

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

in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road



November 2020

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REGULAR SERVICES

When we were able to begin holding services once more it was with a number of constraints. Now, we will continue with just one service in each church but that service returns to its usual time of 10.30 am from this month.

We continue to observe guidance from the Government, the Church of England and the Diocese of Manchester. There will be no singing, or contact when Sharing of the Peace. Communion will be received in one kind only.

Social distancing guidelines and hygiene protocols are in place and a suitable face covering should be worn unless you are exempt.

Sunday			
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Service of the Word Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	All	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Currently by Zoom
Wednesday			
10.00 a.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
Thursday			
12.30 p.m.		The Gathering	Zoom
2.00 p.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	Christ Church
7.30 p.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
Other services as announced Morning Prayer is said each day at 9.30 a.m. Evening Prayer is said each day at 5.00 p.m.			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



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Dear Friends

By now, wild fruit foragers and gardeners have prepared and stashed away nature's bounty; closed freezer doors on damson, plum, blackberries, raspberries, apples and perhaps a little rhubarb on the side. A time to remember sunny days between showers and downpours before winter sets in.



In a way it's a sombre time in Church life as everything we have worked through as a pilgrim people is coming to its conclusion. The month of November signals the end of the long Trinity season. On All Saints' Day we celebrate the Christian saints - known and unknown – followed by All Souls on 2 November where names of loved ones are often read aloud in church, brought to mind but not forgotten.

On 11 November – the anniversary of the armistice that ended hostilities in the war of 1914 -18 - is a day of Remembrance for the nation where we pay our respects to the fallen of all wars since. The events at the Cenotaph in London and in countless towns and villages across the country mark this event.

Some of you may have had a recent experience of losing a family member or friend in the uniformed services, but for most of us it will be an inherited memory on a plaque passed on from one generation to the next.

And yet there is hope in this Kingdom Season, four weeks before Advent, when we celebrate the risen life of Christ the King on 22 November.

Take a look again, if you will, at the famous picture painted by the pre-Raphaelite painter William Holman Hunt based on Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock".



Jesus is represented as Christ the King. The Light of the World. He is dressed in a long royal robe and crowned with a crown of gold woven through with sharp thorns. This is a reminder of our Saviour's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary for the love of all people. He stands before a closed door overgrown with weeds. Christ knocks on the door of the soul. His invitation is simple – take me seriously and include me in your life. The handle of the door is on our side.

The Lantern that Jesus carries will enlighten our hearts and minds. He will show us the way – all we need to do is ask Christ the King to enter in. If we do this, in the words of Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Even in these difficult times.

Yours

Pam Cowie

Angels without wings

I've always believed that God puts Angels on earth and one was sent to my aid in August when I fell in Walmersley Road. Her name is Alison. She phoned for an ambulance, rang my son and stayed and supported me until I was whisked off to the hospital.

To her, and to all the people who sent kind messages and prayed for me I give my heartfelt thanks.

Audrey





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*CHRIST CHURCH
and
ST.JOHN with ST.MARK*

8 November at 10.30am for both Churches

with Acts of Remembrance & Commitment

As a part of our remembering this year it is proposed that the service includes prayers for those known to us who are currently serving in the armed forces. If you know of such people and would like them included then please let us know before the day. You can phone, e-mail us or tell us, either directly or via the website. Thank you.

Nigel and Dave



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

FROM THE REGISTERS

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

October 1

Ian Adamson

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



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Nov 1 Mrs J Wood

Nov 8 In memory of past Mothers' Union members

Nov 15 In memory of Astonn Mitchell-Male

Nov 22 In memory of Wendy Riggs

Nov 29 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 Hazel Bamford (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark).

If you wish to explore the idea of joining the flower arranging rota, please get in touch also.





BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 1 **All Saints' Day**

Revelation 7: 9-end 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12

Nov 8 **3rd before Advent - Remembrance Sunday**

Amos 5: 18-24 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13

Nov 15 **2nd before Advent**

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

Nov 22 **Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46

Nov 29 **Advent Sunday** (*Year B Liturgical Cycle*)

Isaiah 64: 1-9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37

Dec 6 **2nd of Advent**

Isaiah 40: 1-11 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8

Please note that at present we are only using one reading before the Gospel. The reader will be informed in advance which passage is being used.

Please share this free phone line with anyone who may find it helpful. It is especially beneficial for those who do not have access to the multitude of resources available on the internet.



From the Vicarage

- * Thanks to the members of the local Co-operative Funeral Service branch who helped tidy up the Christ Church churchyard on a Saturday morning at the end of September. They cleared a quantity of leaves from the church path and their assistance is much appreciated. The work of maintaining our churchyard is an ongoing process and the contribution of Jason & Barry amongst others is often unseen but invaluable.
- * From this month the times of our Sunday morning services are changing back to 10.30am at both churches. The unavailability of ministers during the period of shielding was a factor in the pattern changing when the churches returned from closure in July. However, we are now able to resume having two services at the same time. Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding in recent months. We are still unable to resume the early services at present.
- * We are determined that our church buildings remain Covid secure and that we are always complying with the necessary health, hygiene and social distancing guidelines. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please have a word with me or one of the church wardens.
- * A reminder that despite our celebrations for the 250th anniversary of St. John's Church being severely curtailed this year, we have arranged a special service with the Bishop of Manchester on Sunday 6 December, beginning at 10.30am. This will obviously be held at St. John with St. Mark but with both congregations in attendance. Please put this date in your diary.
- * The former Headteacher of Bury Church High School, the Revd. Craig Watson and his wife Elaine have announced that they will be moving to Nepal as missionaries for the Church Mission Society. Craig has written an article for this magazine with more details. It is hoped that we as a United Benefice can support them both in prayer, in sharing information and perhaps financially. We will hear much more about their situation in the next few months.

- * I continue to say Morning Prayer at 9.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.00pm on a daily basis. It is good to know that others are saying prayers at the same time as we join together in prayer.
- * Enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made at the Parish Office held at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.
- * The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and Authorised Lay Ministers meets 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 always in need of food and toiletries especially in this current situation. A box is available at the back of both churches.
- * 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
- * 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 Hazel Bamford (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark). If you wish to join the flower arranging rota, please also get in touch also.
- * 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

Archdeacons' Visitations

Please note that this year the services will take place in November via Zoom and are limited to the Wardens who have to be admitted legally. The Bolton Archdeaconry service will be held on Wednesday 4 November at 7.30 p.m.

Please take this opportunity to pray for our Wardens, Sidespersons and all members of our PCCS, lay and ordained, who would normally attend this annual service and for Jean Burgess, our Archdeacon.

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 18 October 2020, this is the list of the Parochial Church Council for St. John with St. Mark's.

The Revd. Dave Thompson - *Chairman*
Rosemarie Ashworth – *Church Warden and Deputy Chair*
June Banks – *Church Warden, Deanery Synod*
Keith Duckworth – *Deputy Warden*
Ian Banks – *Deanery Synod* David Robinson – *Deanery Synod*
David Andrew John Brennan
Debbie Cooper Marjorie Evans
Mary Howarth Sue Law

If you would like any matter to be raised at a meeting of your Parochial Church Council, please contact any of the above.

CHRIST CHURCH: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 19 October 2020, this is the list of the Parochial Church Council for Christ Church.

The Revd. Dave Thompson - *Chairman*
Jennifer Wood and Jason Edwards - *Church Wardens*
Barbara Silvester – *Reader representative*
Barbara Taylor - *Deanery Synod & Lay Chair*
Catherine Hilton – *Diocesan Synod*
Geoff Hamilton Ian Riddick
Hazel Bamford David Peters
Geoff Stokes Patricia Stokes

If you would like any matter to be raised at a meeting of your Parochial Church Council, please contact any of the above.

NOTES FROM THE APCMS

St. John with St. Mark

The meeting took place in Church after the 11.00am service on 18th October, ensuring the necessary health and hygiene protocols were observed.

The wardens and deputy wardens were elected at the start of the meeting.

The policies on children, young people and the safeguarding of adults were approved in the usual manner.

Ian outlined his treasurers report, noting for the first time in years it was not displayed on an overhead projector! We ended 2019 in deficit however this was largely due to our expenditure on positive things such as the disabled access between Church and Hall. Ian also informed us how much of an impact the pandemic has had on our finances during 2020, due to planned givers shielding and hall usage down, and how things could play out if the current situation continues for the longer term.

The 250th anniversary of the Parish of St. John formed the basis of the Vicar's report and how our mission had been curtailed, due to the various events which were planned more or less all being cancelled. It was noted that the celebration with Bishop David on 6th December will go ahead though. The Vicar also thanked those who had made it possible for the Church to reopen for public worship and there were particular thanks to Ian and June for their work in both Church and Hall.

A brief meeting of the PCC took place after the meeting to elect officers to roles and to approve the renewal of the current Eucharist Assistants (although currently not being used due to communion restrictions).

David Robinson

Christ Church

A socially distanced meeting was attended by 20 Parishioners.

The Minutes of the APCM held on the 29th April 2019 were approved. The vicar thanked the treasurer for her monthly reports by email over the last difficult months. Alistair Gillian was approved as independent examiner for 2020/2021.

There were 82 members on the electoral roll at the time of the APCM.

Thanks were given by the vicar for Betty Winterbottom's work over the years in looking after the flower arranging in church and organising a rota of flower arrangers. Betty retired at Easter in 2020 and Hazel Bamford has taken over from her.

The current wardens were re-elected, the vicar giving thanks for their work over the year. Two PCC members stood down and three existing members were re-elected.

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INTRODUCING MISSION COMMUNITIES

The Diocese of Manchester has a desire

**“TO BE A WORSHIPPING, GROWING & TRANSFORMING
CHRISTIAN PRESENCE AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY.”**

To this end, a recently published document points the way to work together in growing, nurturing and serving our communities across the Diocese.

Transforming Manchester Diocese: A briefing document on the proposals for Mission Communities (MCs) was issued last month.

It introduces a system of MCs whereby groups of parishes are linked to bring together the skills and talents of ordained and lay leaders in a particular locality.

It is not designed to abandon the parish structure but to enhance it by working alongside others to develop mission and ministry.

As Bishop David writes: “Over the last seven months, we have shown that we can respond positively, even in the most challenging of circumstances, when we have been tired and frustrated at the restrictions placed upon us and hurt by being deprived of our normal ways of gathering. We have learned we can do church differently in new and creative ways. We have understood better what it is to be church outside our existing walls and buildings, which has enabled us to release new missional energy. And we have found new ways of working together and supporting each other. All this is enabling us to move forward under God.”

The Mission Communities proposals follow the creation of seven large deaneries to replace the previous smaller groupings. MCs are part of the way this new deanery structure aims to achieve this vision for the future.

A consultation period will now begin to look at all of the details and for this to be widely discussed and debated over the next eight months. This will enable a wide range of people across the diocese to be involved in shaping this vision and enthusiastically engage with what this will mean for their church communities.

The document is published on the diocesan website – www.manchester.anglican.org Please have a read of the proposals and direct any comments to a member of our Ministry Team or a Deanery Synod member.

The Diocese sees Mission Communities as being at the heart of their vision for local ministry.

The publication includes this prayer for the Diocese:

A Prayer of Longing and Hope in a Time of Discernment

Living and Loving God,
as your pilgrim people
in the Diocese of Manchester,
we thank you for the great commission
with which you have entrusted us:
to love and serve, and to bring
our parishes, schools, chaplaincies and all our communities
into new life in Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for all you call us towards
in the months and years to come,
grant us hopeful and honest discernment;
meet our anxieties, griefs and fears
with your tender and comforting Spirit;
and help us to greet the promise and challenge
of each new day with openness, grace, and trust.

Teach us to pray in faith, hope and love,
that we may go out into your world
confident in your mission,
and full of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen

All Saints' (1st) and All Souls (2nd)

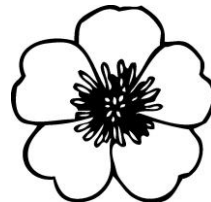
As we remember those who have died
and affirm that they are in God's keeping,
we invite you to light a candle.



Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love
to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Remembrance

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

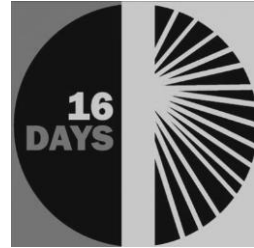


**November 25
begins the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence**

Forgive us Lord
when we hear neither your plea,
nor the cries of your people.

Free us Lord
from the fears that bind us,
or from any sense of powerlessness.

Fill us Lord
with your dream of a just world
and the tenacity to keep going
in playing our part,
in your name, Amen



Maggie Lunan

A Night Blessing

When you feel the load you are carrying is too heavy,
may God give you strength to carry it or may it be lightened.
When you are weighed down by worry,
may you be strengthened by the assurance of God's grace.
When your soul is downcast,
may you find hope in Christ.
Amen



Sunday @ Seven

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

November 29th at 7pm

“What are you waiting for”

Do join us from the comfort of your own sofa – make yourself a tea/coffee – perhaps even treat yourself to cake/biscuits!



With thanks to [Zhu Liang](#) for the photo on [Unsplash](#)

A unique moment to share the Christmas story

The 2020 Real Advent Calendar is available now.

MEANINGFUL FEATURES:

- * Behind each window there is a line of the Christmas story
- * Free 24 page Christmas story-activity book
- * Charitable Donation
- * Uses quality Fairtrade chocolate
- * 25 festive milk chocolate shapes
- * Foil sealed for freshness
- * recyclable box and tray

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the story of the birth of Jesus our Light and our Hope. The 2020 design as usual comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent.

Since 2013 the Real Advent Calendar has supported a number of charities at home and abroad. This year sales from the calendar will be donated to food banks throughout this country as well as providing help for mums and new babies in African villages.

Importantly, again but only online at meaningfulchocolate.co.uk you can also choose to send calendars, £3.60 each with no postage charge, to foodbanks.

The Real Advent Calendar has a RRP of £3.99 and it is available directly from their on-line shop, from larger Tesco stores and select retailers. Supplies are limited so buy early. Please contact the Vicar for more information.



I hope you did not miss the new venture of uploading Thursday Prayer to Manchester's new YouTube channel. Thursday Prayer is held on the second Thursday of each month and is a monthly short service, led by different deaneries through the year. It used to take place in the Cathedral before moving to the chapel in 90 Deansgate, either of which is difficult for many of our members. The pandemic has resulted in a decision to make these recordings. The next one will go live at noon on November 12 with the theme of Remembrance. For those not able to access YouTube we distributed the words of the service. Please let me know if you would like a copy in future.

Manchester Mothers' Union book of reflections on the pandemic is now available. A small donation would be welcome. Tricia and I have copies if anyone wishes to see it before ordering. Also now on sale for £5 is "Food and Fellowship" – a selection of recipes and graces for all occasions from around the world. Hilary Riddick will be happy to get you a copy.

Another first was holding the AGM and Autumn Council by Zoom. This worked well and hopefully we can look forward to more people joining us for the Spring Council.

As I write we are anticipating a Virtual Gathering "Building Hope and Confidence in a Covid World" – an opportunity to hear stories from across the movement. Although it will have taken place when you read this it will still be available online and on YouTube and promises to be interesting as well as informative.



Another knitting request – please ask if you would like the instructions. It is very quick and easy but the chaplaincy at Salford Royal has asked for more rainbows as they have had such a positive response from patients.

Stay safe
Bob Taylor (Branch Leader)

Come over and help us

A year ago, Elaine and I had an experience that mirrored to some degree an incident that took place in the early church. At one point in the growth of the early church, the Apostle Paul and his team were planting churches when they were stopped in their tracks. They had intended to go into the Roman province of Asia (modern day Turkey) but the Holy Spirit stopped them. Then they tried to go east into Bithynia but again the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them. Finally, Paul had a vision of a Macedonian man asking "come over to Macedonia and help us." You can read about the incident in Acts 16. This brought the message about Jesus to Europe from the Middle East.

In July last year, Elaine stepped down from her post as Director of Maths at Bury CE High School. In September, a friend from church invited Elaine to accompany her when she went out to Nepal. Elaine did some teacher training and supported the friend as she spoke at a women's conference. Meanwhile circumstances conspired to bring my time as Head of Bury CE High School to an end. This felt like I was prevented from carrying on with what seemed the obvious next step just like the Apostle Paul being prevented from going into the Roman province of Asia, which was his obvious next step continuing the work he had been doing.

I then started to seek out what I should do next. I explored roles in Church education and in various Church of England posts, all of which should have fitted me very well. None of these roles developed into anything and it again felt like Paul's experience of trying to go in another direction but finding he was not allowed to proceed. For him, as for me, it was because it was the wrong direction.

At Christmas, Elaine received a phone call from her friend to ask us to go round for coffee and a piece of Christmas cake. The reason for the invite was that a family had arrived from Nepal. Elaine had met the husband briefly when she was there. We went round and met this man from Nepal. In our discussions, he said "Why don't you come over to Nepal and help us?"

This started a train of thought that led to him sending us an invitation to apply to work in a Christian study centre in Kathmandu. The centre needed a new director who had experience of Primary and Secondary education,

who had done some international work, who had provided teacher training in an international context and who knew how to develop a specifically Christian educational setting. It was as though the role had been written for me. They also had need of a Secondary mathematics teacher and someone who had senior leadership experience so they could take over the recruitment work for the centre. This fitted Elaine too, like a glove.

We, like Paul, determined that God was calling us to go to Nepal to share the love of Christ through education. However, it is always wise to get God to confirm such things so we decided that we would apply to work with the Church Mission Society. If they took us on, we would have had the call confirmed. After an extensive process of applications and interviews, we were accepted as Mission Associates by the Church Mission Society. And so we will be leaving for Nepal as soon as the current situation allows. In the mean time, we are both already working for the Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC). Elaine is teaching Maths and I am running things as best I can over the internet. Truly working from home!!



So what is KISC all about?

The centre was originally set up to provide some sort of education for the children of Christian Mission workers who started to come into Nepal after its borders opened

up in 1950. At that time there were no known Christian Nepalis in the country. Today there is at least 1.4% of the population who are Christian and it is thought that the percentage is as high as 10%. After Hinduism and Buddhism, it is the third largest religion in the country. The church growth has been one of the most rapid in the world, a bit like the days of the early church. Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world and its education service is in its early days. There is a need to develop education further to provide Nepalis with good quality teaching and learning. To do this, there is a need for a good quality teacher training programme. KISC recognised this and has developed a teacher training section called EQUIP which provides 'in service' training for schools across Nepal.

Today, the children of Christian Mission workers are still the majority in both the Primary and the Secondary school, but they have been joined by children from the growing Nepali church too. Like a church school in England, there are also students and staff who are not yet Christian but

who want an English curriculum education in a Christian ethos for themselves or their children. This all provides an opportunity to help the people of Nepal to develop an education service to rival that of more developed countries, which will enable the country to grow and flourish. It also provides an opportunity to educate the Nepali church leaders of tomorrow, and to demonstrate the love of Christ whilst doing so to the wider community. Finally, it allows for the training of Nepali teachers to enable them to deliver better quality learning which will give a better future and hope to the children in their care.

All of this is incredibly exciting but it will only happen with your support. We need people who will pray for KISC and who will pray for us too. Neither of us is youthful, so we expect the physical challenges to be a bit more noticeable than they would have been had we done this twenty years ago. Then there is the challenge of negotiating the bureaucracy of Nepal to get visas and work permits, not to mention the need to find accommodation and adjust to a very different way of life with its own distinctive culture. We need folk who will be prepared to encourage us and the work of KISC in demonstrating the love of Christ in Nepal.

If you would like to become part of our personal support group, please email me on craig@stpetersparish.info and we will be happy to add you to the group. If you would like to find out more about



KISC, go to <https://www.kisc.edu.np/> and then look in the top right-hand corner for a few lines in white. Click on those to access the menu for the site. To find out more about the Church Mission Society go to <https://churchmissionsociety.org/> where you will see how CMS are at work around the world sharing the message of Jesus.

Thank you for taking time to read this article and may God bless you in the days ahead.

Craig and Elaine Watson



Thank you to those who contributed to Christian Aid as part of our Harvest offering.

Although this only formed one facet of our giving, it did result in £62 (almost all gift aided in addition) being sent to Christian Aid.

It seems appropriate at this time to publish the several ways in which donations can be made to this charity doing so much to alleviate difficulties internationally.

Ways to donate

Telephone and postal donations

Call **020 7523 2493** to donate by telephone.

Cheques, Postal Orders, charity vouchers and direct debit forms can be sent to:

Christian Aid
35-41 Lower Marsh
London SE1 7RL

Paying directly into their bank account

For details on how to do this please call **020 7523 2226**.

Payroll giving

Did you know that you can make a regular, tax-free donation to Christian Aid directly from your pay packet?

To find out more, email info@christian-aid.org or call **020 7523 2046**

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact John Brennan at St John with St Mark.

3rd Thursday Light Lunch

Do you remember Thursday Light Lunches? We hope you do! It seems a long time since we had the pleasure of serving up meals in the church hall – February 2020 was the last one. That was eight months ago!

Covid has turned our world upside down over those months – and continues to do so. All that we used to do; all our regular activities; all that we took for granted as part of our lives; so much taken away, perhaps never to return – or at least not in the same format as before. Whilst the hospitality business has re-opened on our high streets unfortunately we have not felt able to follow suit with Thursday Light Lunch.

Thursday Lunch is not just about providing a meal – it's a social occasion where friends, old and new, meet to enjoy each other's company; to catch up, chat and reminisce; to laugh and joke together. We don't think that can be done sitting at separate tables, two metres apart, spaced through the main room in the church hall. It is also difficult, if not impossible, for those in the kitchen to prepare meals under Covid secure conditions.

So, for now, Thursday Light Lunch remains closed. We will be back as soon as we can. **We miss you.**

The Thursday Lunch Team

JIGSAWS FOR SALE

From the safe and secure garage where they are stored

All proceeds go to Church as usual



Also I am hoping that anybody who can will pass on to me any jigsaws they have finished with, providing they are complete.

Thank You

Joan Pearson (St. John with St. Mark)

A QUARTERMILLENNIAL CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

1770 – 2020

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

10.30am

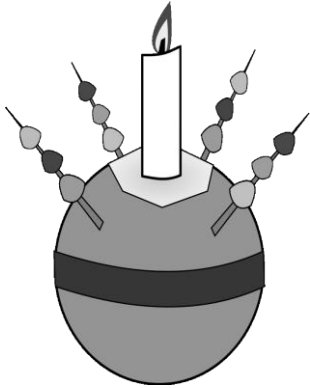
St. John with St. Mark



when we will be delighted to welcome
David, Bishop of Manchester

This will be a joint service with the congregation of Christ Church

It is also the intention to display the items of memorabilia we had gathered prior to the original event in June. The aim is to have this at the back of Church around late November, and to remain in place until early New Year, to give people ample opportunity to take a look. This will be done in a safe way and we must adhere to the social distancing guidelines. If you still wish to contribute then please pass any items to David Robinson or Margaret Duckworth by Sunday 8th November.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER
6.30pm

ON ZOOM

Further details in next month's magazine

NEXT MONTH

As with previous years, the next edition of the magazine will be a double December 2020 & January 2021 issue. Please consider whether you have any contributions for these months and forward to the inbox before 14th November.

We will also publish Christmas greetings in this issue for a charitable donation, so if you would like to include one please also forward to the editors or the inbox before the deadline.



ISAIAH 53 is a Christian bookshop based in Bolton.

Part of the Kingsway CLC Trust Partner Shop it sells a good assortment of theological literature, Bible study guides, religious gifts and general Church supplies.

Open each day except Wednesday & Sunday.

Unit 1, 5-11 Crown Street, Bolton, BL1 2RU
Telephone 01204 532384 – Manager David Thurairatnam

November

Sunday services return to 10.30 am in both churches

Sun 1		All Saints' Day Services as usual
Wed 4	7.30pm	Archdeacons Visitation on Zoom
Sun 8		Remembrance (3rd before Advent) Services with act of Remembrance
Sun 15		2nd Second before advent Services as usual
Sun 22		Christ the King Services as usual
Sun 29		Advent Sunday Services as usual
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (Zoom)

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Two sidespersons stood down, with seven re-elected. The one existing synod representative was re-elected. Barbara Silvester, Reader Emeritus, was re-elected. Don Altham was not looking for re-election. The Vicar gave thanks for Don's service in Ministry and on the PCC over the years.

The Child Protection policy was ratified and Cath Hilton was reappointed as Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer.

In the vicar's remarks he touched on what a bizarre year it had been, with the church shut in lockdown and at one point only open for private prayer. There were many similarities in the situations and problems facing Christ Church today as were written into a brochure issued in the early 2000's by Brian Stannard, the then vicar. Whilst mainly concerned with selling the field and repairing the church, the point was made that the church is not about the bricks and mortar but it is the people - as current today as it was then. The vicar in thanking everyone made note of the members of the pastoral committee who have continued to meet regularly this year on zoom.

Ian Riddick, PCC secretary

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Harvest Festivals



Gifts from Burrswood House were taken to Caritas and the Booth Centre

whilst generous donations in our churches were taken to Porph and the Booth Centre.

and Harvey kept a careful eye on all the proceedings



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