
as part of The Manchester Stop Hatred Forum

We will hear of the holocaust and its tragic history,  
and discuss other tragic events that have happened  
to Christians or Muslims.

What can we do to prevent similar events today?

Refreshments (pizza,etc.) will be served at 8.40 pm Close by 9.30pm



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PARSON'S LANE,  
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(opposite the large  
Tesco car park in  
Bury)



## ***THE OPEN GROUP***

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For our meeting on Wednesday 9th October we welcomed Ian Banks as our guest speaker, at this our first Open Group since Ian's commissioning as Authorised Lay Minister in September. We offered our congratulations at the start of the meeting.

We were advised that we would be going back to school this month as a list of subjects from Art to Religion was displayed on the projector screen, however our journey would be based entirely on maps from the Ice Age to present and then future.

We were shown several maps which were actually works of art & motifs; some embroidered, some painted, contemporary takes on places like Everest and we were asked if we could spot the hidden face in one of the designs.

History was obviously a regular theme as we were shown maps from hundreds of years ago before the days of space travel and long haul travel, when map makers had to work out how our world was shaped (in fairness, some of their guesses were not far off). We touched on something we had covered at a previous Open Group with a look at the Viking settlements in Britain and Europe.

Some of the maps featured places many miles from home, whilst some were more local. It was observed how on a map from centuries ago, Bury was in larger print than Manchester!

A map of Britain before the Ice Age showed that we have not always been an island and there was also a look at the map of the Israelites Exodus from Egypt in the Old Testament.

Politics also featured, including a closer look at the college system in the last US elections, and a more comical set-up showing the state of play across Europe whilst Brexit is ongoing.

Perhaps one of the more notable maps was that of the future world if the ice caps continue to melt. The image showed how most of the UK could lose its coastal regions in years to come if the trend continues.

We all seemed to enjoy our return to school for this one night and over coffee there was a chance to study some paper maps and atlases, including a near 200 year old map of Bury with most of its streets and areas still recognised today.

Thanks to Ian for leading the evening.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE OPEN GROUP**

Wednesday 13th November

Reverend Paul Sanderson will fill us in on one of his latest walks

All are welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room

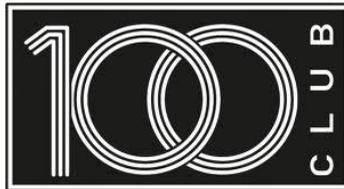
David Robinson

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**SEPTEMBER 2019 WINNERS**

1st Prize – Roy Nuttall

2nd Prize – Margaret Hall



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

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ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH INVITE YOU TO



***A BUFFET DINNER DANCE***

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

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH (June Banks)

£7.50 EACH

ALL WELCOME

Mothers' Union's theme for 2019 is "Listen Observe Act - In Step with God" and so our September meeting reflected this. Thanks to Tricia for the report below.

Unfortunately I missed the meeting as I was in Portsmouth attending the General Meeting, held in the very impressive Guildhall. The previous evening a service had been held in the Cathedral. It was a delight to have the new Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, in attendance and address the meeting.

The meeting concluded with Sheran announcing the annual theme for 2020 as "Building hope and confidence". She enthused "I have never been more hopeful about the future of Mothers' Union as I am today...let us walk together in hope and confidence, trusting each other... and building the hope and confidence of families and communities as we reach forward as God's hands and feet".

Sheran is visiting our Province in November and on Thursday 7th is attending a service in Leeds Minster at 12.30pm followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions. All are welcome to attend.

Our first October meeting saw member Gill Smith return with part two of her talk, this time about soapstone. Gill brought samples and some members brought jewellery made from amber and jet, the subject of Gill's previous talk.

In November we are celebrating Holy Communion followed by a soup supper (on 6<sup>th</sup>) and our second meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> will be part two of "Listen Observe Act - In Step with God" – this time thinking of our place in the Community.

Our Christmas meal will be at the Red Hall on Wednesday 11th December and all members, family and friends are welcome. Menus are now available from committee members. Please give names to Tricia Stokes or Barbara Silvester.

Thank you  
Bob Taylor

## **Listen, Observe, Act - in Step with God: in the Church**

At our meeting held in church, our members were given a quiz or treasure hunt. They spent 45 minutes observing things around the church - objects, quotes and historical dates.

They set off in teams of two or three but many times stopped in groups to discuss things found on their hunt and enlighten each other on their personal knowledge. The evening certainly had the effect intended of opening our eyes to what is around us all the time.

At the end of the hunt the answers were revealed and despite the hard work some answers differed in each team bringing our attention to the need to observe more and to listen.

As this was an evening meeting some difficulties occurred with the questions connected to the quotes on the stained glass windows due to the poor lighting and not being able to go outside and look inward.

Our members feedback was positive and at the end of the meeting they enjoyed a hot drink, biscuits and a tub of chocolates as a shared prize. There was no rush to go home and the discussions continued. A big thank you to Barbara Taylor for organising this despite being away at the time.

There will be a follow on to this theme in November.

Love and prayers  
Tricia Stokes



One outcome of this exploration was the realisation that none of the names on our list of First Aiders are of regular attenders to our main church services.

So if you are a qualified First Aider or willing to be trained, please have a word with one of the Wardens.

## ***Quiet Moments for Peace and Reconciliation***

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### **Week One**

*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation serves as a reminder that when we pray about the problems of the world around us, we need to begin by acknowledging the roots of those problems in our own hearts.*

*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
FATHER FORGIVE

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
FATHER FORGIVE

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
FATHER FORGIVE

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
FATHER FORGIVE

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
FATHER FORGIVE

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
FATHER FORGIVE

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
FATHER FORGIVE

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

### **Week Two**

Prophet Muhammad  
(Pbuh) Said Do You  
Know What Is More  
Precious Than  
Prayers And Fasting?  
Making Peace  
Between Two People!

### **Week Three**

Dear Lord,

I stepped over the mark

and now my words have pierced the heart of another.

It isn't easy to say sorry in this situation .....

Give me love, Lord,

to share with my friends and all whom I meet this day.

Give me compassion, Lord,

to deal with this situation appropriately.

Give me courage, Lord,

to grasp that moment when it comes.

May it be embraced with your love

and filled with your peace. Amen

*Jacqui Armstrong, Ireland*

### **Week Four**

*On the International Day of Peace Archbishop Justin asked,*

*In our everyday encounters with other people, how often do we take the time to stop and see Jesus in them? Because when we do that, we are laying the foundations for true peace and genuine reconciliation.*

Lord Jesus, we make it our prayer that you would walk with us and

“guide our feet into the way of peace.” Help us always to remember

that every person we meet is made in the image of you – weak or

powerless, sick or suffering, on the margins, or the oppressed.

Show us how to be peacemakers, wherever we are and whoever we

are with, and to share that gift with others. Amen



## **SATURDAY WALKING GROUP**

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Just three of us set off on our jaunt on 12th October and we completed the route from Manchester to Radcliffe. Paul had pulled out due to rehearsals for Sound of Music at St. Stephen but between Ralph, John & I we thought

we could do it and didn't think we would get too far astray between Manchester & Radcliffe. The bulk of the route we took kept us on the River Irwell Sculpture Trail. We met at Bury Metrolink at 9.30am to catch the tram to Victoria and walked a short distance to the start of our official route at the side of the University of Salford and through Peel Park. From here we crossed the main road and along the Irwell for a short distance until reaching Cromwell Road, which we crossed to enter Kersal Dale. The Autumn colours were just beginning to show through in the nearby woods and it was turning into a very pleasant day.

After crossing the bridge over the river to take us into the nearby housing estate we ventured back along Kersal Dale for a brief elevenses stop and then continued past the former Cussons soap factory to pick up the start of Drinkwater Park. There was a brief discussion here as to which way we were going before we found our way along the Sculpture Trail and arrived at the cross point for Philips Park where we stopped for lunch.

After our stop we continued through the park and picked up the motorway bridge over the M60 and found the Outwood Trail, which we walked along for a good mile, passing the former Ringley Road station with its platform still intact. We exited the trail around 2.30pm into Radcliffe for the journey back home. It was an enjoyable walk and we did not manage to lose our way. The season was in full swing with the orange colours and bright red berries on display.

The following day I received the following E-Mail from Ralph, which he asked me to share in the magazine:

"After I got home yesterday I had a cup of tea and a shower, both very welcome, and then I went to see if I had any emails. Next thing I knew was waking from a short (I think) sleep, with my head neatly resting on the computer keyboard, covering the machine on my desk. Fortunately there weren't any emails! Thank you for a good walk; it was a lovely day and we didn't get lost!"

Best foot forward, David Robinson

## ***“He always has our back”***

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I wasn't too sure why I was given the opportunity to speak about Mothers' Union's work on Peace and Reconciliation at the BCHS services on October 15<sup>th</sup> (but I was not about to forego the privilege!)

Two services were held at Bury Parish Church in order that all pupils could witness Emma, from Coventry Cathedral, present the Cross of Nails to the school (the 50<sup>th</sup> school to join a community which currently has 200 members).

To find out more about the CCN follow this link

<http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/read-our-story/>



and why not talk to any of the pupils about the school's commitment to reconciliation? or maybe they would share with us their 'dove' prayer, many of which were displayed in church?

Pupils told the story from Coventry, read from the bible, shared prayers they had written, and gave testimonies.

The head boy and head girl received the cross of nails at the two services.

One comment will stay with me from the second service. Pupils were responding to the Litany of Reconciliation (see our Quiet Moments page) and one young boy, asked why we should pray "Father forgive" responded with, "Because God always has our back". What a great phrase for us all to bear in mind.

Barbara Taylor

## *News from our Church School*

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### **ST.JOHN with ST.MARK CE SCHOOL**

***"Believe, Achieve, Succeed"***

- Thanks to all who collected Tesco Blue Tokens. The school came second amongst those in receipt of tokens. Money raised will go towards improving the Early Years Outdoor Area.
- The School Harvest Service was held in church on Tuesday 15 October, Afterwards several harvest gifts were distributed to members of the community. Thanks to all those who supported this event.

- ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

<i>Friday 1 November</i>	<i>1.45 pm Snow White Panto in school</i>
<i>Monday 11 November</i>	<i>11.00 am Armistice Assembly</i>
<i>Monday 9 December</i>	<i>Bury Hospice Choir event</i>
<i>Wednesday 11 December</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Dinner</i>
<i>Thursday 12 December</i>	<i>2.00 pm Christmas Fair</i>
<i>Tuesday 17 December</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Parties</i>
<i>Wednesday 18 December</i>	<i>10.30 am Christmas Show in the Church Hall</i>

- There are still some vacancies on the School Governing Body which usually meets once every term. If anyone is interested in serving on this important committee please speak to the Vicar or Sue Law, the Chair of Governors.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HEADTEACHER MR. OLLIS  
AND EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

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*Tel: 0161 764 5330*                      *www.stjohnwithstmark.org.uk*

## **PRAYER DIARY**

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*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 and retired clergy  
The Licensed Readers & ALMs.  
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.

# WOOD STREET MISSION 150 YEARS 1869-2019

**THEN** - In 1869 Deansgate was one of the most squalid slum areas in the city, along with Salford and Hulme. Families were living in cramped houses with poor amenities. Unemployment was high and many relied on the generosity of others to provide them with a meal for their families each day.

Alfred Alsop, book seller, publisher, and Methodist, and a few friends conducted their first service in the street, with an aim to preach the Gospel in those slum areas. Alfred realised that his evangelical zeal could not compete with the appalling levels of hunger, poverty and destitution which many in the community endured. He decided to create a charitable movement – Manchester and Salford Street Children’s Mission – that resolved to provide the basic necessities of life: food, shelter and clothing.

**NOW** - its **Mission** is to help alleviate the effects of poverty on local children and their families through practical help.

Its **Vision** is that all children in Manchester and Salford should live a life free from poverty.



The Very Reverend Rogers Govender,  
Dean of Manchester  
warmly invites you to

A Service to Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Wood Street Mission

Sunday 17 November 2019 at 2.00pm

## ***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 by alleviating the day to day impact of poverty and improving life chances.

### **THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL** (from the Mission's website)

Christmas for many of us is a time of joy, gifts, and precious time with family. However it's also an expensive time of year, and can be an especially difficult time for those families struggling to make ends meet. Wood Street Mission has provided toys for local children at Christmas since the charity began in 1869, and it continues to be our busiest time of year. Every year, thanks to our supporters, we collect thousands of toys and goodies to distribute to families in need across Manchester and Salford.

**PLEASE HELP BY PROVIDING EITHER ITEMS (Toys, games and children's books) OR MONEY**

In 2018 almost 4,000 children were helped by the Mission's Christmas Appeal. In addition, on 23 December over 300 local children and families were treated to a wonderful Christmas Party in the plush surroundings of The Sheridan on Oldham Road, Manchester. This year – the 150th anniversary of Wood Street Mission – a similar event is being planned.

### **OTHER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES** at WOOD STREET

Smart Start – the school uniform project

Book Club – encouraging a love of reading

Family Basics - assisting low income families with day to day essential items.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP**

Find out more at [www.woodstreetmission.org.uk](http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk)

Or contact them on 0161 834 3140 25 Wood St. Manchester M3 3EF

## *The Real Advent Calendar*

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The 2019 Real Advent Calendar is available again this year. It is a great way to share the Christmas story.

### MEANINGFUL FEATURES:

- \* Behind each window is a line of the Christmas story
- \* Free 24 page Christmas book included
- \* Charitable Donation made from each sale
- \* Uses quality Fairtrade chocolate
- \* 24 festive milk chocolate shapes
- \* Foil sealed for freshness
- \* Recyclable box and tray

The picture on the cover is a beautiful illustration of the Nativity scene, featuring all of the main characters from the Christmas story. It reminds us that the birth of Jesus is at the heart of Christmas.

The accompanying book has a page for every day of advent which illustrates the story as well as providing a range of challenges and activities throughout Advent.

The Real Advent Calendar is available directly on-line, from larger Tesco stores and a range of independent retailers.

PART OF THE MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE COMPANY –  
making a big chunk of difference

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Why not make a difference to another family too?

Buy a calendar (online) and MCC will cover the additional costs of sending a full priced single Real Advent Calendar to the Trussell food bank hub for national distribution. It's a great way to make sure a family in need receive a Fairtrade Real Advent Calendar this year. Donations need to be made by 20th November.



**ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK  
CHRISTMAS FAIR**



**Saturday 30th November  
From 11am**

Cake stall

Tombolas

Seasonal Cards and Gifts

Jewellery

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.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICES**

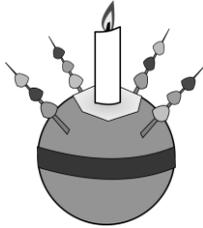
CHRIST CHURCH:  
Monday 2 December

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK:  
Wednesday 4 December

Both services at 6.30pm

Please bring a toy  
for a local child in need.

Toys will be distributed via the  
local Salvation Army &  
Wood Street Mission



**CAFÉ CHURCH 2019**



**Christ Church**  
10.30am, 8 December

**St.John with St.Mark**  
10.30am, 15 December

ALL CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES  
ARE HELD  
IN THE CHURCH HALLS

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019**

Sunday 22 December: 6.30pm Benefice Carol Service - JMB

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm Crib Service – JMB

6.00pm Family Service – CCW

7.30pm Parish Communion - JMB

Christmas Night: 11.30pm Parish Communion – CCW

Christmas Day: 10.00 am Holy Communion Services

IN BOTH CHURCHES

29 December 10.30am Joint Benefice Service – JMB

## ***THIS MONTH'S EVENTS***

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### **Third Thursday Light Lunch**

at CCW Hall  
12 noon - 1pm

The next lunch will be on **Thursday 21 November**

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'!!

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### **FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA**

26 November at 2pm

Christ Church Hall

Tickets £5



### **QUIZ**

for the  
Stan Parkinson Trophy

Sat 9th November  
7.30pm

Christ Church Hall

Home Made Pie Supper

Quiz £3,  
with Supper £6.50

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

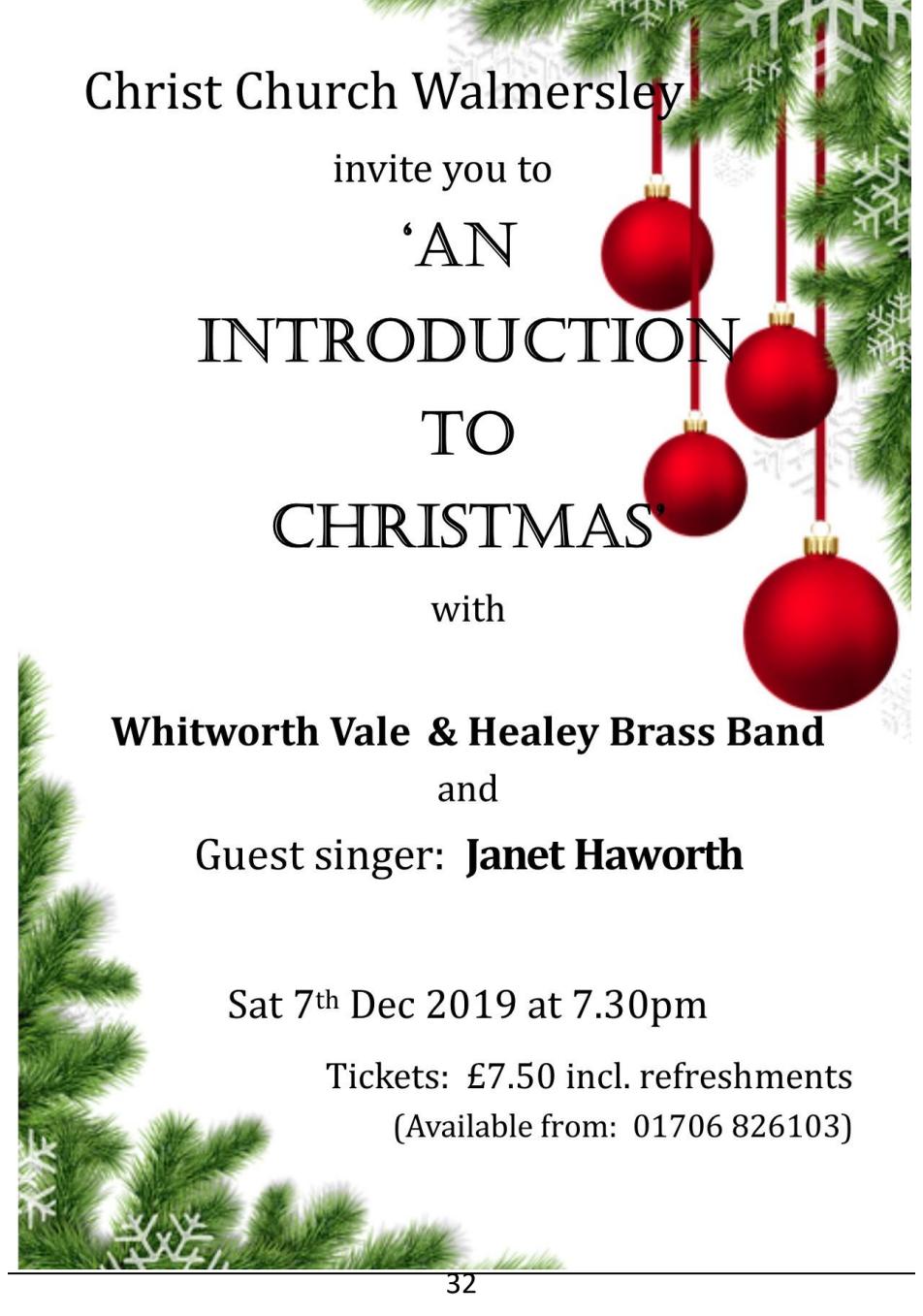
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Sun 3		<b>All Saints' Sunday</b> Services as usual
	3.00pm	Service for the Bereaved (SJM)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 7	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Sat 9	7.30pm	Quiz (CC Hall)
Sun 10		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Services as usual
Wed 13	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM Barritt Room)
Thu 14	8.00pm	PCC (SJM)
Fri 15	7.30pm	Buffet Dance (SJM)
Sun 17		<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b> Services as usual
Tue 19	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 21	12noon	Light Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 24		<b>Christ the King</b> Services as usual
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (SJM Barritt Room)
Tue 26	2.00pm	Festive Afternoon Tea (CC)
	7.30pm	Christian Muslim Forum (URC)
Sat 30	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM)

Please let us know what events you are planning so we can include them on our calendar.

The next edition of the magazine will cover December and January, and will be available in both churches on 1 December.





Christ Church Walmersley

invite you to

‘AN  
INTRODUCTION  
TO  
CHRISTMAS’

with

**Whitworth Vale & Healey Brass Band**

and

**Guest singer: Janet Haworth**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 at 7.30pm

Tickets: £7.50 incl. refreshments

(Available from: 01706 826103)