

**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



**Pentecost
June 2019**

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**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark (Barritt Room)
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Family and Parade 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 4 th Sung Eucharist 3 rd Morning Prayer	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th United Service	Alternately CC/SJM

Monday

7.30 p.m.	1 st Listening Prayer	150 Walmersley Road
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Tuesday

7.30pm	Christian Meditation	St John w St Mark
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Wednesday

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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Thursday

2.00 p.m.	1 st First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

Other services as announced
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



The path that leads to the Father

Have you heard the story about the frog who lived all his life in a well? One day he was surprised to see another frog there.

"Where have you come from?" he asked.

"From the sea. That's where I live" said the other.

"What's the sea like? Is it as big as my well?"

The sea frog laughed. "There's no comparison!" he said.

The well frog pretended to be interested in what his visitor had to say but he thought to himself,

"Of all the liars I have known this one is undoubtedly the greatest – and the most shameless."¹



As we approach the feasts of Ascension Day, Pentecost & Trinity we wonder about their impact on our faith and witness. The three events are telling us about various aspects of God.

- Jesus at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us
- The Spirit that allays our loneliness and lethargy, teaching us about
- The Father and how His love changes our lives.



The church seeks to open our minds to the things of God, pointing to Him, encouraging us to find Him who is immeasurable, know Him who is unknowable.

How can the finite grasp anything about the infinite?

How can we describe the indescribable?

We tend to forget that we do not approach God through our own efforts – it is He who comes to us in whatever way He knows suits us best.

We look to follow the traditional pattern of being "taken, blessed, broken and given away."

That is the way of Christ and in the Spirit's strength we too can experience that way – the path that leads to our loving Father.

May God be with you as you travel that way, today and always.

Dave

THY KINGDOM COME



Joining with the family of God the Father to pray "Come Holy Spirit" Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international

and ecumenical call to prayer. From 30 May - 9 June, the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost, churches around the world are being encouraged to join this initiative.

The aim is simple and threefold:

- To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father
- To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit
- That we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ, God the Son

There will be additional opportunities to join in with this initiative during this period:

- A service of Morning Prayer will take place at Christ Church Walmersley at 9.30am on Friday 31st May and from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June inclusive
- A service of Evening Prayer will take place at St. John with St. Mark at 5.00pm on Friday 31st May and from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June inclusive

Please use these opportunities to pray in church. During the days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

**PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THIS GLOBAL EVENT AND PRAY
THY KINGDOM COME**

CAFÉ CHURCH 2019

Next Café Church Services

Please put these dates in your diaries:



St.John with St.Mark

at 10.30am

16 June

6 October

15 December

Christ Church

at 10.30am

23 June

8 September

8 December

THE PRIORY HIGHBANK CENTRE

SONGS OF PRAISE



WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

2.30pm

ALL WELCOME

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

Jun 2	Seventh of Easter	Acts 16: 16-34	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end	John 17: 20-end
Jun 9	Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 14-17	John 14: 8-17
Jun 16	Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
Jun 23	1st After Trinity	Isaiah 65: 1-9	Galatians 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39
Jun 30	2nd After Trinity	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-end
Jul 7	3rd After Trinity	Isaiah 66: 10-14	Galatians 6: 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

At Christ Church

Jun 2	Mr & Mrs N Silvester
Jun 9	Vacant
Jun 16	In memory of Wendy Riggs
Jun 23	Mrs J Wood
Jun 30	Joint Service at St John with St Mark

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Betty Winterbottom (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark).



Baptisms

April 28 Brodie Halliday Elliott Halliday
May 5 Isabella O’Garr

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

Church Funeral

May 16 Edith Tanner

Interment of ashes in the churchyard

May 12 Alan George Standing

Funeral services held at the Crematorium

May 7 Tony Leeming

"I am the resurrection and the life"

**Christian
Muslim
Forum**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 June at Bury United Reformed Church, with the theme being –

"Blessings of Food and Hospitality in our Faiths."

As well as the Christian and Muslim perspective we hope to have a speaker from the Jewish faith.

This begins at 7.30pm with refreshments around 8.45pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

From the Vicarage

- * The next meeting of the Girls Out Alone (GOA) will be a meal at Owens in Ramsbottom on Monday 10 June, 7.00 for 7.30. The cost is £14.95 for 3 courses. Please let Pam Hoyle or June Banks know if you would like to attend.
- * The next meeting of the Men of the Benefice (MOB) is an evening walk on the longest day – Friday 21 June.
- * A service of Holy Communion with hymns takes place at Burrswood House on the last Thursday of each month at 2.00pm. The residents and staff are always keen for people to join them at this service. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- * Please let a member of the ministry team know if anyone is ill and requires a home or hospital visit. At the heart of our ministry to the parish is pastoral care. This is not the exclusive concern of the clergy but part of each Christian's duty to love one another.
- * The next meeting of the Muslim/Christian Forum takes place on Tuesday 18 June at Bury United Reformed Church. All are welcome.
- * Any enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc should be made at the Parish Office at St.John with St.Mark's Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00.
- * The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meet every month – usually on the second Monday evening. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- * Porch Boxes are always in need of food items to meet their current demand. A box is available at the back of both churches.

* Items are also sometimes donated to the Booth Centre in Manchester. The Centre was previously based at Manchester Cathedral and aims to bring about positive change in the lives of people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness - to help them plan for and realise a better future. Thanks to those who regularly support these worthy causes.

* 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 or Wardens.

* If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Betty Winterbottom (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St.John with St.Mark).

* Both of our Church Halls are available for a whole range of activities for use by church and community groups. Please however check with the bookings officers (June Banks for St.John with St.Mark and Jennifer Wood for Christ Church) if the building is otherwise occupied before anything is arranged.

* Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk



Next Joint Benefice Service
(5th Sunday)

June 30th at 10.30 am
St. John with St. Mark
(Led by Reverend Paul Sanderson)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The St. John with St. Mark APCM was held after the Sunday service on 28th April. Prior to the meeting Rosemarie Ashworth and June Banks were elected as Church Wardens, whilst Keith Duckworth was elected Deputy Warden.

The policy statements on Children, Young People and Safeguarding of Adults were approved, and Joan Wild was appointed the co-ordinator.

Ian presented the 2018 Treasurer's report in the usual thorough way, covering both the incomes and expenditures for the year. Thanks were recorded to all who commit through the planned giving scheme, those who help with fundraising activities and the upkeep of the Hall. There was a gentle reminder that if people were able to switch from envelopes to direct to bank, this would reduce the risks both with reliability and security. A vote of thanks was recorded to Ian for his hard work with producing the accounts. Andy Clark was appointed as the Independent Examiner.

It was noted that the disabled access 'Flexistep', linking Church to Hall would begin during week commencing 29 April. This would be paid for using money from the legacy of the estate of Jean Barritt given in 2017. Dave provided us with an update on the Benefice Mission Action Plan as of Spring 2019, advising that there was a need for more vocations to Lay & Ordained ministry. Thanks were recorded to Ralph & Keith for their continued involvement as retired Clergy at our various services. Paul is continuing to take midweek services. It was also noted that there has been a greater reduction in Parish fees due to more non-Church funerals and weddings, albeit also across the wider Church. 2020 will mark the 250th Anniversary of the creation of the Parish of St. John and ideas for celebrating this milestone are being sought.

PCC members and Sidespeople were elected for the new Church year. Stuart Ashworth & Vicky Senior have resigned from PCC and thanks were recorded to them for their involvement in PCC down the years.

The new PCC met briefly after the meeting to appoint Treasurer, Secretary and Electoral Officer. The first meeting takes place on Wednesday 29th May.

ST.JOHN with ST.MARK: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28 April 2019, this is the full list of the elected Parochial Church Council members for St. John with St. Mark.

The Revd. Dave Thompson (*Chairman*)
Darren Dunn – *Licensed Reader*
Rosemarie Ashworth – *Church Warden*
June Banks – *Church Warden, Deanery Synod*
Keith Duckworth – *Deputy Warden*
Ian Banks – *Deanery Synod*
Helen Mallinson – *Deanery Synod*
David Robinson – *Deanery Synod*
David Andrew Sue Law
John Brennan Debbie Cooper
Marjorie Evans Mary Howarth
Ray Smith

CHRIST CHURCH: YOUR PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 29 April 2019, this is the full list of the elected Parochial Church Council members for Christ Church.

The Revd. Dave Thompson (*Chairman*)
The Revd. Don Altham
Barbara Silvester – *Reader Representative*
Jason Edwards - *Church Warden*
Jennifer Wood – *Church Warden*
Barbara Taylor - *Deanery Synod*
Sheelagh Beetson – *Deanery Synod*
Cath Hilton – *Diocesan Synod*
Geoff Hamilton Julie Tyrer
Pam Hoyle Ian Riddick
Hazel Bamford David Peters
Geoff Stokes Patricia Stokes

If you would like any matter to be raised at a meeting of your Parochial Church Council, please contact any of the above.



The Mission is a children's charity based in the centre of Manchester. More than one in three local children is living in poverty. They help children and families living in poverty in Manchester and Salford by alleviating the day to day impact of poverty and improving life chances.

THE SMARTSTART PROJECT

AUGUST – NEARLY AS EXPENSIVE AS CHRISTMAS?

According to the UK Poverty Report 2018, 30% of children live in poverty and reduced benefits, low pay and rising housing costs are pushing more below the threshold.

Today's poverty affects confidence, education and low-pay for the next generation too. 16 year olds from poorer backgrounds are around a third less likely to achieve good qualifications than better-off students.

The 2019 SmartStart project resumed on 1 May. The project began in 2014 with a free school uniform programme which offers families a practical support package, including school uniform, sportswear, winter coats and other accessories. According to the Wood Street Mission website:

3,199 children from Manchester and Salford were helped last year. Along with uniform sets we supplied over 1,100 winter coats, 578 backpacks and water bottles, 650 sportswear sets, 381 revision guides and accessories like hats, gloves and socks etc.

Our families tell us that affording everything in August is not possible (approximately £220 per child) and that without help they cut down on food, borrow, fall behind with bills or leave children in last year's uniforms. Parents get stressed and children struggle with their peers.

PLEASE HELP BY PROVIDING EITHER ITEMS (Non-branded school uniform, stationery and sports kit) OR MONEY

PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP

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

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

Find out more at www.woodstreetmission.org.uk
Or contact them on 0161 834 3140
25 Wood St. Manchester M3 3EF

Sunday @ Seven

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

June 30th at 7pm

at Christ Church Church Hall

"The Spirit is willing, but"



Do come and join us – it lasts about an hour
– tea/coffee + cake/biscuits.
You will be most welcome!

QUIET MOMENTS IN JUNE

Week One

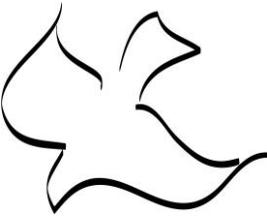
In the novena of 'Thy Kingdom Come' we read Matthew 5:13-16

O God the source of all light,
may we bring salt and light to your world,
drawing out your presence in the everyday.
As we offer you our lives, shape us as disciples,
that we may reveal your goodness and reflect your light.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Week Two

On Pentecost Sunday, a prayer to the Holy Spirit:



Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Week Three

As we celebrate Fathers' Day we give thanks for all families:

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' *Mark 10:15*

Make us ever ready, Lord,
to receive your kingdom
with simple trust; with childlike faith.

Forgive us, Lord, when the simplicity of the gospel
offends our perception of substance;
when we complicate your call upon our lives.

You are our heavenly Father and King;
we receive your kingdom with childlike faith.

We thank you for the wonderful paradox
that maturity of faith can only be reached
through a childlike response to your love:



Week Four

As we move into the period following Trinity Sunday known as "Ordinary Time":

Creator God of ordinary time, seep into the seams of our lives
and into our lifeblood.

May we grow in confidence as Christians,
remembering to appreciate the ordinariness of everyday routines
and the self-giving service of caring and kindness
as a gift from you.



Immerse us in the long green days of Trinity
so that we become replenished and sustained.
Amen

Gill Gregorowski

CONSULTATION ON TERM LIMITS FOR DEANERY SYNOD

This final draft proposal was presented to General Synod in February 2019 and is likely to be a topic for discussion at both of our PCC's over the coming months. This consultation *is for us all*, as well as PCC's and deanery synod members.

"This draft Church Representation and Ministers Measure was presented to General Synod in February 2019 for final approval. New Church Representation Rules would include a provision which would limit parochial lay representatives on deanery synods to two consecutive terms of three years, although the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) would be able to disapply that limit.

The Elections Review Group (ERG) met on 1 April 2019 and agreed to consult widely on a number of different options. The ERG has circulated a consultation document to members of General Synod, Diocesan Secretaries, Parochial Church Council Secretaries, Lay Chairs of Diocesan Synods, Lay Chairs of Deanery Synods, Area and Rural Deans, and the National Deaneries Network, which proposes seven options below for consideration by respondents. In each case "terms" refers to terms of office served as an elected parochial representative of the laity on a Deanery Synod:

- 1) The limit on successive terms as provided for in the new Rules
- 2) Reversing the default position so that there would be no limit on successive terms unless the APCM resolved to impose it
- 3) Increasing the number of successive terms which could be served, and what the new number should be
- 4) Giving the APCM power to specify what the limit on successive terms should be in that parish
- 5) Giving deanery synods power to impose a deanery-wide limit on successive terms
- 6) Giving diocesan synods power to impose a diocesan-wide limit on successive terms
- 7) No term limit.

The ERG has prepared a consultation form which has been sent to deanery synod members and is also available on <https://www.churchofengland.org/simplification>. The consultation will close on Wednesday 10 July 2019. The ERG would welcome comments on this issue from anyone who has a view on the matter."

On 25 April as part of the Diocese of Manchester Wave of Prayer, with the theme "Abundant Life", a short service was held in the side chapel. We prayed for Mothers' Union around the world and especially for our own link Dioceses of Kisangani, Kagera, Awka, Sunyani and Popondota.

In May we held a quiz on the theme of Easter. Four teams took part with the winning team each receiving a tube of Smarties (not very original I know). The team comprised Hilary Riddick, Christine Standing, Barbara Taylor and Barbara Silvester. Nibbles and soft drinks were served to help activate the little grey cells (not 100 per cent sure it worked though!).

This month, firstly we are having a talk from the Air Ambulance service and then, Cath Hilton will speak to us about her visit to Rwanda undertaken with other members of the Worldwide Council of Mothers' Union.

Both evenings should be really interesting and as always everyone is welcome (male as well as female).

The Deanery AGM due to be held in May was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and it is hoped to be able to reschedule it this month.

The Summer of Hope appeal has been launched to fund incredible causes all over the world and shine hope on thousands of families and communities worldwide. Look out for details of ways to support this appeal, and use this Summer of Hope prayer from the MU website.

*God of hope, shine the rays of your love
on all in need across the world,
that this may be a summer of hope for those we seek to serve.*

*Help us to reflect your hope through kindness and generosity,
that lives may flourish and grow in the warmth of your love. Amen*

Bob Taylor, Branch Leader

SATURDAY WALKING GROUP



As is now traditional for May, the walking group met on the first Saturday to 'beat the bounds', ie walking the full boundary of both Parishes and reflecting at various points on the route. We were also pleased to be joined by Heidi from East Lancs Crematorium and two friends Lisa & Natasha, who were in training for a 26-miler in June. This year we took the opportunity to pause for silent prayer and reflection at particular areas and sites of significance.

We met at Christ Church Walmersley at 9.00am before walking down the road to St. John with St. Mark. At each of the two Churches we prayed silently for two Parishes, the people and the activities that take place there. Wandering down to the Burrs we paused at the café to think about the different places of leisure in the Benefice and after walking along Woodhill Road we then crossed the bridge at the Irwell to the site of the fire station. This seemed a significant spot to think about emergency workers that serve our town. Our next stop was the Tesco car park and here we stopped at the Brunswick war memorial to think about all those in the Benefice who had lost their lives or been injured in war and conflict. Pausing at the site of the old St. John's Church on The Rock, now the shopping centre, this seemed an ideal opportunity to remember those in the retail industry whose jobs are currently at risk.

Continuing to the top of Chesham Road we then made our way through Bluebell Woods and deviated away from the boundary slightly across the golf course onto the start of Scotland Road. This then led us down to Buckhurst School, where we would normally have stopped for lunch. However as the wind was quite strong here it seemed more ideal to delay this so we continued across the farmland and meadows, thinking about the farming communities and workers that serve the Benefice.

We arrived at the end of the road past the Lord Raglan where we had our lunch stop. However a combination of a delayed lunch, quick pace and an off-track route meant we had reached this point an hour earlier than planned. Ian & June Banks were intending on meeting us here so a couple of quick texts and phone calls and they were able to join us 40 minutes ahead of schedule! We then again diverted from the boundary slightly as we walked through Mount Pleasant and onto the main road to cross over to Bass Lane to take us down to the Waterside Bridge and Summerseat, past the garden centre. This then led us onto the start of our final leg back through The Burrs and the waterfall, before we arrived at the Brown Cow for congratulations and refreshment after the 12 or so miles. Completing this walk always makes you aware of how much goes on in the two Parishes.

As a bonus, I also joined Paul on the Sunday morning as he led the people of St. Stephen's, Elton on their first boundary walk. This was slightly shorter in length (at 5 miles) but the pattern was the same in that we stopped at various significant points to think about the different activities, places and people. It was nice to join them and meet some of them.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 8th June

Michael Ryan will lead us on a walk through areas including Helmshore & Haslingden Grane.

Please meet at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall at 9.30am for transport. All are welcome, with packed lunch and other essentials.

Saturday 6th July

We are looking at doing Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales.
More details soon.

Best foot forward, David Robinson



THE OPEN GROUP

The Open Group met on Wednesday 8th May for a talk by local man Jim Metcalf who contacted me earlier in the year offering to talk to us about his love of mountaineering and his work with Community Action Nepal. Being something we have never had a talk on before I snatched Jim's hands off straight away. Jim began his talk with a little bit about his early years, family background and where he has lived in Bury. He has been a Bury boy all his life. We thought Jim was new to us all; that was until we were given a glimpse of an early photograph of Jim with a certain Reverend Don Altham, who was also in attendance this evening.

Jim talked passionately about his love of mountaineering across many areas of the globe, including some of the world's highest peaks he has conquered with his son. Mostly snow covered, these ranged from the Alps to the Himalayas, to Kilimanjaro. This talk was complete with some stunning photography taken by Jim, usually on the end of a safety harness or the edge of a glacier. It was a privilege to see these photographs and made us appreciate the beauty of these areas.

The talk was made more enjoyable as it also contained humorous and light-hearted anecdotes. We were intrigued to hear from Jim that they live out of a mess tent during these expeditions, which contains all the essentials required for the time spent in the snow covered peak. Much of the food supplies eaten are dehydrated. For those of us who enjoy Geography, we were also treated to some lessons on the subject, including the three border land share in Mongolia.

Jim's talk included his involvement with Community Action Nepal (CAN), a UK based mountaineer's charity set up by Doug Scott to help the mountain people of Nepal by setting up projects involving health, education and access to vital amenities.

All those who attended said they had really enjoyed this talk and found it extremely interesting and enlightening. We made a donation to Community Action Nepal at the end of the talk and thank you to all those who donated separately. NB – Since the meeting I have received an acknowledgment from CAN (via Jim) thanking us for the donation received on the night.

Thanks very much indeed to Jim for coming along and giving us an entertaining evening and for sharing some great moments of what seems like a life lived to the full. If you would like to know more about Community Action Nepal then please visit their Website <https://www.canepal.org.uk/>

Before the start of this meeting we took a moment to remember our friend and former Open Group member Edith Tanner, who had sadly died the day before.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th June

Nigel Silvester will talk about the Scilly Isles

All are welcome as usual at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room



David Robinson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th May 2019



This year's Christian Aid appeal got under way on Sunday 12th May with our luncheon platter in the Barritt Room at St. John with St. Mark. This was enjoyed by all and special thanks to those who helped make and serve the lunch on this day. Together with a coffee morning hosted by the local Women's Institute and ad-hoc donations, at the time of going to press we have raised over £350.00, which is an outstanding amount. This amount may increase and therefore we will confirm a grand total at a later date, but for now we would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who worked hard to raise money, those who attended the lunch and purchased raffle tickets and all who gave generously. This money will make a huge difference to someone much worse off than us.

With every blessing, John Brennan (Christian Aid Co-Ordinator)

MEN OF THE BENEFICE (MOB)



The MOB met on Saturday 27th April at our regular haunt, La Dolce Vita Italian, but this time for something a little different in that we gathered at 9.00am for a men's breakfast. It was very kind of the restaurant to open 30 minutes earlier than

usual to accommodate us. We were served toast to begin with as well as 'unlimited' tea, or coffee was available separately for those of us who need the extra boost at that time of the morning. This was followed by a full English breakfast complete with the traditional Bury black pudding. This was enjoyed by all and thanks to the staff for their service. Thank you also to Barry Evans for coming up with this new idea. It was certainly different to what we normally do.

We were considering a brewery trip in May however we postponed this as some of our regulars were away on the scheduled night and due to the Bank Holiday we did not meet on the last Monday. However we are hoping to have an evening walk on the Longest Day, Friday 21st June. We will publish more details about this in the Churches and weekly sheets.

David Robinson

Freely you have received, freely give

In both churches we have small cards to be used at the offertory by those who make their planned giving by standing order. When I first came across this idea my reaction was that in our churches sidespeople knew who not to approach so there was no potential embarrassment.

Then it was pointed out that if there are people new to the church it appears that, whilst a collection plate is offered to them, it is not offered to many, obviously regulars – "*why should I pay? they don't*"

Another very important point is that by using the cards we are reminded each week that our offering is to God.

So please: make your giving directly (*safer*), make use of the cards (*simple*), and give thanks to God for his boundless mercies (*weekly, not just if and when you check your bank statements!*)

Barbara Taylor

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY 1st JUNE
11am to 1.30pm in the Church Hall**



Tombolas

Traidcraft

Books

White Elephant

Plants

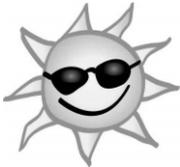
Cakes

Knitted & Household Goods

Cards & Gifts

Jigsaws

Raffle & much more



**LUNCHES/REFRESHMENTS
ALSO AVAILABLE**

Please come along and support this event
and enjoy our friendship.

If you have any new ideas for stalls and attractions, or you do not normally help and would like to be involved (either on the day or setting up on the Friday), please speak to the wardens or clergy. Donations of raffle prizes and items for the stalls may be brought to Church any time from now. Thank You

We would particularly be grateful for any offers of help in the kitchen this year with the lunches and refreshments. Please speak to Margaret Duckworth if you can assist in any way here

MORE EVENTS



Join the group
on **Monday 10 June**
7.00 for 7.30pm
at **Owen's Restaurant**
Ramsbottom

£14.95 for three courses

All ladies are welcome
Please let Pam Hoyle or June Banks know for booking

Third Thursday Light Lunch



at CCW Hall
12 noon/1pm

The next lunch will be on **Thursday 20 June**

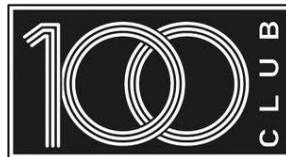
As always there will be no set charge – if you are able, please give a donation but if you can't just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

YOU will be most welcome. There really is such a thing as a 'free lunch'!!

APRIL 2019 WINNERS

1st Prize ~ Archie Wardle

2nd Prize ~ Sandra Evans



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH

SATURDAYS IN JULY

There is plenty going on at St. John with St. Mark on Saturdays next month. Please make a note of the following dates:

SCOUTS CREAM TEA ***6th July from 2.00pm***

Fresh cream scones with tea or coffee.
In aid of Scout funds.
Prices and tickets soon.
In the Church Hall



STRAWBERRIES & CREAM COFFEE MORNING ***13th July from 10.30am***

At the home of Pam Cowie (opposite Fairfield Hospital)
In aid of St. John with St. Mark Church funds

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR ***20th July from 10.00am***

Stock up on books and enjoy a bacon sandwich and brew.
In the Church Hall in aid of Church funds





****REMINDER****

Please remember that as July & August will be a combined edition of this magazine, any contributions or events to cover these months will need to be sent by Friday 14th June. Thank You

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Fri May 31 – Fri June 7		Thy Kingdom Come (see page 4)
Sat 1	11.00am	Summer Fair (SJM)
Sun 2		Seventh Sunday of Easter Services as usual
Wed 5	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Sat 8	9.30am	Walking Group (meet SJM Hall)
Sun 9		Pentecost Services as usual
Mon 10	7.00pm	GOA meal (Owens)
Wed 12	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Sun 16		Trinity Sunday Services as usual at CC
	10.30am	Café Church (SJM)
	12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
Tue 18	7.30pm	Muslim Christian Forum (URC)
Wed 19	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC)
Thu 20	12 noon	Light Lunch (CC)
Fri 21	Time TBA	MOB evening walk
Sun 23		1st Sunday after Trinity Services as usual at SJM – Parade at 10.30am
	10.30am	Café Church (CC)
Sun 30		2nd Sunday after Trinity Early Services as usual
	10.30am	Joint Benefice Service (SJM)
	12.30pm	Baptism (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)

'Beating the Bounds' of our United Benefice on Saturday 4th May

**Paul showing us the way to Buckhurst....
and beyond
'Only half way to go'.
(Please see pages 18 & 19)**

