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**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



**June 2026**



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Cover image of Celtic Trinity knot from <https://wallpaperbat.com>

## *Any ideas?*

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Dear Friends. Welcome to this June issue of the magazine.

It is now over three years since I first began to write for this page. I've covered a number of topics over several seasons since that time and when I realised my turn was due again, I was having one or two doubts over what I could write this time. 'Oh, I've already done this and I've since done that'. I do look back over my previous letters to see what I have written in the past and it is very easy to sit here and think I have run out of ideas. I suppose we feel a bit like that within our Church life sometimes. We have done things for so long that the feeling of fatigue can settle in and when we want to come up with a new thought for something, it is not always easy to find the idea that we want to put into practice. This could be down to not having enough people or resources to stage an event, or the availability of a room in a building. We can easily feel like keeping quiet and maybe give in.



However, I think it is fair to say that over the last couple of years or so, we have constantly been creating new ideas and suggestions for various activities and events within the life of our Benefice. These range from Campfire Church, a variation on a study group and even something as simple as the way we enjoy tea and coffee after the Sunday service. There will be many others, and please feel free to share them with me when you next see me!

If we have any doubt as to whether we can feel inspired to create new ideas, then perhaps we should recall some of the passages we have been using over the last few weeks. The Sunday Lectionary over the Easter season directed us to a piece of scripture from the Acts of the Apostles. This book tells the story of the early Church and the key figures who spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in those early days.

These followers would not have had to worry about the shortage of resource or being able to find a building. Their message was inspired by their faith and coming of the Holy Spirit. These early Christian folk were regularly persecuted and mocked for their faith and belief, and perhaps it is fair to say that we also may feel we will be laughed at or criticised for suggesting an idea, hence why we choose to stay quiet. Yes, it will be likely that some ideas we have are just too unrealistic or difficult to put into practice, but unless we are prepared to share a suggestion and perhaps work with others to demonstrate its value, then we will never know. That one idea you have niggling away at you could prove to be great for the life of our Church.

I have just mentioned the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, which we have just celebrated as God gave them signs of sound and sight. Perhaps we could use this as the basis for our inspirations as we draw on the sights and sounds of those around us to listen and maybe hear. At a recent Deanery Synod meeting, our theme was vocations and we were reminded that a vocation is not just for the clergy or leaders, but indeed everyone who is reading this letter. So, whatever your role in Church life at the moment, I hope you feel inspired to share an idea with us and possibly build on it. By the time I next come to write this letter, hopefully I will still have lots of new ideas and perhaps some amongst you will have come up with new ideas to enhance the life of the Church in this place.



Yours in Christ  
David Robinson

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1.8*



**BAPTISM**

17 May            Kyran Peter Robert Pyrah

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

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**FAREWELL SERVICE FOR ARCHDEACON RACHEL**

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As Archdeacon Rachel Mann prepares to retire from her role as Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton, all are welcome to join us for a special service of Evensong at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 5th July, as we say farewell. Please add the date to your diary as we hold Rachel in our prayers and gather together to celebrate her ministry and bid a fond farewell. The service will begin at 5.30pm and all are welcome.





## ***BIBLE READINGS***

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Jun 7	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Hosea 5. 15 – 6. 6	Romans 4. 13-25	Hosea 5. 15 – 6. 6
Jun 14	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Exodus 19.2-8a	Romans 5.1-8	Matthew 9.35-10.8
Jun 21	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 20.7-13	Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
Jun 28	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Romans 6.12-end	Matthew 10.40-end
Jul 5	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Zechariah 9.9-12	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end



## ***Flowers in church***

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### At Christ Church

- Jun 7 Mr & Mrs N. Silvester, in celebration of family marriages
- Jun 14 Mrs J. Wood, in memory of the Beck family
- Jun 21 In memory of Wendy Riggs
- Jun 28 In memory of Jack and Elsie Hamilton

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).

\* Bury Mission Community aims to worship together at least once a year. This month the members of the other 8 churches have been invited to join us for Sunday@Seven and we hope there will be lots from our two churches to make them welcome. For details see page 23.

\* The diocese is organising a youth event 'Amidst' happening on Saturday 11th July at Bolton Road Methodist Church from 1 – 7pm for young people in years 7 - 11. This is local so a great opportunity. Although the advert on page 27 speaks of a group, individuals are most welcome as long as they are accompanied by someone who is DBS checked. Please speak to one of our Wardens if you are interested.

\* Bury C of E High School is looking to appoint a chaplain. Access to the school for our churches is paused until the chaplain is appointed. So please pray for a suitable person to be appointed.

\* Street pastors are in need of more trustees, who are not actively involved in the work, to oversee it, to network, and to be involved in fundraising, marketing, social media etc. There is also always a need for new street pastors to go out on Friday and Saturday nights to help those in difficulty. Full training is given. Street Pastors also need a new base in the town centre. Please pray for these needs and encourage anyone who is interested.

\* If you are a regular attender at our Churches and are not on the Electoral Roll, please consider if you would like to join. This can be done by filling in a simple form. Please get in touch with our Electoral Roll officers or Wardens if you wish to join and are not currently on the roll, or want to check whether you are on.

\* Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the July/August issue will be 14<sup>th</sup> June. This double issue requires us to think ahead if we wish to advertise an event.

## ***APCM at Christ Church***

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Held on Sunday 26th April 2026 at 9.45am with 27 members present, and apologies from 3.

- The meeting was opened by the Lay Chair, who read the names of parishioners who had died over the previous year before prayers were said.
- Election of Wardens: Jennifer Wood and Jason Edwards were duly elected unopposed as wardens.
- Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday May 18th 2025, which had been circulated, were approved as a true and correct record, with no matters arising.
- The booklet of reports had been circulated prior to the meeting, in hard copy and electronically, and is available to read on the website.
- There were 62 persons on the Electoral Roll when it closed.
- Elections:  
G Hamilton and A Paterson were elected to the PCC.  
C Hilton was elected to Deanery Synod.  
This leaves one vacancy on PCC and one on Deanery Synod.
- B Taylor thanked everyone who has served in any way and those willing to stand for another year. P Stokes thanked B Taylor and H Bamford for their work over a difficult year. B Taylor briefly touched on the statement regarding future development and the hope that this would help answer questions from friends and neighbours.
- AOB: Members expressed concerns about the future use of the monies from the sale of the field; of what support is available from the Diocese; and the situation going forward. The Lay Chair gave thanks for the support of the retired clergy and laity leading our services, and stated that Walmersley is continuing to manage well in a situation where in the group of ten churches there is only actively one stipendiary and one self-supporting priest and one first year curate. C Riggs asked what the response to the Community Survey had been. G Smith thanked all the people for all the work they do behind the scenes.
- The meeting closed at 10.30am

### **Meeting at St John with St Mark on 30th April**

- All services are now covered until the end of July. Ian has had to extend the personnel further afield this quarter. Thanks again to all who have volunteered.
- All DBS and safeguarding issues are up to date.
- Mission Community – The Easter Eve service at St. Stephen's went very well and had a slightly different format. The quarterly meeting on 27th April had to be cancelled due lack of attendees so business was communicated by e-mail. There will be a shared Sunday at Seven on 28th June and the next quarterly meeting is on Monday 27th July at Christ Church Walmersley.
- We now have some update from the Quinquennial and a list of jobs was identified such as guttering, insulation on Church roof and window frames. It was noted that none of these jobs were regarded as urgent but will need to be discussed.
- Two samples of welcome cards for the new housing development at Seedfield were passed around. A card which covers off most of our groups, as well as service times, was seen as the most ideal and beneficial.
- We have received correspondence confirming that the Revd Canon Simon Cook will be the new Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton.
- Finance – Expenditure includes replacement of lightning conductors, payment of music licence, heating inspection and vicarage council tax. The recent coffee mornings did well. It was noted that the hall boiler will shortly need to be replaced.
- We have now adjusted how we do tea and coffee after the Sunday service and tables and chairs have been situated at the back of Church. This has been positive as more people are able to socialise better and drink stains are not being left on pews.
- Summer Fair – We will start this earlier at 10.30am on Saturday 6th June. This is to allow us more time to clear away. Lunches will now be replaced by bacon butties and then sandwiches.
- Dates – Archdeacon's Visitation is on Wednesday 8th July at Christ Church, Walshaw; A further Coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st August; Next PCC meeting is Thursday 18th June at 8.00pm.

### ***A reflection for Trinity Sunday – 31st May***

There's a moment in music that feels almost like a revelation. You hear a single note – pure, clear, simple. Then another joins it. And then a third.

And suddenly it's no longer just a sound. It becomes harmony.

Three notes - distinct, different - and yet held together. We call that a chord.

And perhaps that gives us a way into the mystery that we call The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Imagine standing in a great cathedral as a chord is sung - three notes, perfectly held.

At first, you hear it. Then, slowly, you feel it. The sound fills the space. It resonates in the stone, in the air, even in your own body. You are no longer just listening. You are inside the sound.

Maybe that is as close as we can come to the Trinity. Not something to solve, but something to enter. Not a puzzle, but a presence.

But perhaps even a chord is not enough. Because a chord can feel still, fixed, contained. And the life of God is not still. It is living. Moving. Relational.

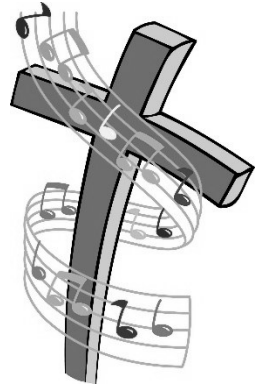
So, maybe we would be better thinking of something musical with more movement. A kind of divine dance. Start with an underlying presence beneath everything. Then an interweaving pattern above that and finally a rhythm that holds difference without division.

The astonishing thing is that we are not just listening *to* this music. We are invited *into* it, to become part of it. In Matthew 28, we are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Not into an idea. But into a life. Like a musician - learning to listen, to join in, to find their place in the sound.

And we begin to realise that we were never *outside* the music. We have always been held *within* it.

## ***A blessing for the music that holds you***

Blessed are you  
standing at the edge of mystery,  
trying to name  
what cannot be contained.  
Blessed are you  
when the music seems too vast,  
too intricate,  
too far beyond your hearing.  
May you trust  
the steady note beneath your life -  
the One who holds you  
even when you do not notice.  
May you find yourself  
woven into a pattern of love  
where no part stands alone,  
and nothing is without meaning.  
And when the rhythms of your life  
do not seem to align,  
when faith feels uncertain  
and understanding incomplete,  
may you remember:  
you are not required  
to resolve the music -  
only to dwell within it.  
And may the love that creates you,  
the grace that meets you,  
and the Spirit that moves in you  
draw you ever deeper  
into the song of God.



## ***Archdeacon's Visitation***

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Visitation services take place each summer following the election of churchwardens at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). These services formally admit elected parish churchwardens to their office, with sidespersons and PCC members also making declarations of support.

These services are an important part of the Church calendar, carrying special legal significance. A churchwarden is not considered to be in office until they have been officially admitted by an archdeacon.

Historically, when churchwardens were admitted, they would report on the moral standing of the clergy, the condition of the parish and church buildings, and the administration of divine service.

Today, visitation services focus on prayer, encouragement, and support, providing an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital ministry of churchwardens.

Visitation services also offer a chance to meet fellow churchwardens, Area Deans, and your Archdeacon. *Manchester.anglican.org*

There are two options in our deanery, both at 7.30pm

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at St Mary Rawtenstall, and

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at Christ Church Walshaw

If neither of these are convenient there is a full list on the diocesan website.

These services are, of course, open to anyone who wishes to go and support those who have been elected to serve us in our benefice.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

*1 Peter 4:10*



Our group met on Wednesday 13th May and we welcomed Glyn Heath to give us a demonstration of a 1920's magic lantern, a traditional projector of the time. This comprised of a slide show of approximately 35-40 slides of images including insects, buildings and scenery. It was interesting apparatus that would have been modern for its time and would have been used in many Church and school talks around the Edwardian era. Glyn's apparatus has now been updated though with an LED bulb.

Whereas we are now used to the next slide on a talk being selected by the click of a button on a laptop, in those days the images were moved manually by hand, which would have taken time, and that's difficult to imagine now. It is also worth noting that in those days there would have been a dedicated lantern operator and separate speaker, who would no doubt have called 'next slide please!' The images which Glyn selected for us included Big Ben and St. Paul's Cathedral in the 1920's. Although most of us can now enjoy a trip to London easily, for the people of the time that would not always have been possible, so London was brought to the people in these shows of the time. One other notable purpose for these projectors at the time was to tell stories and nursery rhymes, and we were treated to a version of the Pied Piper of Hamlyn in image and verse. An interesting evening, which gave us an experience as to how a Church meeting would have happened 100 years ago. Thanks to Glyn.

I am unable to book a meeting in June due to other commitments around the usual date, but I will keep you posted with future evenings.

David Robinson

## *Quiet Moments for June*

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### ***World Environment Day is on 5th June – A thought on creation***

Every creature, every plant,  
every rock and grain of sand  
proclaims the glory of its Creator,  
worships through colour, shape,  
scent and form.

A multi-sensory song of praise.  
Creator God, may we join  
with the whole of your creation,  
in praising you, our Creator,  
through the fragrance  
and melody of our lives.



*John Birch – Faith & Worship*

### ***A prayer for Fatherhood, as we remember Father's Day on 21st June***



Heavenly Father, thank you for fathers. Grant them strength, wisdom, patience, and your love as they guide their children. Help them be present, loving role models. Comfort those who long to be fathers, heal broken relationships and bring peace to those who grieve. May all fatherhood reflect your perfect love. Amen.

*capuk.org*

***A prayer of thanks for those being Ordained at Pentecost (27th / 28th June)***

Infinite and compassionate Lord, we raise our grateful hearts in deep thanksgiving for the gift of our newly ordained clergy. May they embody Your divine wisdom and unfailing love as they shepherd Your people, leading them closer to You. Bless their ministries abundantly and strengthen their faith, always reminding them that they are called and chosen by You on this unique journey. Amen.



*yourprayernow.com*

***A prayer for wisdom to pursue new ideas that bring life and hope***

Lord, we come to you, giving thanks for the foundation stones laid by those past and present.

Give us the confidence to follow in their footsteps and give us the courage to innovate.

Open our ears, eyes and hearts to be willing to embrace new ideas, so that we may meet the needs of a changing world.

We pray for the wisdom to flourish and, through our creativity and commitment, to provide new life and hope across the world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



*from Lighting the Way, 150 years of Prayer and Purpose,  
Mothers' Union collection of 150 prayers  
This prayer is Catherine Hilton's contribution*

On May 6th we were treated to  
'An Introduction to Shetland.'

This was a beautifully illustrated talk given by Peter Barlass. Peter has visited the Shetland Islands in the last two years with his wife and is returning again this year as they have fallen in love with the place. His journey starts in Aberdeen where they board a ship along with their dog and set sail at 5pm arriving in Lerwick after a good night's sleep. We were then introduced to the many islands as well as the various places on the mainland. What was amazing was both the absence of trees (probably owing to the strong winds) and the remoteness of the Shetlands. Even though it was high season it wasn't crowded, vast open spaces, few people, few cars but lots of sea. Everyone was in agreement Shetland really is a beautiful area.

Many thanks to Peter for giving up his valuable time.      Joan Riggs

Bury and Rossendale Deanery held its annual festival at St Mary Radcliffe, with the Revd Marie Pattison presiding. The speaker was our Provincial President, Christine Sharp, who spoke primarily about Mary Sumner. Some long service certificates were presented by Christine. Deanery Leader Tricia Stokes thanked Christine and Marie, organist Geoff, and all who took part in the service. This was followed by refreshments, with far too many delicious cakes for us to consume – thankfully the excess were delivered to a local charity.

On 3 June, at 7.30pm, we welcome Sue Stonestreet as our speaker, together with anyone who would like to come along and hear her. Her talk is entitled " The pictures are better on the radio" and we shall hear of over 40 years working in the sound department of both radio and television.

Several of our members will be in London for two days on 10/11th June. First for a celebration service at St Paul's Cathedral, which is to be livestreamed, on Mothers' Union's facebook page from 5pm on Wednesday 10th.

The following day we shall meet in Westminster for the 150th Anniversary Gathering. We shall celebrate our history, shine a light on our present and light the way for the future. I am certain those attending will be happy to share the experience with everyone afterwards.

Janet Lyssejko will celebrate Holy Communion, again at 7.30pm in the Hall, on 17 June. Everyone is welcome.

The following week, 24th, we meet at 2pm to construct our contribution to the scarecrow festival.

As you know, Manchester's trustees have taken up the 150th Challenge, organising a group of 12 to cross the Infinity Bridge at Honister Slate Mine, near Keswick. Suspended 1,000 feet above sea level, this is the longest high wire bridge in Europe at 190m.

It is sure to provide plenty of action, laughter and a true sense of accomplishment and show that Mothers' Union is more than the stereotypical "elderly ladies (and men) sitting in a church hall drinking tea!"

Donations to the 150th National Challenge will support Mothers' Union's charitable work in Britain and Ireland, and overseas, through trusted local partners and members.

This group of 12 includes four you know well: Cath and Dennis Hilton, Geoff Stokes and Rosemary Taylor, and they would value your support. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially on Saturday, 27 June, around 1.30pm. If you are able to support the group financially that would be fantastic. There is a JustGiving link at [www.justgiving.com/page/infinitybridge](http://www.justgiving.com/page/infinitybridge) and a target of £1500 towards Mothers' Union's target of £150,000.

Just think how many families that will be able to help!

If you would like to know more about the work of Mothers' Union please speak to one of our committee members:

Claire Altham, Denise Booth, Belinda Leung, Joan Riggs, Barbara Silvester, Barbara Taylor, Bob Taylor

Barbara Taylor, Branch Secretary



This image was created a couple of years ago for the Prayer in the Park event – but it is something which Churches Together in Bury feels is a very important part of its aim.

The **WOW26** on Good Friday saw the greatest number of people attending since the pandemic – thank you to those who took part in this Walk of Witness. Plans are already in progress for 2027. Thanks to Craig Giles who organised the past two years, and to Ellise O'Hara who has undertaken to lead on the 2027 event.

In recent years the CTinB chaplains to the Millgate Centre have developed a great relationship with the management and many of the shops in the centre, so initiatives are welcomed.

The latest is to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June from 12 to 1 pm outside T J Hughes, see page 27. You may have heard of **School Assembly Bangers** – a celebration of the songs that shaped every school morning. Songs you haven't thought about in years but still somehow know every word to (but don't worry if you don't, as song sheets are being printed!) Please help to spread the word as this is something which is appealing to many who do not attend church.

The **Toy Appeal** will again be supported by collection points in The Rock and Millgate Centre with support too from Asda. There will be help needed as before to receive, sort and allocate toys in addition to donating if you are able. Could you possibly help with the administration of the scheme? Please let us know before the group next meets on 15 July. This role will basically involve keeping track of requests as they come from social workers and schools so that all families in need are catered for.

There are plans to run a course from the Bible Society this autumn. Entitled **The Bible Course** its tagline is "grasp God's big story in 8 weeks". It is for anyone who would like to know more. Suitable for those enquiring about faith it has also been used very successfully here in our town within the congregation. The plan is for it to be hosted by Bury United Reformed Church, with people from different churches leading each week. Watch out for more details. Maybe it is something you could encourage the 5 you have prayed for during Thy Kingdom Come to attend?

There has been a suggestion that CTinB would benefit from a **website**. There are those willing to set it up but for it to be relevant it needs a small team willing to keep it updated. Technically that is not difficult, but it requires a regular commitment. Could you, or someone you know, have the desire to get involved. Please let us know (again ideally by July 15).

A date for your diary:

**David Somerville** is leaving Seedfield Methodist Church and his Farewell Service at Seedfield, to which all are welcome, will be on Sunday, 19 July at 3pm.

We aim to attend meetings of the group which are held every two months, as does Alan Thew, so are happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more about working ecumenically in Bury.

David Robinson and Barbara Taylor

**Churches Together: One in Christ Jesus,  
engaged in God's mission,  
empowered by the Spirit**



## ***Men of the Benefice***

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The MOB met at the Hark to Dandler twice since our last edition. On Monday 27th April, and it is also expected Monday 25th May. The latter happened to be a Bank Holiday however that did not seem to stop us.

In between that, the venue was being refurbished, so we await to see how the layout suits us. Next meeting should be on Monday 29th June at 8.00pm at Hark to Dandler (Walmersley Old Road). All are welcome, ladies included.

David Robinson

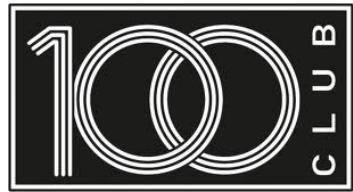
## **ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB**

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### **MAY 2026 DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize £15.00 – (17) Angela McAlpine

2nd Prize £10.00 – (31) Marlene Peters



Congratulations to both

## ***BOOK LAUNCH***

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Alex Hardman, of the St. John with St. Mark congregation, has published a book on living with Cerebral Palsy. The book will shortly be on sale and there will be a launch date from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 7th June in St. John with St. Mark Hall.

Anyone who is interested in the book is welcome to come along to find out more and talk to Alex.



## ***Can you do this every week?***

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Maybe the sunny day encouraged people to go further afield – certainly all areas of Clarence Park were very quiet. There were not as many people from our churches as previously, nor as many to speak to.

For some there was a need to find shade! Thank you to the Friends of Clarence Park

who had opened the Tuck Shop because of the event.

We gathered around the bandstand to listen, to sing, to pray. We gave out cards to those in the park inviting them to share their needs for prayer.

David Somerville, minister of Seedfield Methodist Church, is to be thanked for all the organisation that goes into an event such as this, for the recordings of songs made by his two churches at the time of the pandemic, which led our singing, and especially David's role in leading the afternoon.

Around a wide variety of worship songs, we prayed for the council and community, our schools and youth work, interfaith relationships, health workers and care givers, shops, businesses and industry, the Church and for healing, renewal and ministry, not forgetting a time of praise.

As Cor and I prayed together (both seeking shade at the rear of the bandstand) we were joined as we prayed for health workers, by a lady who we discovered was a GP in Salford.

It was earlier, as we prayed for inter-faith and inter-community relationships that a gentleman stopped to say thank you. He lives across the road and commented that he had seen a group of young men, clearly looking for a place to hang out and "probably smoke weed", who saw us gathered there, turned and left the park. "Can you not do this every week?" he asked! It was so good and timely to have this conversation with a Muslim gentleman from our Muslim Christian Forum in Bury.

Barbara Taylor

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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 18 June, 16 July, 20 August

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## ***Looking Ahead***



If you would like to join members and friends of Mothers' Union for lunch at the Duckworth Arms, on Wednesday 1 July please have a word with any of the committee (see page 17). A deposit of £10 is required please asap but then we order and pay individually on the day. All are welcome to join us.

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Springside School will be holding the **2026**  
**Leavers' Service** in Christ Church on Thursday,  
16 July at 10am.

As always, they appreciate our support.



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The **Stan Parkinson Trophy** will be contested at a Quiz Night on  
Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm at Christ Church Hall. £6 with pie and pea  
supper.

# **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 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE***

***AT CHRIST CHURCH HALL***

## ***“Come Together”***

***Scripture shows us that God wants his people to meet up.  
Jesus loved to be at a gathering – of all sorts of people.  
An opportunity to be unified in our faith, to immerse  
ourselves in God’s story, to reflect and to celebrate.***

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

## **REGULAR SERVICES**

<b>Sunday</b>			
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Service	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Worship	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
<b>Tuesday</b>			
6.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	Campfire Church	Christ Church yard
<b>Wednesday</b>			
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
<b>Thursday</b>			
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



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## FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY

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Mon 1	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation (St Mary Rawtenstall)
Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 4	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Sat 6	9.30am	Diocesan Synod (SJH)
	10.30am	Summer Fair (SJM)
Sun 7		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Sun 14		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 17	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 18	12 noon	Thursday Light Lunch (CC Hall)
	8.00pm	PCC (SJSM)
Sat 20	12-1pm	School Assembly Bangers (Millgate)
Sun 21		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Tue 23	6.30pm	Campfire Church (CC yard)
Wed 24	2.00pm	Mothers' Union (cc Hall)
Sun 28		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)
Mon 29	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)

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>

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# SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BANGERS

Re-wind time  
with some  
old-skool  
hymns and  
songs!

Saturday 20th June 12-1pm  
Mill Gate Shopping Centre, Bury (outside T.J.Hughes)


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# AMIDST+

**A Bolton Archdeaconry Event for Youth Groups and their Leaders.**

**When:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026, Doors open 1pm for a 1:30pm start and finish at 7pm.

**Where:** Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury, BL8 2NZ

**Who:** Year 7-11 and their youth group leaders in the deaneries of Bolton and Bury & Rossendale

**Queries please contact:** Emma Bonfield: [EmmaBonfield@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:EmmaBonfield@manchester.anglican.org)

Amelia Brummitt: [ameliabrummitt@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:ameliabrummitt@manchester.anglican.org)

**Booking:** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/amidst-tickets-1982783606141?](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/amidst-tickets-1982783606141?aff=oddtcreator)

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**No matter the size of your group all are welcome!**

**BACON SANDWICHES &  
REFRESHMENTS**



**CARDS & GIFTS**

**SUMMER FAIR**



**ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from  
10.30am**



**CAKES**

**RAFFLE & TOMBOLA**

**BOOKS**

**OTHER STALLS**