

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



The Transfiguration of Jesus – 6th August

**July / August 2022**

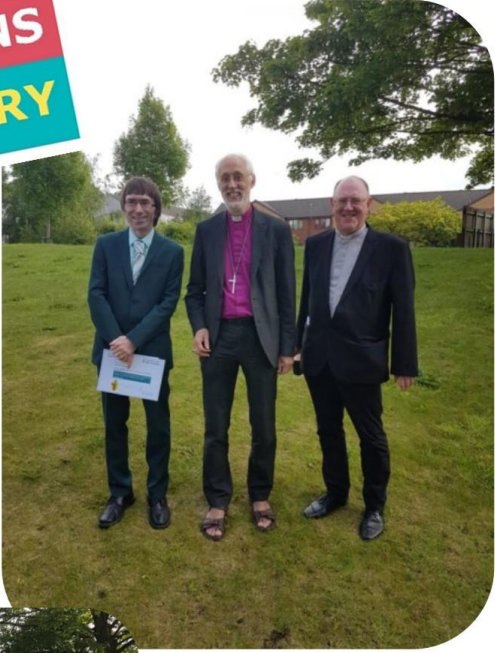
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# Congratulations

to David Robinson  
*(read pages 14-15 to find why)*  
and our love and prayers as  
he continues to explore his

# SHAPE



David after the celebration,  
with Bishop David, Dave and  
members of the cohort



(The cover image this month is from LiturgyTools.net)

Dear Friends

The month of August has traditionally been a time for refreshment and reflection. As a child it always meant time away from school and usually a week on holiday at Butlins.



August was named after the Roman Emperor Augustus, who reigned during the life of Jesus. Whilst in power, Augustus presided over the "Pax Romana" – Latin for Roman Peace. The Roman empire enjoyed a period of peace and stability. One of the consequences was that travel around the empire could be achieved easily and relatively safely.

Two other factors marked this time as a unique period in history. Firstly, both the Greek and Latin languages became widely used and understood. Secondly, whilst the official religious cult of the Emperor still existed there was a growing tolerance towards the Jews and other new religious movements.

This situation allowed the Christian Gospel to be spread throughout the Roman Empire. Freedom of travel meant that the first missionary journeys were easier to navigate. In addition, the widespread use of Greek meant that it was possible for the Scriptures to be recorded and passed on in a common language. Although the early Christians were still under threat of persecution, the faith was being transmitted across the region and receiving a sympathetic hearing.

This all meant that circumstances aligned themselves for what we can look back on and say was "the right time" for Christianity to develop.

This concept of "right time" is developed in the famous passage from Ecclesiastes Chapter Three. It is a part of the Bible that I have used on many occasions in my ministry.

*"For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace."*

There is a right time for everything. On occasions there is a need to sit down and reassess our lives, our priorities and our preferences. There may be a right time to acknowledge the end of one phase of our lives and contemplate the beginning of another.

August is a good month to spend time in quiet reflection, meditation and prayer.

It is a good time to make future plans.

May God guide you as you seek His will for your life.

With every blessing,

Dave



### **3RD THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCHES**

Come and join us on the third Thursday of every month for a light lunch. A chance to enjoy a chat in the company of friends.

Lunch is served 12 noon - 1pm.  
Christ Church Walmersley Hall, School Lane, BL9 5JU

**As always there is no charge**  
– though, if you can,  
a donation toward costs would be appreciated.  
Any profit will go to charity or church funds.



***It would be great to see you !***

Upcoming Dates 2022: 21st July; 18th August.

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### **JOINT SERVICE**

for the congregations of  
St.John with St.Mark  
and Christ Church.

on **31 July**

at **10.30am**

at **CHRIST CHURCH**

AND EACH FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



**Springside School  
Year 6 Leavers Service**

Christ Church  
Thursday 14 July  
10.00am

**St.John with St.Mark CE School  
Year 6 Leavers Service**

St.John with St.Mark Church  
Wednesday 20 July  
11.00am



We are aiming to collect some soft toys or teddy bears in anticipation of a Teddy Tombola for the next Fair at St. John with St. Mark. If you can provide any, then please pass to Rosemarie Ashworth or drop off at Church. If we get too many, then don't worry, because the Solidarity group who occasionally use the hall would be grateful for them.



## **BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY/AUGUST**

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Jul 3	<b>St Thomas</b> Habbakuk 2: 1-4	Ephesians 2: 19-22	John 20: 24-29
Jul 10	<b>4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Deuteronomy 30: 9-14	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
Jul 17	<b>5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Genesis 18: 1-10a	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-45
Jul 24	<b>6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Genesis 18: 20-32	Colossians 2: 6-15	Luke 11: 1-13
Jul 31	<b>7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
Aug 7	<b>8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Genesis 15: 1-6	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
Aug 14	<b>9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Jeremiah 23: 23-29	Hebrews 11: 29-12:2	Luke 12: 49-56
Aug 21	<b>10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Isaiah 58: 9b-14	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
Aug 28	<b>11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Proverbs 25: 6-7	Hebrews 13: 1-8,15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sep 4	<b>12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33



## *Flowers in church*

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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).

### At Christ Church

Jul 3	Vacant
Jul 10	Vacant
Jul 17	In memory of Gladys & Joe Crowley, and Hetty & Hector Ives
Jul 24	Mrs A M Peters, in memory of her mother
Jul 31	Nancy Hall
Aug 7	Mrs A Standing and family, in memory of Alan
Aug 14	In memory of Mary and Norman Leake
Aug 21	Barbara and Bob Taylor , in memory of close family members
Aug 28	Vacant



Foundations for Ministry is an exciting and vibrant course open to anyone active in Church life who feels some sense of vocation or calling to Christian Ministry, but needs some time and

space to unpack what that might mean and look like.

The 2022 / 2023 course will begin in September and this time one of the venues being offered is **Bury Parish Church on Monday evenings**. If you are interested and would like more information then please look on the Manchester Diocese website, speak to a member of the ministry team here or David Robinson, who has just completed the course. You will need to submit an application form in advance.





**BAPTISMS**

- May 29 Willlow Grace Alexander  
Eva Jean Taylor
- June 12 Niamh Anne Hartmann  
Max Nicholas Wood
- June 19 Wade Keith Jack Richard Sean Pyrah

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

**CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICE**

- May 30 Marion Blagg
- June 16 Colby-Jack Barlow

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT THE CREMATORIUM:**

- May 26 Dorothy Brooks
- June 8 Simon Gill

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

***The journey of transformation***

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*Although there has not yet been a significant impact on us here, we are nevertheless aware of changes taking place in Manchester Diocese - we are in a new larger Deanery and in a newly formed Mission Community. Archdeacon Jean has written in this year's Visitation News:*

We stand at the crossroads of this journey, to renew, to refresh, and to revitalise our call to "Go and make disciples, baptising and teaching as Jesus has taught us."

Part of our transformation journey will be to have the courage to shake off what is not fruitful, looking to God for fresh inspiration and anointing to reach this generation with the good news of Jesus.

\* It was good to be able to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a joint service at St.John with St.Mark on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks to all those who contributed and attended. One of the many strengths of the United Benefice is our worshipping together and the fellowship we enjoy when the two congregations socialize.

\* Later that week, St.John with St.Mark School celebrated 50 years of being in their current building with a special service in church. The Bishop of Middleton, the Right Revd. Mark Davies, who is the Chair of Diocesan Board of Education attended this event as the school community marked the fact that the premises on Athlone Avenue first opened on 10 June 1972.

\* The Thornleigh Christian Hotel in Grange-over-Sands regularly hosts holidays and retreats for church groups and individual Christians. One such event is the Word & Worship Week from 26 August - 2 September. This will be led by Pam Rhodes and Rev. Cindy Kent. There is now a £100 discount (= 1 night free) for booking for this, via a recommendation by Tim Boaden from Seedfield Methodist Church. Please contact Tim if you would like to book.

\* There is no further information from Bury Council's Planning Department about the application by Morris Homes to build properties on our church field. Comments have been requested from members of the public and the outcome will be announced as soon as a decision is made. We understand that such applications do take a number of months to be processed.

\* Christ Church now has the facility for contactless payments. The card reading machine is situated at the back of church. If you wish to use this, please contact one of the church officers at Christ Church.

\* The Men of the Benefice (MOB) meet on the last Monday of each month. We gather at the Towler Inn from 8pm.

\* The Parish Office is open every Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall. This can be for enquiries about baptisms or weddings or any other matter.

\* 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. Thanks to those who support those in need.

\*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.

\* 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 get in touch also.

\* 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](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) The next edition will be for September with the deadline on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Mary Magdalene Easter Prayer**

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*by Ron Rolheiser*

This prayer-poem marks the Saint's Day for Mary Magdalene  
which is celebrated on July 22.

Imagine you're standing with Mary in the garden of resurrection,  
wondering what happened to the body of Jesus, wondering why and  
how is it that the tomb is empty. Imagine The Risen One calling you by  
name and telling you not to cling but to go and tell ...

*I never suspected  
Resurrection  
and to be so painful  
to leave me weeping*

*With Joy  
to have met you, alive and smiling, outside an empty tomb*

*With Regret  
not because I've lost you  
but because I've lost you in how I had you –  
in understandable, touchable, kissable, clingable flesh  
not as fully Lord, but as graspably human.*

*I want to cling, despite your protest  
cling to your body  
cling to your, and my, clingable humanity  
cling to what we had, our past.*

*But I know that ... if I cling  
You cannot ascend and  
I will be left clinging to your former self  
... unable to receive your present spirit.*



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

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## Cinema Under the Stars

Christ Church Guides and Brownies and St John with St Mark's Brownies spent an evening at Ashworth Valley with other Guides and Brownies from across Bury, Heywood, Rochdale and Oldham at a county event called Cinema Under the Stars.

The Guides had the worst of the weather on the Friday night, having to pitch tents in the rain. Thankfully it dried up in time for them to eat supper, visit the ice cream van and watch Mamma Mia on the large outdoor screen.

After a few hours sleep, they were up, had breakfast, packed and cleared the tents ready for the Brownies to do it all over again on Saturday night.

On Saturday the Brownies avoided any rain and were able to enjoy The Greatest Showman with lots of singing and dancing followed by even fewer hours sleep! There were lots of Brownies at home on Sunday having a nap!



## Jubilee Celebration

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Young Leaders and Leaders, from across Bury Division, enjoyed a full day of activities to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

They took part in 6 zones including making Queen's Guards from a cardboard tube, painting Union Flag stones, modelling balloon Corgis, participating in Commonwealth Games, decorating biscuit crowns and contributing to a birthday card collage.

They all had a picnic lunch on the field, including jelly and ice cream, and everyone received a commemorative badge as a memento of the day. A big thank you to all the leaders who helped plan, prepare and deliver the event.

## **FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY**

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For a couple of years I had been pondering exploring my faith a little further and a Foundations for Ministry course, run by Manchester Diocese, was suggested. A

combination of unsuitable venues and then Covid meant this was delayed for a short while; however the time, place and circumstances became just right last year. It was last August that I completed the application to join the course and was accepted to begin in September.

My induction night was Wednesday 22nd at Church House, 90 Deansgate. I had previously received a list of participants and course leaders and as I was not aware of any of the names, I was nervous going into this first evening. The usual thoughts similar to when you apply for a new job; I must not be late on my first day! What do I wear? Do I shake hands with everyone I meet? Does my pen write?

I was put at ease straight away with an informal induction evening and I realised I was going to be sharing my journey with a fantastic, diverse group of people. There were 15 of us on the course, plus 4 group leaders and Jamie as course leader. We were divided up into 2 groups on the first night and these would be the people I would get to work with the closest over the next 8 months, and would be the individuals we would have our discussions with after each session.

The course was divided up into 3 terms; Going UP, Going IN and Going OUT. Going UP looked at theology and identity and encouraged us to understand more about who we are as individuals and as a Church, and how we can apply our faith to everyday life. This first term was probably the hardest of the 3 and also sparked the more lively discussions within my group. However that definitely helped to get us to know each other more and improved our confidence. There were other highlights of this term including the opportunity for me to lead opening worship in November, which others on the course seemed to really appreciate. We ended the term with a lovely and intimate retreat day at the Church of The Resurrection and St. Barnabas in Beswick. This became a bit of a regular location for us, and was the first of 3 visits.

Going IN got under way in January. Unfortunately Jamie's main course fear occurred and a resurgence of Covid meant we had to transfer to Zoom for 4 weeks, and also resulted in two sessions being held at different venues; our second visit to Church of The Resurrection and St. Barnabas, and also St. Clement with St. Matthias in Lower Broughton. In this term we studied our ministry SHAPE, which allowed us to explore our own gifts and strengths and to focus on them. This term also involved me participating in a game of Duplo Blocks! I'd never heard of them before February, but it was incorporated to give us an example of how the Church works well as a team when we each use each others gifts well. The term also involved a Vocations Day, which was again on Zoom. It was a trying few weeks, but we got through it.

Going OUT began in March and we were back at Church House for term 3. This final term focused on our call to mission, and sustainability in our Christian life and service. Bishop David led our opening session looking at the Diocese's vision of 2030. Other themes for this term included the importance of prayer and bibles in our everyday life and worship.

The course ended in May with a very uplifting service at Church of The Resurrection and St. Barnabas with Bishop David. It was a great occasion and a wonderful event. I was given the opportunity to speak about the course, so I highlighted how it had been a privilege to participate with such a diverse group of people from different backgrounds and traditions. Everybody respected each other and we have become firm friends, supporting each other through happy and sad times. This is definitely one of the best things I have ever done and the course works. I am missing it already. Apparently that is the intention. There are some photographs from the celebration day of Saturday 21st May on page 2.

I would also like to thank everyone across the Benefice for their support whilst I have quietly been getting on with it. What is next you ask? Well, I will keep you updated. There is also some information about the 2022/23 Foundations for Ministry course, which starts in September, on page 8.

David Robinson

*You too are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself – Ephesians 2:20*

### **A prayer for Summer**

The warmth of the sun's embrace,  
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,  
the rhythm of seasons,  
of new birth,  
death and recreation.

All these speak so clearly of your love,  
your power  
and your beauty.

All are expressions of your creativity,  
and more importantly of yourself.

As an artist might share his personality  
within each brushstroke,  
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing  
you share the exuberance of your love



*John Birch – Faith & Worship*

### **A Sea Sunday Prayer – 10 July**

Gracious God, today, on Sea Sunday, We offer our prayers for those whose lives are affected by the sea. We pray for people whose work takes them to sea; for those in the different branches of the navy; for those who transport goods by ship; for those who catch fish for their living. Be with them as they work, and keep them safe when the weather is bad and seas are rough. Lord God, creator of all that is. Amen



*From the Family Friendly Churches Trust*



## The Collect for St Swithin's Day – 15th July



Almighty God,  
by whose grace we celebrate again  
the feast of your servant Swithun:  
grant that, as he governed with gentleness  
the people committed to his care,  
so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance,  
may always seek to build up your Church in  
unity and love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

### For the holiday season

Thank You, Lord, for the times of refreshment and opportunities to go away on a holiday, so that we may be renewed in body, soul and spirit. And Lord, we particularly thank you for this lovely summer holiday time, and pray that you would be with us as we spend time away from the hustle and bustle of the work-a-day week and take time to rest awhile. Lord, it was you who reminded your own disciples that they needed times of refreshment and from the stresses and strains of the day, and we thank you for this opportunity to enjoy different and new experiences. May our time away be one of warmth and love and filled with fun and fellowship. May our hearts overflow with your joy and peace and may we fill our lungs with laughter. Watch over our journey as we travel and protect us from all difficulties and dangers. May we rest in you and return refreshed in body, soul and spirit to your praise and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*From Knowing Jesus*

**S. James' Tower Street Heywood  
Presents BRAIN OF HEYWOOD**

# **? QUIZ ? NIGHT**

**Saturday 9th July at 7.00pm**

**£1.00 per person for over 12s with no more than  
6 people in a Team. All welcome.**

**Why not get together a team or two from your  
Church and try your luck? Or just come along  
and make up a team.**

**A great chance to get together**

**LICENSED BAR**

**with all your favourite drinks  
Light refreshments will be on sale**



# Sunday @ Seven



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

**31<sup>st</sup> July at St John/St Mark Hall**

*The Apprentice*

*Jesus said, Come to me and learn from me - Matthew 11: 28/29*

**28<sup>th</sup> August at Christ Church Hall**

*Standing on the Shore*

*Prefer to stay on firm ground - or ready to dip a toe in the water?*

**We come together, in person or via Zoom, on the last Sunday of each month. Come and join in. You will be most welcome.**

**If you would like to give it a go, or want to know more, please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks.**

### **For those who are feeling older**

Lord, you have been my loving guide through the years;  
from my carefree childhood days to the joys and woes of adulthood.  
Now I am in the most precious final years where my hope and trust  
remains in you.

Heavenly Father, you have been my pillar and strength in times of  
trouble, my peace in times of suffering and, with your shelter, I have  
braved the storms of life.

Loving Lord, I thank you for the fulfilling life I have led thus far, and for  
the mercies you have shown to your child each day.

In Jesus' Name.            Amen

*Elizabeth S Hong, Republic of Korea  
from "Dear Lord . . ." @Mothers' Union*

### **Giving thanks**

Heavenly Father, we bow down before you and we recognise your  
power, your reign over everything that has existed and all that will be  
in the future. We glorify you today because you are the essence of our  
life, you are our understanding, our strength, our love and our  
salvation.

We ask that you will pour upon us your richest blessings, and do not let  
us fall into temptation. Teach us to walk in your way.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour we ask this.    Amen.

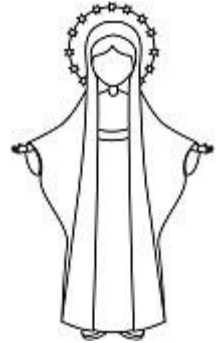
*Mirna Paulo, Argentina  
from "Dear Lord . . ." @Mothers' Union*

## **The Assumption of Mary – 15th August**

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



*From Catholic Online*

## **As a new academic year approaches**



Father, I praise you with a new song and declare your glory and great works among your people. For everything under the sun, there is a plan and purpose. So I pray that the plans you have for those who call upon you will be manifested.

Help us to believe in ourselves and know that whatever happened in the past is done! We are new creatures in Christ and will move beyond past events. With you, we will walk uprightly, because you direct our steps. We declare new beginnings and new opportunities, as we place Jesus at the centre of our lives. Amen

*From Daily Prayer for Everyone*

**Christ Church PCC meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The meeting started with prayers.

The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> March and the 16<sup>th</sup> May meetings were reviewed and approved.

The vicar commented that it was very effective having banners up for events at the church, citing the recent concert.

The next band concert at Christ Church that was booked for the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 was discussed and the vicar is to phone them to confirm the date.

There is to be a choir event in the church on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October and further details will be available later.

The vicar commented that there may possibly be two carol services this year; one at Christ Church and one at St John with St Mark's.

The finance report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the treasurer suggested that we prepare an annual budget, this was agreed and PCC members were asked to assist with this.

The Sidespersons who had been proposed and seconded were approved by the PCC. They were Amy Paterson, Pam Hoyle, Bill Noble, Kath Whipp, Ian Riddick and Geoff Hamilton. It was noted that there are still vacancies for Sidespersons.

The contactless payments equipment in church was discussed and it was agreed that we continue with the equipment.

It was also agreed that we continue with Bury Print for the printing of the church magazine.

The cost for the extension of the garden of remembrance as originally proposed was likely to be in the region of £28,000. The original plan and what the diocese may accept was discussed at length. It was decided after a long discussion to put the faculty application on hold for the moment and that the extension to the remembrance garden would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Safeguarding was discussed by Cath Hilton and it was recommended that all Sidespersons should take the basic course on safeguarding which is available online from the diocese.

It was agreed that the PCC obtain a commemorative plaque for Arthur Smith and this to be located near the church organ.

The church committees were appointed for the coming year.

The suggestion of planting a tree for the Queen's Jubilee was put on hold for the moment.

The energy footprint tool for Christ Church needs to be completed by the end of July.

The ECO church initiative needs to be reviewed and will be put on the PCC agenda for future meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.15 with prayer.

## ***ECO CHURCH***

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Could you be an ECO champion here in the benefice?



Bury Deanery Synod supports the Church of England's aim for our churches to be carbon neutral by 2030. This may seem a long way off but the commitment to care for God's creation calls us to start now and consider how we can act.

You can find out more about Eco Church by looking at <http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

However young or old, if this is something which interests you please have a word with one of our Synod members: Ian Banks, June Banks, Catherine Hilton, David Robinson, Barbara Taylor, Dave Thompson.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> members celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our royal patron, HM The Queen. We were invited to dress in red, white and blue and told that crowns and tiaras may be worn. As you will see from the photos on page 35, members did indeed make the effort and the room was 'dressed' too. The evening began with prayers for Her Majesty, the singing of the National Anthem and a toast to "The Queen, Duke of Lancaster". Grace was said and then we enjoyed a delicious Bring and Share supper – coronation chicken, smoked salmon and cream cheese, fresh fruit kebabs, jubilee trifle, and so, so much more. It was a great celebration and a fantastic opportunity to share fellowship.

The Guest Speaker for the evening on 15 June was Peter Leonard, a member of The Rossendale Mountain Rescue Service based in Burnley. He enlightened us with the many and varied activities they are called upon to attend and the rigorous training schedule undertaken to qualify. The organisation is totally voluntary and has to fund its own activities and equipment. Having acquired a new ambulance, the need for fitting it out with storage and stretcher facilities is of prime concern and to this end voluntary contributions were made by those who attended, as a thank you to Peter for his address and the work of the rescue organisation.

We are delighted that our new Deanery Leader, Tricia Stokes, has chosen to hold the first ever deanery festival for the new deanery of Bury and Rossendale here at Christ Church. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July starting at **7pm**. The service, which will include Tricia's Commissioning to her new role, will be led by the Area Dean, the Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann. The speaker on this occasion will be Canon Catherine Hilton, zonal trustee.



On 6<sup>th</sup> July we are visiting Salmesbury Hall – please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us, and whether you need a lift or can offer to drive.

We shall be hearing about the work of the RNLI on July 20<sup>th</sup>. As always when we invite speakers from other charities we encourage members to support them by having a collection. (As a charity we would put our own registration in jeopardy were we to make a donation from our branch funds.)

Our meetings in August fall on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the content is yet to be confirmed.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Mary Sumner Day, we shall join with members from across Bolton Archdeaconry for our Annual Festival which is to be held at St Paul's Walkden, again beginning at 7pm. Please let me know if you would like a lift or are willing to offer one.

Mary Sumner (born Mary Heywood, in Swinton and baptised at St Mary Eccles) founded Mothers' Union in 1876. She died in August 1921 and a small part of her legacy to us is this prayer, which all of us could use every day. The words have not been changed to modern English, reflecting her life and time.

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

Bob Taylor,  
Branch Leader

## *Men of the Benefice*

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The MOB met on 30th May at The Towler, for a rare last Monday of May which was not a Bank Holiday. The Vicar had this month prepared a variety of quizzes for the evening.

Two of these were cryptic, one in which the clues led to answers connected to the seaside and then the second was desserts, cakes and puddings. We worked together in small groups and we were kept entertained for a good 45 minutes or so. Some of the answers we were coming up with were actually better than the true correct ones!

There was then a football themed challenge – to name all 50 teams who have ever played in the Premier League since its inauguration in 1992. Can you name them all without looking them up?



The evening concluded with a quick fire general knowledge quiz from Colin. I did know the two middle names of The Queen, which was appropriate timing for Jubilee week.

I have retained some blank copies of the seaside and dessert quizzes, if anybody would like one for any future group gatherings, house or work events. Please let me know if you do.



It was anticipated that Geoff Hamilton would lead us on a Summer walk on Monday 27th June towards Summerseat. We will keep you updated with events for July and August, however please bear in mind that the last Monday of August will be Bank Holiday.

David Robinson



Our June meeting was delayed until Wednesday 22nd due to the Archdeacon's Visitation. It was expected that I would lead the evening talking about my recently completed Foundations for Ministry course. At the time we had to go to print, this was too late for the July / August issue. However there are some pictures and a write up from the actual course elsewhere in the magazine, on pages 2, 14 & 15.

Meetings scheduled for the next two months are as follows:

Wednesday 13th July ~ Julian Hartley ~ "From PC to FD to I"

Wednesday 10th August ~ Nigel Silvester ~ "Lifeboats & Lighthouses"

Both these meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

Everybody is welcome if you have never been before and we end our meetings with a brew and biscuit.

David Robinson

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK APPEAL**

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A huge thank you to all who donated to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal; A fantastic total of £208.50 was given from this

Benefice, which is great considering the pressures people are under with their own bills and fuel costs.

If you would like to know more about the work of Christian Aid, please speak to John Brennan, our Christian Aid co-ordinator.

*Ed – An extra thank you to John for giving up his Saturday afternoon on 21st May, to collect in the town centre; to Barbara for counting the cash; also to Bury URC and Steven Speakman who donned a red wig for the day.*

## ***Moving on Together***

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On Monday 13th June The Moving on Together group for carers celebrated the Jubilee in good form. Geoff and I provided a singalong with piano and some good favorites: Daisy Daisy, Delilah, Land of Hope and Glory, There'll Always be an England, and others, finishing with Jerusalem.

The group meet every second Monday of the month 2 - 4pm and have other get togethers during the month on other days. Run by Christine Derrick and other volunteers who are making a difference to carers who have found themselves alone after bereavement. It makes a very nice afternoon out for everyone.

We shared afternoon tea with the group which was lovely and enjoyed by all.

Tricia and Geoff Stokes



## ***Raising the Standard***

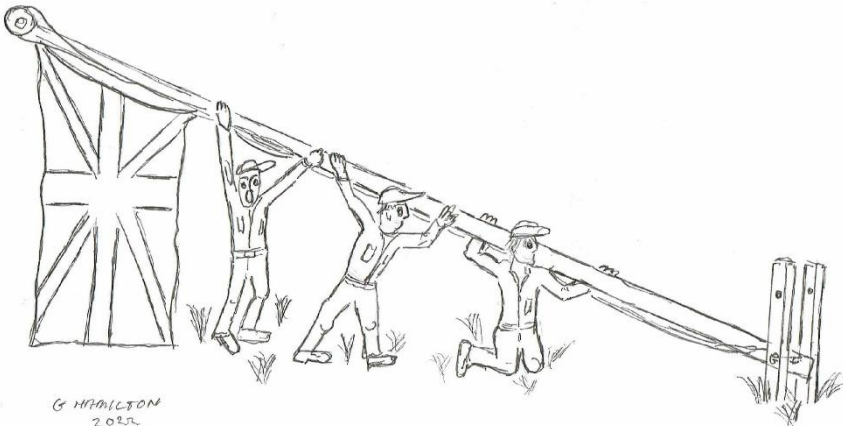
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Last month being the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I gathered the "CC Graveyard Team" to tell them of the next project I had in mind. This was to put a flag pole at the front of church where there had been one before.

This was met by what seemed to be a minute's silence while a blackbird flew past and a lady walking her dog gave us a quizzical look. The team then wandered off to do some mowing which left me and my technical director to study the drawing that I had done of the pole. After a discussion we parted to our own sheds and garages to get all the necessary equipment – tools, pulleys, ropes, bolts, and two discarded fenceposts.

After the morning shift and lunch at the church hall, we returned to the pole and commenced to erect it with the Union flag which we retrieved from the church tower. The pole may not be round, or tall enough, but I don't think the Queen will mind.

Geoff Hamilton  
Project Planner





## **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.

As part of the Mission's Smart Start project, specifically for children at school – especially new schools in September - the following items are requested:

*Brand new children's clothing for ages 3-16*

*Good quality secondhand children's clothing for ages 3-16*

*Brand new children's underwear and socks for ages 2-16*

*Brand new children's shoes*

*New School Trousers and Skirts – age 4-16*

*New School Shirts, Blouses, Polos and Sweatshirts – age 4-16*

*New Stationery*

*New School Bags/Rucksacks*

*School Lunch Bags/Boxes*

Wood Street's mission is to help alleviate the effects of poverty on local children and their families through practical help.

Wood Street's vision is that all children in Manchester and Salford should live a life free from poverty.

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

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE MISSION,  
OR CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR

## **REGULAR SERVICES**

<b>Sunday</b>			
8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
<b>Wednesday</b>			
10.00 a.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
<b>Thursday</b>			
12.30 p.m.		The Gathering	Zoom
2.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	Christ Church
7.30 p.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Other services as announced.

Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.

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



Personal details have been removed in our online edition for data protection purposes.

Please contact us through our websites or social media accounts and we will ensure your message reaches the correct person.

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.

Lots more info on our websites: <https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>  
<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com>

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and YouTube [CofE Walmersley](#)



## FOR YOUR JULY DIARY

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Sun 3		<b>St Thomas</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Mon 4	7.00pm	Bury & Rossendale Mothers' Union Festival (CC)
Wed 6	11.00 am	Mothers' Union outing to Salmesbury Hall
Sun 10		<b>4th after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 13	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Thu 14	10.00am	Springside School Yr 6 Leavers' Service (CC)
Sun 17		<b>5th after Trinity</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Tue 19	7.30pm	Churches Together
Wed 20	11.00am	St John with St Mark School Yr 6 Leavers' Service (SJM)
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 21	12noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 24		<b>6th after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Mon 25	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (The Towler)
Sun 31		<b>7th after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Joint Service of Holy Communion (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Barritt Room and Zoom)

## ***FOR YOUR AUGUST DIARY***

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Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 7		<b>8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Tue 9	7.00pm	Bolton Archdeaconry Mothers' Union Festival
Wed 10	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sun 14		<b>9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 17	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 18	12noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 21		<b>10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Sun 28		<b>11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC Hall and Zoom)

## ***In the Future***

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**Café Church** will take place at 10.30 am in the Church Hall  
on Sunday 18 September at St John with St Mark, and  
on Sunday 25 September at Christ Church

*Come and enjoy worship in a more relaxed style*



**Mothers' Union celebrate in style**



# Happy 50th Birthday

from us all, to staff, pupils and governors of our school.

What a joy to welcome Bishop Mark to the celebrations. He tweeted -



*Photo courtesy of MEN*



**Mark Davies** @BishMiddleton · 6d  
Wonderful to join @StJohnStMark in celebrating the 50th anniversary of their school building. The children were inspirational in all that they did to make the service so joyful. Giving thanks for the whole school community & praying God's continued blessings.

