

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



April 2026 - Easter



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

I F T A R



"At sunset we broke the fast with a meal, getting to know each other and establishing stronger links between our two communities."
(see Jill's report on page 12)



For me Easter is the best season of the Church's year. Many people would choose Christmas, but for me, Jesus being resurrected is the highlight of the year. The Gospels and letters record for us Jesus' resurrection appearances. My favourite is in Luke 24 (v13-35), the walk to Emmaus. Two disciples, not belonging to the original twelve, were very sad as they walked home to Emmaus. They must have witnessed what had happened.

Jesus joined them and heard them talking about the things that had happened in Jerusalem. We are told that their eyes were kept from recognising him. He asked them about what they had been discussing. They seemed surprised that he didn't seem to know about the crucifixion. Jesus used the prophets to explain why the events of Holy Week happened. They were amazed at what they heard.

They invited him to come to their house until morning. When they were there, they had a meal and during the meal, Jesus took some bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Luke tells us that their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. They probably saw him doing the same when he fed the 4,000, the 5,000 and, maybe, they were



in the Upper Room during the Last Supper, possibly as observers. The four actions are part of every Holy Communion Service.

The first mention of the Holy Communion service can be found in 1 Corinthians 11 verses 23 to 26 which preceded the writing of the gospels. There are lots of wonderful hymns and anthems about the events of Easter. *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son* with music called Maccabaeus by George Frederick Handel and *This Joyful Eastertide* which I used to enjoy singing when I was a choirboy. I still enjoy singing it but for some strange reason it is normally reserved as a choir item, which is a pity.

The resurrection of Jesus is an important historical event, not only mentioned in the Bible, but historians, like Josephus, have also mentioned it. Because of the resurrection, the power of the Holy Spirit which descended on the disciples, still locked inside the Upper Room, experienced the 'wind and fire' of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The resurrection of Jesus is also a puzzling historical event. It was beyond the experience of the people at the time and even us today.



However, this remarkable event, witnessed by so many people, was very real. The change in behaviour of those once frightened disciples, hidden away (for fear of the Jews and Romans) in the room where they had experienced the Last Supper, can only assume that something extraordinary had happened to them. At Pentecost they

were no longer frightened people but felt compelled to tell anyone they met what had really happened when they were blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We read about this in Acts chapter 2.

I wish you all a Happy Easter.
Alan Thew

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber;
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848 -1934)

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

29 March - 5 April 2026

Palm Sunday

29 March

9.00am Holy Communion (CC)
10.30am Joint Holy Communion (CC)
7.00pm Sunday@Seven
(Salvation Army)

Mon - Wed

30 Mar - 1 Apr

7.30pm Stations of the Cross or
Compline (SJSM)

Maundy Thursday

2 April

7.30pm Holy Communion (SJSM)
followed by Vigil until 9.30pm

Good Friday

3 April

10.00am Reflective Service (CC)
12 noon Churches Together in Bury
Walk of Witness from
Parsons Lane
2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross (SJSM)

Holy Saturday

4 April

5.00pm Easter Vigil
at St Stephen Elton

Easter Sunday

5 April

9.00am Holy Communion (CC)
9.45am Hot Cross Buns (CC)
10.30am Holy Communion
(in both churches)



BAPTISM

22 Mar Joseph James Shenton

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

Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Apr 5 The Congregation

Apr 12 In memory of the Riddick and Unsworth families

Apr 19 In memory of Sarah Melling and Jack Illsley

Apr 26 Vacant

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church for a specific week, 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).

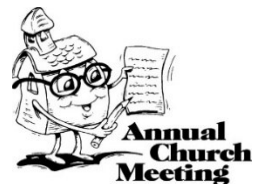
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

**COME ALONG AND INFLUENCE
THE WAY YOUR CHURCH OPERATES**

St John with St Mark – Sunday 12th April at 12noon

Christ Church Walmersley – Sunday 26th April at 9.45am

Please note: Only those on the Church’s Electoral Roll may vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.





BIBLE READINGS

Apr 5	Easter Day	Jeremiah 31: 1-6	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20: 1-18
Apr 12	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31
Apr 19	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
Apr 26	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 42-47	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10:1-10
May 3	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 7: 55-60	1 Peter 2: 2-10	John 14: 1-14

OUR VERY OWN CENTENARIAN



On Sunday 15th March, we had the opportunity to mark Archie Wardle's 100th birthday; a stalwart of St. John with St. Mark and devoted Christian.

A planned celebration in Church sadly could not take place as Archie was unwell, however we still sang Happy Birthday to him from the pews at the start of the service, which hopefully Archie could hear up the road!

We were delighted that Archie's son Ian and other family members arrived after the 10.30am service to share a cake with us, to collect all the many cards which had been sent for him and to pass on our greetings and good wishes.

From the meeting at Christ Church on 24 February

- The Bishop has authorised two new Eucharistic Assistants: Kathleen Whipp and Amy Paterson.
- Ian Riddick is clarifying with Morris Homes the precise boundary of the retained land at the end of Ackworth Street.
- Catherine Hilton circulated safeguarding information. No safeguarding issues have been reported. The PCC discussed and approved the policy statement which must be included in the annual reports.
- The Treasurer's report had been circulated. Planned giving was discussed, which led to a concern about a lack of leadership.
- The Diocesan Registrar had been consulted about a number of potentially unsafe or fallen gravestones. It is likely that the PCC will need to apply for an interim faculty whilst a full survey is carried out.
- It was reported that new guttering has been erected on the Church Hall and paving has been re-laid in the yard. Repairs to the gents' toilets are ongoing. Replacement blinds have been fitted in the kitchen.
- Following the Quinquennial Report, repairs to the church clock face are in hand.
- PCC approved the purchase of bookmarks for Mothering Sunday and 1600 Easter cards for distribution around the community.
- Outreach: Potential dates for future events in 2026 were circulated.
- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 9.45am between the services on 26 April. Hazel Bamford and Barbara Taylor agreed to collate the reports for the booklet.

Summary of the St. John with St. Mark meeting of 26th February

- Margaret Trivasse will now cover the Good Friday service at 2.00pm. Ian is looking at the rota to the end of July and it is likely there will be gaps in the summer due to holidays being taken by various clergy.
- Some members of the PCC have now received their DBS certificates back. It was noted that we need to include the safeguarding policy in the APCM booklet.
- There was an update from the Mission Community meeting of 26th January and a review of events scheduled for 2026 with latest plans.
- The Quinquennial report is to be chased up.
- It has been discussed that we create a welcome card to issue to the new houses on the Seedfield development when people start moving in. Two designs have been created.
- It has been noted that Father Bob Morrow, former Roman Catholic priest at St. Josephs' has passed away and the funeral will be on 11th March at Guardian Angels. Father Bob did a lot to improve Ecumenical links between the two Churches.
- The PCC were asked to read the draft APCM report prior to this meeting. The report was approved and passed for inclusion in the booklet. An appeal was made for groups to send reports if they have not yet done so. The number of people currently on the electoral roll was discussed.
- We are looking into replacing the altar frontals in the memorial chapel with previous donations. For now, it is likely we will just purchase a green, Ordinary Time one.
- Health and safety matters discussed included the replacement of covers for the smoke alarms and the bump on the Church floor. This has now been re-laid and the floor sealed with a concrete sealant. A dehumidifier will be placed near that spot for the time being.
- The APCM is on Sunday, 12th April after the main service.
- Future dates: Coffee morning on Saturday 18th April and the summer fair on Saturday 6th June. We are looking to start that earlier than 11.00am.

- * If you are reading this in time, please have a look on page 5 at the various services taking place during Holy Week. Please consider if it is possible for you to attend an additional service that week as people are giving up their time to allow services and worship to happen.
- * Thank you to all who attended or led a session at the recent Lent study group, focussing on Archdeacon Rachel's book 'Gravity Defied', based on the film Wicked. Although a challenging book, the study opened up some lively and thoughtful discussion.
- * A big thank you also to everyone who helped to distribute cards around the two parishes to spread the word about our Holy Week services in addition to wishing everyone an Easter full of hope, joy and peace.
- * The Bury Mission Community of which we are part holds an Easter Vigil service each year and this year we are invited to St Stephen Elton at 5pm on 4th April.
- * The afternoon tea party for Bury Hospice at the beginning of March at St. John with St. Mark raised £860.00. This is a great amount for a worthy cause and that money will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to anyone who attended or donated and to Clair Smith with the Brownies for organising the event. It was a very popular occasion.
- * Springside School will gather at Christ Church for an Easter Service at 10am on Wednesday, 1 April and value your support.
- * There is a very real need for the work of Porch Boxes at this time. Please do all you can to contribute. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed.
- * Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to wrub@live.co.uk or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the May issue will be 14th April.

Deanery Gathering

Across the Diocese during the month of April there will be important opportunities for people to come together with others from our parishes, chaplaincies, schools, and worshipping communities to reflect on how God is renewing lives across Greater Manchester and Rossendale. The evenings (8 in total) will be hosted by one of our bishops, together with area leaders and members of the diocesan teams, and will give space for worship, prayer, conversation, and shared learning.

The Bury and Rossendale gathering will be held at **St. Peter's Church, Bury** (St Peter's Road, BL9 9QZ) on **Wednesday 15th April** from 7.15pm. Doors will open at 6.45pm for refreshments.

This evening is an opportunity to hear stories of hope from our deanery, and outline the national support and investment that is strengthening our mission and ministry.

We will explore the four themes at the heart of our diocese's strategy and how national funding will support our deanery:

- **Parish Renewal**
- **Growing Younger**
- **Church Planting and Revitalisation**
- **Developing Missional Leaders**

You will hear local stories of creativity, faithfulness, and discipleship - offering ideas and encouragement for your own ministry context. The gathering is for everyone: clergy, lay leaders, members of PCCs, school staff, chaplains, volunteers, new worshippers, and anyone curious about where God might be calling us. We hope you will leave inspired and equipped to share this vision in your local context.

To help with planning we are asking people to book in to the event through the following EventBrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1982273842424?aff=oddtcreator> or you could have a word with Barbara or David who could book you on.

Report from Muslim Christian Forum Iftar Meal



On March 8th the Muslim Christian Forum hosted an Iftar meal in the presence of The Mayor of Bury, Noel Bayley, several councillors, members of the police force and local Muslims and Christians. Iftar is the name given to the

breaking of the day's fast at Sunset during Ramadan.

We talked about Fasting. Ian Banks from St John with St Mark's church shared what Lent means to Christians and Imam Hassanat Ahmed from Noor Ul Islam Mosque shared what Ramadan means to Muslims. The Mayor when sharing his memories spoke of the value of neighbourliness, community activities and friendship like he witnessed during the evening. At sunset we broke the fast with a meal, getting to know each other and establishing stronger links between our two communities.

If you wish to read what Ian Banks said he has posted his talk on the St John with St Mark's website – here is the link:

<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com/making-space-stories-of-lent-and-fasting/>

Ian finished his talk with words about Lent from Pope Francis:

“Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worried and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words; be silent and listen.”

Please see some photographs on page 2



The Open Group

Our Open Group will resume on Wednesday 8th April. I have made a start on gathering some speakers for 2026 but have not yet been able to secure anyone for April. With that in mind, I have decided to use this occasion to get together to have an old-fashioned beetle drive or games evening, depending on who turns up, and how many.

In the cupboard I have discovered a great deal of games which I did not know we had, so they may be useful for the evening.

Perhaps it may also be ideal to spend this meeting sharing thoughts on how to move the group forward, whether anyone has any suggestions on what we could do in 2026, and if there are any speakers people know of that we may like to hear. The meeting as usual will be at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room and all are welcome, even if you have not been before.

David Robinson



Men of the Benefice

When you read this we will have already met in March. The MOB was on 23rd March to avoid a clash with Holy Week and people attending Spring Harvest. The next MOB will be at the Hark to Dandler on Monday 27th April at 8.00pm.

We are looking into the possibility of having another fellowship breakfast, following the popularity of the last one, sometime in the spring. We will confirm more details about that once we have them.

David Robinson

Quiet Moments for April

An Easter Prayer of joy and celebration



Heavenly Father, I rejoice in Your resurrection this Easter. Fill my heart with joy, gratitude, and celebration for all You have done. Help me to reflect Your happiness in my words, actions, and relationships. Strengthen my faith and let Your love overflow through me to bless others. May I celebrate

Your victory daily, embracing hope, freedom, and the blessings of eternal life. Thank You for Your goodness, mercy, and the joy that comes from walking in Your light.

Amen.

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As we gather for our Annual General Meetings this month

Lord, we come before You seeking wisdom that only You can give. We admit that our human understanding is limited, but You see the beginning and the end. As we discuss, plan, and make decisions, grant us insight beyond our own.



Let Your Word be the compass that directs our thoughts.

When we are unsure, remind us to trust in You. When opinions differ, teach us to seek Your truth above our own. Holy Spirit, guide our minds and hearts to align with the purpose You've set before us. We commit every detail into Your capable hands.

Amen.

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As we continue through the Easter season

Would we be counted among the doubters
hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross?
Or, when challenged, like Peter openly deny you?
There are times, Lord, when doubts assail
and the distance between us seems to increase.
There are times, Lord, when sin has its hold,
like a barrier between us that will not move.
Who is there we can turn to when we feel so overwhelmed?
Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?
No-one but you, Jesus,
no-one but you! Amen



John Birch, Faith and Worship

4th Sunday of Easter is sometimes referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. A prayer inspired by Psalm 23 – 'The Lord Is My Star'

The Lord is my star, I am enfolded by his love.
As I open my door each day to a version of heaven –
trees, birdsong, flowers, sky, loving people –
as the incomparable beauty of the Dales –
the hills, the rocks, the streams and woods –
unfolds before me as I wander with a surge of joy,
I am complete.
He is a constant presence, as the pole star at
night amid the endless galaxies, as the sun star by
day lighting up every corner of the world, leading me onward and
surrounding me with wonders and marvels.
In times of anxiety I hear his voice,
Trust in me.
Don't be afraid.
So I go on, acutely aware of the blessings life brings me, grounding me
in love & compassion, with the knowledge of his presence at its heart.



*'Dear Lord' – Collection of Prayers and Poems from MU
members across the World.*

Stephen, Archbishop of York, visited Manchester in March as part of his 'Faith in the North' tour. He made several visits around the diocese during the day and then in the Cathedral led an evening focused on the Lord's Prayer.

One person present was Julian Heaton, Rector of Bury, and these are his reflections from the evening:

The opening question at the Faith in the North event was simple: "Which line of the Lord's Prayer means most to me?"

Five people each offered a reflection — and, conveniently, each chose a different line. What followed was genuinely moving. Ordinary people spoke with real depth about just a few words of scripture. It was a reminder that the quiet, inner habit of turning over a phrase and letting it speak into our lives is something we all share.

Stephen Cottrell is a superb communicator—warm, humorous, and clear, with a gift for gently challenging what we think we know.

His premise was straightforward: most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart, and many of us say it on autopilot. His aim was to help us "engage gears"—to notice what we are saying, and to rediscover these words as nourishment for life.

He began with a striking line: "The Lord's Prayer is an education in desire."

Why pray, if God already knows what we want? Because, he suggested, this prayer teaches us not what we want, but what we truly need—and those are not the same thing.

Drawing on Austin Farrer, he then unfolded the structure of the prayer. It begins by addressing God: "Our Father"—or, more literally, "Father of ours." God's name is placed front and centre, establishing both God's

priority and our shared identity as a family. Right from the start, we are oriented towards God and towards one another.

From there, Farrer suggests, the prayer divides into two movements: three praises and three petitions.

The praises, heard in Aramaic, are striking:

- Be hallowed the name of you
- Be come the Kingdom of you
- Be done the will of you

Hearing them this way brings their meaning into sharper focus. We acknowledge God's holiness in a world full of competing claims. We long for God's kingdom to take root on earth. We desire lives aligned with God's will. This is the landscape we are invited to inhabit.

Then come the petitions: for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance from temptation. These are about how we live within that landscape—learning generosity rather than grasping, reconciliation rather than resentment, and attentiveness to anything that diminishes God's life in us.

At the end, Archbishop Stephen invited us to consider our posture in prayer. Anglicans, he joked, often resemble people washing their hair. Instead, he encouraged us to stand (if able), straighten our backs, close our eyes, and open our hands.

This is the ancient posture known as orans—simply, “let us pray.” I've always found it freeing: a physical expression of openness, vulnerability, and readiness to receive. You might try it.

And one final encouragement: most of us say the Lord's Prayer at some point each day. If you don't, it's worth beginning. And whether it's familiar or new, try saying it slowly. Listen to the words. This is, after all, the prayer Jesus gave his disciples.

Julian Heaton

As I write this, it has been a busy two weeks. Christ Church was the venue for the welcome to Manchester Diocese for worldwide trustee Deb Lee, who over three days cycled from Carlisle Diocese, meeting members across Blackburn Diocese before arriving here, where members were gathered for a bring and share lunch. Unfortunately, Deb was delayed when her tyre caught in a pothole and she went over the handlebars! Fortunately for her there were pubs on each side of the road and lots of men who came to help her! We enjoyed a delicious lunch and spent time in prayer together as well as sharing fellowship with Deb and each other.



Provincial Celebration

The following day Deb arrived at the cathedral on her bike, for a wonderful provincial celebration of 150 years of Mothers' Union. Members had gathered from across the Province of York, although sadly members from the Isle of Man were unable to join us. The weather had caused the ferries to be cancelled but in Manchester the sun shone on us all.

The service was led by the Bishop of Middleton and the sermon given by the Dean of Manchester, both Mothers' Union members. The Lord Lieutenant and several mayors were present. Banners were processed (Manchester's carried by Rosemary Taylor), Indoor Members were represented by their names in the books carried by each diocesan representative, and many more joined the livestream. Catherine Hilton, organising the refreshments, found that people travelling significant distances fancied a drink before as well as afterwards – and the team kept having to replenish the water supply!

Mothers' Union featured in **Songs of Praise** on Mothering Sunday, largely from Liverpool Diocese but with several other shots in which members appeared.

Our recent **AGM** was chaired by Nigel Silvester, who opened with prayer and also took the opportunity to share some thoughts about how we could take MU forward. The meeting agreed that £150 from our funds would be donated but chose to withhold it for the moment whilst determining how we celebrate 150 years here in Walmersley. The group will continue to be run by committee, to which we are delighted to welcome Belinda Leung. Thanks were expressed to all officers, committee members and all our members for their continued support.

On April 1 St Stephen's MU have invited us to join them when Pam and Neil from **The Hope Project** speak to them about the school in Uganda which is supported by St Stephen's church. Please let us know if you would like a lift (or can offer one) and note the earlier start time of 7:00 pm. In August we have invited their members to join us for one of our meetings.

Provincial 150th Prayer Capsule

This capsule, which began its journey at the celebration in the Cathedral, is travelling around the province before being taken to the service in St Paul's Cathedral in June. In each diocese a prayer will be added and the Diocese of Manchester will have it for the week of 4-12 April. It will be handed over by Chester Diocese in the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon; on Wednesday it will be at St. John's House and a focus of prayer at the midday Holy Communion service in the Chapel there. In the afternoon it will be taken to Bolton Town Hall and on Friday afternoon to Rochdale Town Hall. On Sunday morning it will be handed over to Liverpool Diocese during a service there. If anyone would like more details of any of these opportunities, please ask a member of the committee.

MU is 150 years old (just in case you had missed that fact!)

How can we be involved in the celebrations, which are also a great opportunity to raise awareness of our movement? Rosemary Taylor, who is a member of the Manchester Board of Trustees, is coming on 15th April at 7.30pm, to enthuse, encourage and inform us. Please think how we, here in Walmersley, can raise awareness as well as sharing in activities beyond our boundaries. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Manchester and its Links will be the focus of the worldwide Wave of Prayer on Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 April. We shall meet for a short service in church at 11 am on Thursday 23rd.

At the provincial celebration members from the twelve dioceses in the province, together with CEO Bev Jullien, placed candles before the altar in the shape of a cross, together with flags representing all the dioceses around the world with which we are severally linked in the wave of prayer, producing a much-photographed display.



Barbara Taylor, Branch Secretary

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR



SATURDAY 18th APRIL
from 10.00am until around 12noon

**ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK
CHURCH HALL**



REFRESHMENTS & CAKES
OTHER STALLS
LOADS OF BOOKS!!

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Third Thursday Light Lunch



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 5LP

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!

So come along on 16 April, 21 May

SUNDAY @ SEVEN

***COME AND JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF
RELAXED CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AT
7PM ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH.***



WE NEXT MEET ON APRIL 26th

AT St JOHN & St MARK HALL

“Easter Hope”

***The hope that is able to lift our personal burdens, help us
to cope, and to shine light in a troubled world.***

***If you want to know more ask Nigel Silvester, Ian Banks
or Cor van der Woude.***

Also available via Zoom.

The period from Ascension Day to Pentecost is when Churches mark the season of Thy Kingdom Come. This is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.



This year's Thy Kingdom Come will take place from 14th May to 24th May and the theme is '**God with Us**'. This theme will give us the opportunity to know the presence of God through his spirit; the God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him. This will include all new resources like this year's Novena written by Archbishop Sarah Mullally, a Prayer Journal written by Revd Canon Chris Russell, 11 new films from a range of ecumenical contributors and resources for children and young people.

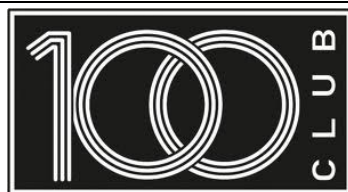
We have previously marked this period with events locally, so we will have more in the May magazine and there is more on the Church of England website, where resources can be ordered.

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

MARCH 2026 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – (21) Eric Whittall

2nd Prize £10.00 – (8) Phil Watson



Congratulations to both

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday			
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	2 nd	Family Service	
	3 rd	Holy Communion	
	4 th	Morning Worship	
10.30 a.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
	2 nd	Holy Communion	
	3 rd	Morning Worship	
	4 th	Holy Communion	
10.30 a.m.	5 th	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
Tuesday			
6.30pm	4 th	Campfire Church	Christ Church yard
Wednesday			
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
Thursday			
12.30 p.m.	The Gathering		Zoom
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd – Compline)		St John w St Mark
Other services as announced.			
Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

St John with St Mark's Church has Fairtrade status



We are members of the Manchester Diocese Transforming Prayer Community

FOR YOUR APRIL DIARY

For Holy Week Services please see page 5

Wed 1	10.00am	Springside School Easter Service (CC)
	7.00pm	MU meet at St Stephen, Elton
Sun 5		Easter Day
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	9.45am	Hot Cross buns (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Tue 7	2.30pm	Easter at the Priory (Highbank Centre)
Wed 8	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Sun 12		2nd Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
		followed by APCM
Wed 15	6.45pm	Deanery Gathering (St Peter Bury)
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 16	12noon	Thursday Light Lunch (CC Hall)
Sat 18	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Book Fair (SJM)
Sun 19		3rd Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Thu 23	11.00am	MU Wave of Prayer service (CC)
Sun 26		4th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
		followed by APCM
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (Barritt Room)
Mon 27	7.30pm	Bury Mission Community leaders (venue tbc)
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)
Tue 28	6.30pm	Campfire Church (CC Hall)

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

Whilst the Vicar is unwell enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made to the Wardens through our websites or at the parish office which has re-opened each Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 7.00pm at St. John with St. Mark's Hall.

Lots more info on our websites:

<https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>

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Good Friday 3rd April 12pm
Bury URC - The Rock - Mill Gate - Kay Gardens