

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



**May 2025
Ascension – May 29th**



Tuesday, 6th May 2025

2-4 pm, 6-8 pm

Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

Refreshments, Displays, Photos, Singalong

**An opportunity to share stories from the 1940s,
see and hear others' memories**

***Bring photos, memorabilia, documents, recipes,
anything you think may be of interest
and bring family, friends, neighbours too***

Walmersley Reminiscences

CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk

A God of Second Chances

A warning to all preachers – be careful what you say in a sermon. A few weeks ago, I used the phrase “the God of second chances” and commented that it would make a good title for a magazine article. So here I am sitting at my computer with a title, having to make my statement a reality - and not much idea where to start.

I have often been told that you don’t get a second chance to make a first impression. It was said when I was attending an interview for a job or giving a talk to a group of people I had never met before. I think that is true and even though first impressions can be misleading, they can stick. Yes, I wish after an interview I had been able to go back and say the things that had slipped my mind and often after giving a talk to a church group I could find the answers to questions which had evaded me during the event. But no second chance.

Athletes, especially sprinters, used to be able to have one false start if they jumped the starting gun. Then the rules were changed, one false start and you were out of the event. In the first international meeting after the introduction of this rule even the great Usain Bolt fell short and in last year’s Olympics the highly favoured Welsh athlete Jeremiah Azu was dismissed after one false start. All that training, effort, expectation in vain. What a shock, what a disappointment, what a waste.



In the parable of the fig tree, the owner of the vineyard wants to cut down the tree after it failed to produce fruit after three years but the man who tended it asked if he could nurture it and see if it produced fruit in the next year. It is thought that the tree represented the Israelites who had long ignored the words of the prophets and that

God had had enough of their behaviour but Jesus interceded and they were given the second chance.

In another parable the forgiving father welcomes his wayward, prodigal son back into the fold, offering a second chance of family life.

But it isn't only in parables that we see people receiving second chances. Peter denied Jesus three times, yet Jesus made him the rock on which the church was built. Paul as Saul, persecuted Christians with fervour but on the road to Damascus he was brought to his knees and given a second chance. And how he used that opportunity, taking the gospel to faraway lands spreading the good news of Jesus despite the hardships he encountered.



And what of us? God expects us to produce fruit in his kingdom, he expects us to love our neighbour, to show compassion and to spread the joy of the gospel.

I am sure we all try to do this but sometimes we fail. I know that I often do. But we know that we have a God who is forgiving and will give us a second chance, even more than one if we are truly sorry and work hard to change our ways.

How blessed we are to have a God of Second Chances. Let us make the most of them.

Yours in Christ
Margery

An Easter season thought:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

Martin Luther

Judas betrayed Jesus,
Peter denied Jesus,
Thomas doubted Jesus,
Jesus died for them.

Pilate rejected Jesus,
Herod taunted Jesus,
Caiaphas framed Jesus,
Jesus died for them.

The soldiers crucified Jesus,
The disciples deserted Jesus,
The people mocked Jesus,
Jesus died for them.

Mary wept for Jesus,
The women anointed Jesus,
Joseph buried Jesus,
Jesus died for them.

We have doubted Jesus,
We have denied Jesus,
We have rejected Jesus,
But Jesus died for us.

David Hopwood (Engage worship)

FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Apr 16 Peter Jones

Apr 25 John Peat



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

The PCC of St John with St Mark

Following the APCM on 6th April, your PCC members are:

Vicar: Revd Harvie Nicol

Wardens: Rosemarie Ashworth & June Banks

Deputy Warden: Margaret Duckworth

Deanery Synod representatives:

Ian & June Banks and David Robinson

Elected members:

John Brennan Debbie Cooper,

Mary Howarth Helen Mallinson,

Kelly Watson Joan Wild



BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9-1.6 (7-20) Revelation 5.11-14 John 21.1-19

May 11 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 36-43 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30

May 18 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1-18 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35

May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

Jun 1 7th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Acts 16: 16-34 Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17: 20-26

Note: the reading from Acts must be used



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

May 4 Vacant

May 11 Vacant

May 18 Kathleen Whipp, in memory of her brother Eddie

May 25 In memory of Marjory Chester

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).

- * Pray for Growth: a monthly gathering in St John's House 10am-11am to pray for growth in our Deanery of Bury and Rossendale. More information from Ima at imalomax@manchester.anglican.org
The next dates are 15 May, 12 June, 17 July.
- * Thank you to all who organised and delivered Easter cards throughout our neighbourhood.
- * On the same theme, thank you to everybody who journeyed with us throughout Holy week and to all involved in making services happen.
- * We are looking for someone to represent our churches on the local committee of World Day of Prayer. More information in last month's magazine or speak to Tricia Stokes, who is stepping down after several years.
- * Churches Together in Bury is an ecumenical group which meets every two months and aims to share the love of Jesus through our town. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and on 15th May it is being held locally at the Salvation Army Community Church. Do come along.
- * 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.
- * 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 next issue will be 14th May.

Report from a meeting of Christ Church PCC on 18th March 2025

1. The Revd. Canon Donna Williams led in prayer.
2. A Church Building grant certificate is required to be signed.
3. The finance report was discussed and it was again noted that we need to register as a charity with the Charities Commission as at the moment we are an excepted charity.
4. The Baldingstone trust fund was discussed and it was noted that the proceeds can be used for the advancement of education of children in the parish.
5. The Safeguarding officer thanked everyone for the online courses on safeguarding that they had completed.
6. There is an area of dry rot that has been identified in the church and Robinsons Preservation have been asked to investigate.
7. The new heating system in the church is fully installed and working satisfactorily.
8. The churchyard group were informed that petrol mowers and petrol must not be stored in the church cellar.
9. There was nothing to report on the Eco agenda.
10. It was noted that Easter cards had been purchased and were being delivered in the parish.
11. The outreach report discussed a VE 80 celebration and also the provision of hot cross buns on Easter Sunday morning.
12. The Lay Chair passed around papers relating to the diocesan vision for 2030 and asked that PCC members read them so they could be discussed fully at a later meeting.
13. The Revd. Canon Donna Williams spoke at length on nurturing and prayer there was then a general discussion among the PCC.
14. The meeting closed with prayer at 9.15pm

Summary of a meeting of Christ Church PCC on 14th April 2025

1. The Lay chair informed the PCC that Betty Winterbottom had died and a moment of silence was held whilst everyone remembered all that Betty had done for the PCC and the church over her lifetime.
2. The meeting then opened with the Lord's prayer.
3. Geoff Hamilton gave congratulations to the treasurer on a good year's finance report. It was noted that we were on track to pay our Parish share.
4. The safeguarding policy document was approved by the PCC.
5. The church hall group noted that work needed doing on the church hall roof to ensure there was no rainwater leakage into the building and that ceiling tiles needed replacing. Quotes were to be sought for repairing the roof.
6. The repair of part of the church electric power sockets had been completed.
7. The churchyard group reported that work had been done on the church cellar and that one of the petrol mowers had been repaired.
8. Mission community: it was noted that an Easter Vigil will be held at St Mary the Virgin on Saturday the 19th of April at 6.30pm and that on the 21st of June there is to be a Litter Picking event.
9. In the outreach report there was discussion on the arrangements for the Easter Sunday service, the scarecrow festival for 2025 and the VE day celebration on the 6th of May in the Church Hall which is taking place over two periods 2-4pm and 6-8pm.
10. The lay chair reflected on the comments on prayer that had been made at the last PCC meeting by Revd. Canon Donna Williams. There was then a general discussion on the thoughts expressed.
11. The meeting closed at 8.58pm with the Grace.

The meeting was held on Sunday 6th April at 12.15pm

- The Church wardens, Rosemarie and June were elected for the year.
- The safeguarding policy and report for the year were approved and commented on.
- There was an opportunity to discuss the PCC report for 2024.
- The main business of the meeting was the treasurer's report for the year. Ian presented the accounts in the usual dashboard format with graphs showing attendances, services and finance. The changes in trends over the last 10 years was plain to see. We then came to our statement of assets and liabilities and the approval of the Independent Examiner's report. Andy Clark continues as our Independent Examiner.
- Ian highlighted that we are still awaiting the results of the Quinquennial inspection from the back end of last year and that there may be significant costs with any work required. This was touched on in the warden's report.
- The electoral roll has now been compiled and stands at just over 50 people.
- There was an acknowledgment of the number of clergy, both active and retired, who have kept the services covered during Harvie's illness. Thanks to all lay people and congregation members for their support and involvement in the running of the Church over the last 12 months.
- There was an opportunity to look through the reports from Deanery Synod and other activities in the booklets.
- The new PCC met after the service to appoint various posts and the next full meeting will be on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm.

The new PCC at St. John with St. Mark is on page 6, so please speak to one of these people if you would like an issue raising.

Christian Aid Week 11th May - 17th May

Why Christian Aid Week matters: 80 years of faith in action

Celebrating eight decades of fundraising, community support and tackling poverty worldwide. Christian Aid Week is a time when people come together to support global efforts in the fight against poverty and injustice. Not only does this year mark a remarkable 80 years of Christian Aid, but it's also our 68th Christian Aid Week, a week that has seen millions of pounds raised to fund life-changing work in the most vulnerable communities around the world. From the first Christian Aid Week in 1957 to today, it has grown from a small local event to a national movement that continues to have a lasting impact

If you would like to donate to this Christian Aid week there will be envelopes at the back of church or you can donate Online: Please give via the website where possible at christianaid.org.uk

Or there are QR codes on leaflets at the back of church.

Telephone and Postal Donations: Call **020 7523 2493** to donate by telephone.

Cheques, Postal Orders, can be sent to: Christian Aid 35-41 Lower Marsh London SE1 7RL

ASCENSION DAY

40 days after Easter Sunday,
we celebrate the day Jesus left this earth and
returned to His Father in heaven.

Thursday 29 May at 7.30pm
Christ Church

"So we in heart and mind may also ascend...."



VE DAY[®]
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

This event was the brainchild of Alan Spencer who envisioned people coming along, having a great chat, a drink and cake and where possible bringing photos or memorabilia from WWII.

With permission we will scan photos or articles and return them (we can do that on the day) and gather stories.

We are already, as we write over 3 weeks before the day, garnering interest, mainly on Facebook, from people who used to be involved in our churches and some have said they will be coming along too.

So please:

put the date in your diary;

think back (if you are not too young!) if not to time in the forces then to what you remember of everyday life around 1945;

gather stories from relatives, neighbours, friends who are older (maybe record a chat on your mobile phone), think what you heard from your parents when you were a child;

encourage people to come along with you – to reminisce or simply to listen.

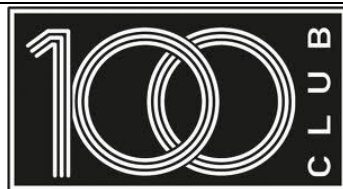
If you wish to send things in advance please contact Barbara Taylor or e-mail all.ccwalmersleybury@outlook.com

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

APRIL 2025 WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – (36) Marie Nuttall

2nd Prize £10.00 – (76) Mary Howarth

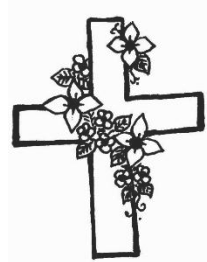


Congratulations to both

Quiet Moments for May

In commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of VE day on 8th May:

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service, particularly in the
Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their
memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.



From CofE website

*15th May is reserved for International Day of Families. Here is a prayer
for family love:*



Dear Lord, I ask that You fill my family with deep and genuine love. Teach us to love one another with patience, kindness, and understanding. Let our love reflect Your perfect love — selfless, forgiving, and unconditional. Where there is tension, bring calm; where there is hurt, bring healing; and where there is division, restore unity through love. Help us to value and cherish each other as precious gifts from You. Let our home be filled with warmth, compassion, and endless love that reflects Your presence. Amen.

Prayerlit.com

A prayer for when we may need a little inner strength:



Heavenly Father,
in moments of weakness, I turn to you for strength. Grant me the courage to face adversity with unwavering faith. Fill me with your resilience and determination, so I may overcome life's challenges with grace and fortitude. Help me

discover the inner strength that resides within me, knowing that I am never alone on this journey. Thank you for your constant support and guidance. Amen

strengthenprayer.com

A prayer of thanksgiving for Ascension Day – 29th May

Heavenly Father, on this Ascension Day, we come before You with hearts overflowing with gratitude. We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who, through His ascension, secured our salvation.

With each breath we take, may we be mindful of the immense sacrifice You made for us. As we reflect on this day, may our gratitude grow, and our lives be a testament to Your boundless love and grace. Amen.



We were delighted to admit two new members, Belinda Leung and Jennifer Wood. We hope they will find Mothers' Union welcoming, interesting, challenging, rewarding. Our thanks to Paul Sanderson for enrolling them during the Mothering Sunday service.



The Diocesan Spring Council is on Saturday, 3rd May. We have little excuse now as the venue is just down the road, at St John's House. Tea and coffee are served from 9.30am and the meeting starts at 10am. If you can stay until 2pm, bring a packed lunch (drinks are available) and take the opportunity to meet members from across the diocese and to visit the stall selling MU cards, badges, etc.

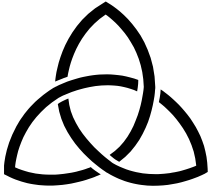
As I write, the topic of our meeting on 7th May (at 7.30pm) remains a mystery – but do come along!

Bury and Rossendale Deanery Mothers' Union is holding its Annual Festival on Monday, 12th May at 7pm at St Stephen's Elton. Please let one of the committee know if you would like a lift (or are willing to offer one).

On 21st May we welcome Paul Sanderson to talk about Wainwright's Walks. Everyone is most welcome to join us in the Hall at 7.30pm.

It was great news on Maundy Thursday to read that one of the recipients of the Royal Maundy was our past president, and now Provincial President, Christine Sharp who was nominated for the honour for her commitment and dedication to the diocese for many years.

Barbara Taylor,
Branch Secretary



There was a gap in the schedule on Wednesday 9th April, so I took the lead myself with a talk on what goes on in Church, or specifically what I get up to.

I started with an explanation of my role, how long I have done it for, and what it entails. Then I gave a run-down of the Church's year from Advent to Advent and the various changes and adaptations which need to happen to allow the year to flow. This included the ordering of essential supplies, changes to altar frontal colours and posters on pillars. During the course of the year jobs need to be done in nearly every Church throughout the country which possibly often go unnoticed. Example, the nativity sets are set up and packed away at the right times and palm ash for Ash Wednesday is burnt for the start of Lent. Of course, not all these jobs are done by one person and it was commented that a team of people is necessary to make a Church run smoothly. Harvest was mentioned, and I managed to bring a scarecrow into the conversation, because it wouldn't be an Open Group now without mention of a scarecrow!

Of course, we should also mention the flowers and the organising that goes into arranging these for the right season and individual. Ian also brought up the music at our services and the current planning going into the music by St. Martins in the Field to complement the Sunday worship. It was appropriate to mention the huge support provided to the Benefice at this time by various clergy and retired clergy to keep the service pattern going.

The next meeting of the Open Group is on Wednesday 14th May and Glyn Heath will lead a talk on animal prosthetics. All are welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

Men of the Benefice



The MOB met on the last day of March at Hark to Dandler for the usual mix of fellowship, humour and drink. Barry Evans kept us on our toes with a football question to ponder and there was the regular mix of conversation.

If you are reading this before the date, then Barry will be bringing some football memorabilia to the next meeting on Monday 28th April at 8.00pm at the same venue. We may not meet in May as the last Monday is of course Bank Holiday, but we will confirm beforehand.

David Robinson

Do you knit?

Will you help, please?



In 2024 we gave *392* angels
to children in our churches,
at the Priory, in the Christ Church Guiding units,
and at Springside School,
together with the book 'Meet the Cast'

In 2025 we hope to give them to every child at St John with St Mark's School - so we need to knit **360** more.



Please ask for a pattern if you'd like to be involved

On 23rd March 2025 twelve members of our Benefice joined the Muslim Christian Forum to celebrate Iftar, the breaking of the daily fast at sundown during Ramadan.

Before the meal we shared our views on Fasting. Tim Boaden from Seedfield/Jericho Methodist Church spoke of the meaning of Lent and Easter; and Imam Hassanat Ahmed of the Noor Ul Islam Mosque spoke of Fasting during Ramadan. During the month of Ramadan Muslims, who are able to, fast from dawn to dusk eating and drinking nothing including water. A common theme for both faiths is the need to spend more time in prayer, fasting and alms giving – a time when we grow in our relationship with God.



Sunset was at 6.30 p.m. when we sat down for the meal of samosa type starters, followed by savoury and sweet rice dishes, medjool dates and fresh fruit and dessert.

Four members of Christ Church were new to the Mosque and were given a guided tour which they enjoyed.

With parts of the world in so much conflict, I thought it was good to see three of our founder members continue their long established friendship – that is Reverend Keith Trivasse, Imam Hassanat Ahmed and Rabbi Warren Elf – a Christian, a Muslim and a Jew joining together for the Iftar meal.

Long may our friendships continue to grow.

Gillian Smith

Thoughts from Holy Week

It has been commented that if you attend Church on Palm Sunday and then do not attend again until the following Sunday, Easter Day, then you miss the point entirely. Definitely true, as the various events we have during this most important week are anything to go by. Of course, the week is exceptionally busy, for Ordained clergy, licensed ministers and the Lay people who ensure buildings are unlocked and services prepared for. Many of these people arrive at Easter Day with a sense of tiredness and an overwhelming feeling of ease that the week has passed without hopefully too many problems. Although we can never know or tell the pains that Jesus Christ suffered during this week, perhaps the busyness of that journey through Holy Week is an opportunity for us to share in some of that pain, with the many challenges the week brings.



We began by waving our Palm Crosses and hearing the first of probably a few dramatic readings of the Passion Gospel in our services, before continuing with reflective services of Stations of the Cross for the first three days. Maundy Thursday allowed us to share that Last Supper and for some, the chance to be served by having our feet washed in an act that was moving for both the people having their feet washed, and for Paul, who was carrying out the act. After the service, a small number of people observed a vigil in a Gethsemane style garden for one hour with dramatic readings and reflective music. Good Friday is of course a day for contemplation as we focus on the cross and the final hours of Jesus' life. None of us were there on that first Good Friday, but the readings and testimony of those who were, give us cause to reflect on the experiences of those people. For some, an Easter Vigil and service of light on Saturday evening is that first opportunity to marvel at the Resurrection with the dedication of Paschal Candles and joyful singing. But most prepare to wait until Easter Day when we can all join together in triumph to celebrate the rising from the tomb.

Hopefully, everybody was able to share some part in marking this Holy week and found benefit in whatever stage or stages marked.

EASTER DAY SERVICE

It was lovely to hear Harvie's words of inspiration to us all at the joint Benefice service on Easter Day at Christ Church. Despite a difficult twelve months for the Church, both nationally and locally, we were all encouraged to go out and spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is very much alive with us in both our Parishes.

We were asked to ponder why we all attend Church and of course, there will be lots of different answers to that question. What is your reason? As a final thought, Harvie asked us if we were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict us? For most of us not, but perhaps we can begin to change that this Eastertide.

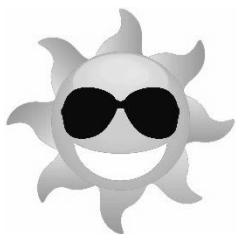
Are we able to rise to the challenges which Harvie has set us and show our relevance to the people of this Benefice and beyond? Let's see what we can do this year and in the future.

JAM Group

As we approached Holy Week and Easter, we have been focussing on some of the key events in the last week of Jesus' life. We created a wheel for Holy week and marked the significant events. There was a particular focus on the anointing of Jesus at Bethany by Mary, highlighting the themes of love and sacrifice.

The perfume used in the anointing was a particular expensive form of nard. We have a picture of this Biblical event on our JAM board at the back of Church, which we are waiting to colour in. We have also completed our Jesse Tree to cover the Holy Week and Easter period, with the different themed leaves adorning the branches. This will remain at the back of Church for the Easter season.





The Summer Fair at St. John with St. Mark will this year be held on Saturday 7th June from 11.00am in the Church Hall. There will be the usual mix of stalls and refreshments and we are always grateful for help on the day. Please see Rosemarie or June in advance.

On the same day, the day before Pentecost, Churches Together in Bury are holding a Prayer on the Park event in Clarence Park. As last year, there will be speakers, worship and prayer stations to explore.

More details in June's magazine and on our notice sheets.



The Bury Mission Community are working together to host a litter picking event on Saturday 21st June. It is hoped we can gather at a to be confirmed venue in the town to get together and meet with the public to share Church news and keep the area tidy, and perhaps lunch later in the day. We will provide full details over the coming weeks when we have them following the latest Mission Community meeting on 28th April.

**You are invited to help support
Macmillan Cancer Support on
Saturday 5th July in St. John with
St. Mark Church Hall from 1.30pm
to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be
provided and there will be a DJ.**



**For further details and to confirm attendance please contact
Alex or Stephen at sprogrigby@hotmail.com**

EVENTS THIS MONTH

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 15 May, 19 Jun

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday		
9.00am	All Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family Service 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Holy Communion 3 rd Morning Worship 4 th 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 (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 Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community

FOR YOUR MAY DIARY

Sat 3	9.30am	Mothers' Union Spring Council (St Johns House)
Sun 4		3rd Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Tue 6	2.00pm & 6.00pm	VE80 Walmersley Reminisces (CC Hall)
Wed 7	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 11		4th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Mon 12	7.00pm	Bury & Rossendale Mothers' Union Festival
Wed 14	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Thu 15	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (Salvation Army)
Sun 18		5th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	9.45am	APCM (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Tue 20	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Mary Hawkshaw)
Wed 21	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sun 25		6th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC Hall)
Mon 26	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – TBC due to Bank Holiday
Thu 29	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion (CC)
		<i>(No service at St John with St Mark)</i>

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.

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>

<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com>

Check out Facebook

@christchurchwalmersley

@stjohnstmark

X (formerly Twitter)

@cofewalmersley

Instagram

cofewalmersley

and YouTube

CofE Walmersley



Thy Kingdom Come is 10

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

thykingdomcome.global

There are lots of resources to help us and some of them will be available in our churches. Please ask if you are interested.

Some are really simple - like tie 5 knots in a piece of string and put it around your wrist - so that during the day you will be reminded of the five people you have committed to pray for.

There are prayer journals if they would help you. New for this year is a Digital Detox (well two actually - one for young people and one for adults). Is this something which would help you?





Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

May 25th

Christ Church Hall

In The Power of Love

Jesus said "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses."

Come and join us for an hour - or you can be with us via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.