

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



October 2024

Matt Britton Emma Mould
Press Red
Presents



An emotive retelling of the Old Testament classic, exploring themes of love and justice

**Friday, 4 October 2024
at 7.30pm**

**St John with St Mark Hall,
Parkinson Street, Bury, BL9 6NY**

**Scan for tickets - £5
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A message from our Vicar

Hello from Harvie,

As you may be aware I have been diagnosed with a brain tumour. This has come as a bit of a shock to say the least and I don't want people to worry too much about the future. I am still the Walmersley Road Incumbent and that is not going to change any time soon. The church will still be here for everyone and I will spend a bit of time working out what I can and can't do. My head is mush at the moment but as we go forward I hope things will begin to clear. I may not be seen as much but I will be praying for you

I will try to be as open with you as I am able during this enforced sabbatical. I would like you to know that Sally and I are not blaming God and would ask you not to either. This is not a path I would like to be on and I echo Jesus's words in Matthew 26: 39 'if it be possible, take this cup of suffering from me! Yet not what I want, but what you want.' God has held, and is holding, us during this time as we begin to relearn what it is to walk with Him rather than in our own strength.

I will be thinking of the Walmersley Road parishes and will be keeping you up to date with my thoughts.

I would ask you to be prayerfully supportive of the wardens and be kind to them as they lead the church in my absence.

Yours, Harvie

17 September

On 22nd Harvie underwent surgery to remove most of the tumour. It will be a couple of weeks before all reports are received, and a management plan put in place. As we go to print, the kind of tumour has not been identified.

SERVICES UPDATE

We shall be doing our best to cover the usual pattern of services during Harvie's absence but a number of priests who helped us out during the interregnum are not in a position to do so at the moment due to their own health or prior commitments elsewhere. So, please be prepared for the fact that some services may have to be cancelled, and more joint services may need to be arranged.

The current regular services are listed on page 24 but please also check the weekly bulletins or announcements in both Churches.

Dear friends,

Welcome to the October edition of our magazine, the month in which the focus for our Churches tends to be very much on Harvest. As usual I expect the traditional refrains including 'We Plough the Fields' and 'Come Ye Thankful People' along with our congregations providing familiar items of tinned produce, tea and coffee. A Harvest lunch or takeaway lunch box is often offered, maybe for a small charge, as a means of fellowship or to send out to those who are possibly housebound.

All these examples show us how much we are provided for, thanks to the goodness and generosity of others, not just on our Harvest festival day but throughout the year.

A Bible passage which is often chosen for this day is the end of Matthew 6, part of Jesus' sermon on the Mount. This passage teaches us not to worry about life. Yes, it sounds extremely difficult not to worry about life, after all, life is full of anxious moments. The examples Jesus used were 'not to worry about what we should wear' or 'what we should eat and drink'. Perhaps some modern examples should tell us not to worry about whether our laptop or computer will work properly, or if the parcel we ordered will arrive at the time we need it for. These situations cause us no end of frustration, and for some, possibly a huge strain. However, as this Bible passage goes on to tell us, how can we add a single hour to our life by worrying about these things. Surely life is about so much more than the smaller and short-term details?

Of course, we inevitably worry about our Church life and how we can make ends meet during challenging times with less people. How can we pay our bills? Or have we got enough volunteers to make an event happen?

In Matthew 6 verse 34, Jesus asks us 'not to worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow worry about itself. Each new day brings enough trouble of its own'. How very true. I'm sure we have all had moments contemplating a potential problem in 24 hours, when suddenly a more unexpected and bigger problem arrives at that moment. We all have days when we are taken off balance by a big event in our lives that we were not expecting and suddenly the broken computer or undelivered parcel can seem trivial in comparison. How often do we then chastise ourselves for fretting over that event in the future. If we trust in God then we should not concern ourselves with tomorrow's battle. Our trust in God happens right here and now, every day. By holding up our daily struggles in prayer then we are allowing God to work in our lives.

As we celebrate our Harvest festivals, then let us also remember that God provides for us each day in the many blessings we see in our homes, hearts and communities, through the goodness shown to us by our families, friends and fellow Christians. Be thankful for what we have today and then tomorrow will worry about itself.



Yours in Christ, David Robinson

Please read Matthew 6.25-34

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46.1-3

BAPTISM

Aug 24 Aneesah Hussain
Aug 25 Aidan Jack Wilson
Sep 1 Frankie-Lee Alek Brown
Sep 22 Bobby Stephen Goyen
 Ivy Harriet Goyen

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

FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Aug 23 John Lord Partington
Sep 11 Roy Nuttall

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

A prayer for those being confirmed on 6th October:

John Brennan, David Clements, Cezary Olszewski & Paul Restall

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of faith that these confirmation candidates are about to receive. Instil in their hearts a profound sense of gratitude.

May they always be thankful for the gift of faith, recognising it as a precious treasure. Help them approach the sacrament of confirmation with hearts overflowing with gratitude for your boundless love and grace. In your mercy, we pray for a spirit of gratitude among these candidates.

Amen.

prayersaves.com



BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 6 **19th after Trinity**

Genesis 2.18-24

Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

Mark 10.2-16

Oct 13 **20th after Trinity**

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Mark 10: 17-31

Oct 20 **21st after Trinity**

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 35-45

Oct 27 **Last after Trinity**

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Nov 3 **All Saints' Sunday**

Wisdom 3: 1-9 or
Isaiah 25: 6-9

Revelation 21: 1-6a

John 11: 32-44



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Oct 6 Vacant

Oct 13 Vacant

Oct 20 Mrs J Wood, in memory of the Wood family

Oct 27 In memory of Mr and Mrs W.A.E Dighton

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).

* Please do support the production of "Ruth" on 4 October (see page 13). The charity is not charging a set fee but we do need a good response in order to make a reasonable donation to them. There is a massive amount of information on our websites and this performance should be of interest to lots of organisations with whom you may have contact, so please share.

* There will be a Confirmation service at St Mary the Virgin (Bury Parish) on Sunday 6th October and members of our Benefice are to be confirmed by Bishop Matthew. Everybody is welcome at this service at 3.00pm. Please pray for the candidates at this time. See page 6.

* At a meeting of Churches Together in Bury there were two appeals for help if you know anyone who may feel called to these roles.

We now have three chaplains in the Millgate Centre, who each spend half a day there each week. They are looking for at least one other person so they can cover all the centre and as all three are male would be delighted if a female were to join the team. They can well imagine occasions when someone may prefer to speak to another female.

Also, we are all aware of the fantastic work carried out by the Street Pastors but they too are very much in need of more people to help keep our streets safe.

If you are interested, please ask who best to contact.

* Both our churches support the work of Tearfund and on November 1 we have a fun way to do this. Please check out the back page and buy your tickets for a quiz, with pie and peas. You don't even need to travel far as it is being held in St John with St Mark's Hall, and organised by Bury Mission Community.

* 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. Also welcome are any 'bags for life' you can spare as the charity gives out around 80 bags each week.

John Partington – In Memoriam

John's scouting life began at the age of 7 when he joined St Mark's Cubs. He then moved on to become a Boy Scout and gained his bushman's thong and his Queen's Scout award. In June 1966, he became a cub leader at St Mark's and was known to the young people as Baloo.

John continued his Scouting service when St Mark's and St John's amalgamated in 1996. He continued to lead Cubs and also helped with Scouts. John's service to Scouting extended further as he helped at Ashworth Valley Scout camp, for over 40 years.

John had a passion and a love for Scouting that goes back a lifetime. He was proud to become a leader and he always had the young people at the heart of everything he did. John had his own wicked sense of humour, cheeky smile and laugh that will be greatly missed.

As John's health started to deteriorate and he could no longer attend weekly meetings, he still kept up with his Scouting, he reminded leaders of the things they needed to do by text and let them know when new badges were out so that they could order one for him. He turned up to parades, he even turned up earlier this year to a parade in his uniform and sat with the young people. With this in mind, and so he could continue his Scouting journey, he was made the group President, and in this role, he remained until he joined his fellow Scouters in heaven.

John has served with many leaders, some of whom put on their uniforms to honour him at his funeral. He was also involved with the bowling team, which was set up and called Scouters.

John has always gone above and beyond, and done more than just turn up each week to run a Cub meeting. He has done many a camp, hikes, parades, raft races, pensioners parties, day trips out. He has done many a raffle or a tombola. He has washed the pots after church lunches, served on the bar for church functions, done gardening there and at the valley, served in the shop at Ashworth Valley, and cleaned many a toilet. He has been involved in the pantomime backstage, and in his later years front of house, selling programmes and raffle tickets. John would help anybody or do anything. Scouting owes John a debt of thanks. From being a cub at the age of 7 to recently being the group president, that's over 70 years in the Scouting movement. He was also certainly a TRUE GENTLEMAN.

Come and join the feast!

13th October



St John with St Mark's

are offering a takeaway lunch box after the morning service.

A box will include sandwiches and cakes, is priced at £6.00 per box and a menu is available to make your selections.

Take your box home or stay behind and eat with others in the Hall, Parkinson Street.

Please contact Margaret Duckworth or June Banks about this.

Christ Church

is holding a lunch in the Church Hall, School Lane around midday, following the 10.30am service

- Choice of soup, served with a bread roll
- Fruit pie and cream
- Tea, coffee or cordial

Adults £5, children £2.50

Tickets are available and it would help if they were purchased in advance, please.



Why not enjoy fellowship, soup and fruit pie at Christ Church after collecting a takeaway box from St John with St Mark to enjoy for your tea?

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11: 25

Both Churches will celebrate God's great goodness to us at our Harvest services on Sunday 13th October. This gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a practical way for the generosity of our Father.

St. John with St. Mark: We will welcome contributions to the work of Caritas and Porch. This includes the usual items such as tinned produce, packet foods, biscuits, tea / coffee. We usually decorate the Church ready for the Harvest Eucharist on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am.

At **Christ Church** will be the usual three-pronged approach to demonstrating God's generosity:

~ gifts will be distributed in the parish to the sick and housebound. Please let us know of anyone you feel would appreciate such a gift.

~ we continue to give to Porch such items as tinned and packet foods, as they support vulnerable families in our local area. There is a list of most used items at the back of church and on the website.

~ globally, Christian Aid aims to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. There are envelopes available in church or use the contactless device or the link on our website in order to support this work.

At home, around the corner, around the world

Creator God, provider of all,
we bring our thanks today.

faithandworship.com

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

July 2024:

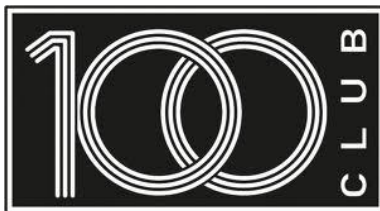
1st Prize £15.00 – (67) June Banks

2nd Prize £10.00 – Kelly Watson

August 2024:

1st Prize £15.00 – (23) Archie Wardle

2nd Prize £10.00 – (82) David Robinson



September 2024:

1st Prize £15.00 – (35) M Nuttall

2nd Prize £10.00 – Phil Watson

Congratulations to all

Caption competition

Thank you to those who responded with entries for last month's caption competition.

Congratulations to Pamela Hoyle for,

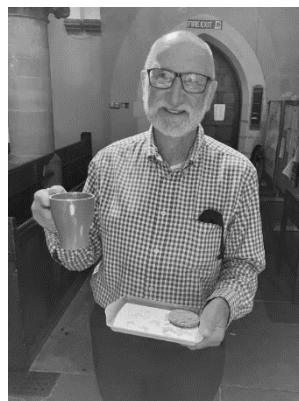
"Man cannot live by bread alone he really needs tea and biscuits."

Other contributions included:

"Do I love anyone enough to give them my last biscuit" – (Think the Rolo advert) – From Joan Robinson

"So, I'm having to serve myself now am I at Sunday @ Seven?" – From David Robinson

"You cannot beat a smile and a cuppa!" – From Audrey Sadler



Should every life be worthy of dignity and respect?

Are you concerned about violence to women?

Does the banner #MeToo resonate with you?

Can men help towards a world of equity and equality for all?

Should all be able to lead lives in safety and security?

'Ruth' is a live performance, blending acting and original songs. It is an emotive retelling of the Old Testament classic. A 50 minute performance using the best of acting and music to reimagine scripture.

Actor, Matt Britton, and singer-songwriter, Emma Mould, use the story of Ruth as a springboard to explore themes of love and justice. In an age where millions are taking up the banner of #MeToo, this timeless story offers simple, practical ways the church can work towards a world where women are able to lead full meaningful lives in safety and security.

Alongside the performance, Press Red are launching their national, 'Be like Boaz' campaign. A call for men to help envision a world of equity and equality for all.

We are delighted to be hosting one of the first public performances of this new production by PRESS RED.

Press Red is a charity which aims to educate, equip, and empower people on issues of violence and abuse against women and girls.

The story of Ruth will be told on 4 October at 7.30pm in St John with St Mark Hall.

Please come, and encourage everyone you know who would respond "yes" to the questions above.

More details on our church websites. Tickets are available online or in both churches.

Quiet Moments for October

*Creation Season in the Church of England continues until 4th October.
Here is a prayer before we close this period out.*

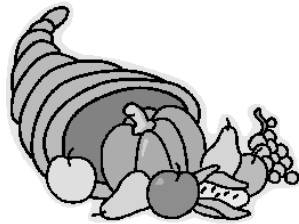
God of the land, the sea, the sky:
Creator of all that is seen and unseen.
Open our hearts to the rhythm of
Creation in the swells of the ocean,
the movements of air and wind,
the breath of all living things.
Open our eyes to the fragile beauty of
the biodiversity of which we are a part.
Open our ears to the sounds of life around us.
Open our minds to the awareness of our deep relationship with all your
Creation. Amen.



From the Diocese of Manchester Transforming Prayer Community

As we celebrate our Harvest festivals

God of harvest,
gardener supreme
you place us at the centre
feed us, equip us and
having provided for us
look to a different harvest
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you
and others.
God of harvest,
feed us
prune us
harvest us
that our lives
might bring glory to you.



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Prisons Week begins on October 13th



Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another,
to act justly, love mercy
and walk humbly together with Christ
in his strength and in his Spirit,
now and every day.
Amen.

prisonsworld.org

October 18th is the feast of St. Luke, the patron Saint of physicians. A prayer for wisdom for those in the health care setting.



Heavenly Father, we humbly seek Your wisdom and discernment for doctors and nurses who make critical decisions in the lives of their patients. Grant them clarity of mind and keen insight as they diagnose illnesses and determine treatment plans.

May Your divine guidance direct their thoughts and actions. Fill their hearts with empathy and compassion, that they may truly understand the needs of those under their care. Lord, guide their steps as they navigate complex medical cases, and grant them the wisdom to make the right choices. Help them to navigate through ethical dilemmas with integrity and sound judgment. May their decisions reflect Your wisdom and bring healing and wholeness to their patients. We entrust them to Your guidance and pray for their discernment. Amen.

From strengthinprayer.com

In August members enjoyed playing games! There were a number of board and card games on offer – many of which were new to some people. Some even allowed an opportunity to chat!



A delicious bring and share supper marked the 115th year of this branch's existence – it came into being in September 1909 but no-one knows the exact date! Jean Slater felt privileged to 'cut the cake' and we very much enjoyed its chocolatey goodness as we were led in a sing song by Geoff Stokes. He had put together a selection of songs from the 60s and 70s.

A new idea for a meeting was "What's my line?" Do you remember it? The panel in evening dress and why was it important that guests 'signed in'? No-one came to our September meeting in evening dress but several came with a number of ideas. We saw a blood sample taken from a baby, a fireman spray us from the top of a ladder, a very straight furrow ploughed, a sheep sheared, the counting of election voting slips. A grandma read to her grandchildren before taking them swimming. Then there was a bin man, an auctioneer, a linesman, and even a comptometer operator! Thank you to everyone who took part.

There was also the opportunity to order or buy items from the Mothers' Union shop and we were grateful to Frances for bringing the stock and for joining in the fun too.

Several of our members attended the Fundraising afternoon, organised by the Deanery of Bury and Rossendale. Cakes again in plenty – but it does have to be said that they rather paled into insignificance when compared with those on Ruth Spencer's slides! Ruth gave her fascinating talk about the year which was "Not Quite The Great British Bake Off. The afternoon was in support of Mothers' Union's Summer of Hope appeal, which is to fund extending the literacy project into more dioceses of DR Congo.

On 8 September, which is International Literacy Day, Mothers' Union launched its #EmpowerHerLiteracy campaign. We know that literacy opens doors to independence, empowerment and the opportunity to transform lives, families and communities.

Why not add your voice to the campaign to put women's education on the global agenda? Sign up at www.mothersunion.org/empowerher and stand up for 480 million women around the world who are illiterate.

**EMPOWER
HER 
LITERACY**

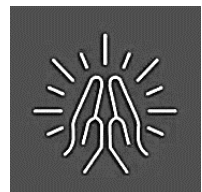
If you use social media there are lots of stories to illustrate just how learning to read can change the lives of the whole family.

We send our congratulations to Manchester's Diocesan President, Christine Sharp, who has been elected as President for the Province of York from January 2025. Also to Deb Lee from the Diocese of Carlisle who will succeed Catherine Hilton as the Worldwide Trustee elected by this province.

Our thanks to Hilary Riddick, who maintains the contents of our children's bags and cases, available for any children in church who are too young to follow the service. She has recently restitched a number of the bags, so they are looking good.

In October we welcome you to both our meetings.

On 2nd we have invited Kim Morgan-Jones, who is Head of Lay Development in the diocese. She is to talk more about the Transforming Prayer Community to which both our churches and some individuals have signed up.



Our speaker on 16th will be Archdeacon Rachel Mann, who promised last time she spoke to return and tell us more about herself. She is an engaging speaker and all are welcome to join us.

Both meetings will be in the Church Hall at 7.30pm.

There are several dates beyond our branch to take note of and to attend where possible.

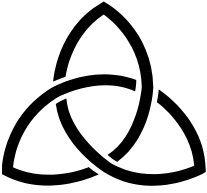
Although we have been promoting the RiseUp campaign, and displaying material on our noticeboards, we have not yet, as a branch, signed up for the bronze, silver and gold awards being granted by Mothers' Union. If we do, we could easily obtain the bronze level. One element in preparing for the silver level is a bible study on the book of Ruth – so the drama which is being presented on 4 October will be a really good preparation for that. This is a brand new production but we have seen other dramas by this company and I have no hesitation in recommending this evening to you.

A Quiet Day has been arranged on Saturday, October 12th at Central Methodist Chapel, 9.30am for 10.00am – 2.00pm. The theme is Seasons. The cost is £10. Please bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. Contact Christine Faulkner asap please if you plan to attend.

On 26th October the diocesan AGM and Autumn Council will be held at St John's House. It begins at 10.30am but tea and coffee are served from 10am and there is the opportunity to browse the cards and gifts as well as to buy diaries and calendars. This is a great meeting to learn what is happening in Mothers' Union and to meet other members. Bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee is available). Closing prayers will be around 2.45pm.

Don't miss our service in the cathedral at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 30th October when we celebrate all that has been achieved over the past three years. (Also please note that the York Province End of Triennium celebration is in Blackburn Cathedral at 2pm on November 2nd. Easier for us than almost any other diocese!)

Barbara Taylor,
Branch Secretary



OPEN GROUP

On Wednesday 11th September we met for a talk led by Nigel Silvester on his school days on the Isles of Scilly and later Truro. As is always the case with a Nigel talk, we were treated to some photographs of his time at the schools along with memorabilia and awards.

Early school days were spent at Carn Thomas on the Scillies. Here Nigel was introduced to rotas; milk rota, pencil rota etc. At least it was good experience for Church life and the number of rotas we have here. Swimming was a necessity on the islands for obvious reasons and you could not get away with being taught to swim. Nigel brought along his 40 yards certificate, which is probably 40 yards more than many others on the UK mainland.

The second part of Nigel's education was spent at Truro School in Cornwall. This was of course a boarding school with pupils spending all term time there and only coming home three times a year. Here we learnt about the strict school timetable, which didn't just include weekday daytime, but also evening and weekends. More or less every hour was planned and you knew where you should be at each time of the day and week. Nigel regaled us with stories about learning Latin and French, prefects, visits to matron and queues for the bath. There was regular worship and the hymn 'Immortal Invisible' was a common hymn. We learnt about some of the former pupils including Roger Taylor from Queen, whose picture was on one of Nigel's school photographs.

The interesting thing about this talk is that most of us would not have experienced travelling to the mainland for education, so to hear stories about this was informative and probably new to us. It might have sounded a strict place to be but I'm sure it was fun as well. Thank you to Nigel for putting this together and for giving us a taste of something I expect was a different experience for us.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October and Ian Banks will lead a talk entitled 'Liturgy Matters'. All welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

Porch Boxes – An Autumn Update

Our churches have both supported Porch Boxes for many years. Every week the collecting boxes at the back of our churches receive items. Every month we drive over to the Porch Boxes' depot at Bradley Fold to deliver the donated items. Several members of our congregation donate financially and those monies are also taken to Porch Boxes on a regular basis.

October is the time of our annual Harvest services. A time when we have traditionally made a special effort to give food items for those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a time when Porch Boxes particularly look to supporter churches to boost their supplies. With the colder weather season approaching there is often a much greater need to send out their emergency food packs to those who struggle to put food on their tables, or indeed in their hands, as they sit huddled up in the shop doorways of our town.

Porch Boxes' target hope – "to be able to close the Porch operation because the need has gone away" is still a long way away; indeed, it is unfortunately, nowhere in sight at this time.

Regular weekly contributions from churches, schools and businesses are essential to keep pace with the demand from those in need in our community. Your support really does make all the difference. So, let's together make this Harvest a bumper one for those with their hands reaching out for a crumb of hope.

On behalf of Porch Boxes, and the final recipients of the items you give, thank you so much for your kindness, your generosity and your care.

Nigel & Barbara Silvester

Items which re needed on a regular basis by Porch Boxes:

Tins

Beans
Soup
Ravioli
Beans and sausage
Spaghetti
One pan meal e.g. stew
Hot dogs
Tomatoes
Potatoes
Meatballs
Vegetables
Meat or fish
Rice pudding or custard
Fruit

Packets

Cup a soup
Cereal/cereal bars
Tea bags (*pack of 40*)
Pasta sauce/noodles/rice
Biscuits/treat
Sachets of hot chocolate
Dried pasta
Rice

Toiletries

Soap/shower gel
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Toothbrush

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 17 October, 21 November, **12** December

CAMPING and MORE

Christ Church Guides spent a weekend at Scarisbrick Guide campsite, near Ormskirk for their summer camp. The theme was the Olympics and they took part in various activities to earn points for their country. The events all had a twist on traditional sports and included archery, pedal cart time trials, synchronised swimming, boccia, skewer javelin and showjumping. Italy took the Gold medal overall.

The site was surrounded by trees, so a lot of time was spent in the woods, including digging wellies, trainers and guides out of the muddy bogs! Saturday evening saw us singing around the campfire – and eating plenty of campfire treats including smores and dampers.

A big WELL DONE to one of our leaders, Sarah, who took responsibility for the camp to complete her Going Away With Scheme assessment.

Everyone has been working hard on the programme activities and more badges have been presented, including another 7 Bronze Awards and our units first Silver Award to Lucy F. This term we are working towards 'Making a Change' in our community and in the world, through our actions and environmentally.

We have said goodbye to 2 of the oldest guides, but luckily, they have just moved up to Rangers so we can still say hello to them each week on the opposite side of the hall! Their spaces were immediately filled with 6 new Brownies moving up from various units and we still have a waiting list!

Guiding at Christ Church Walmersley is thriving! If anyone is interested in volunteering any skills, these would be most welcome, please speak to one of the leaders!

Alder Hey Children's hospital fundraiser is being held in the Hall at St. John with St. Mark on Saturday 9th November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.



This will include a DJ and raffle prizes.

If you are interested in going then please RSVP to Alex Hardman on sprogrigby@hotmail.com to give her an idea of numbers please.

All proceeds will go to Alder Hey Children's hospital.



It is time to put our thinking caps on once again and start to plan a tree to display in 2024's **Christmas Tree Festival**.

More details next month but it will take place in late November in Christ Church and decorated trees are welcome from any person, family, group, business – so please begin to spread the word and encourage others to take part.

Last year was the first such festival held at Christ Church and it was very popular indeed. Let's make this year's even bigger and better.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday		
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP) Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th	Holy Communion Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven Venue tba	
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 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.

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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 to the Vicar whose contact details are:
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Lots more info on our websites: <https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>
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and YouTube	CofE Walmersley

FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

Wed 2	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Fri 4	7.30pm	'Ruth' with Press Red (SJM Hall)
Sun 6		19th after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
	3.00pm	Confirmation (St Mary the Virgin)
Wed 9	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM Barritt Room)
Sat 12	10.00am	Mothers' Union Quiet Day
Sun 13		20th after Trinity – Harvest Festival
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 16	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 17	10.00am	Springside Harvest (CC)
	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sat 19	9.30am	Diocesan Synod (St John's House)
Sun 20		21st after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Sat 26	10.30am	Mothers' Union Council and AGM (St John's House)
Sun 27		Last after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (SA)
Mon 28	7.30pm	Mission Community Leaders' meeting
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – venue TBC
Wed 30	2.30pm	MU End of Triennium Thanksgiving (Cathedral)



Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

October 27th

**Salvation Army Citadel
Brookshaw Street**

Is it Kid's Stuff ?

What was it that Jesus said about coming to him as little children? Come and join us for an hour - or you can be with us via Zoom – and we'll see if we can find out!

Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.



Friday 1st November, 7:00pm

**St John with St Mark Church Hall,
Parkinson Street, Bury, BL9 6NY**

Get a ticket from: stpetersbury.church/tearfund
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Ticket cost includes a donation to Tearfund,
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