

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

**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



**October 2023**



**THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD**

# Scarecrow Festival

October 5-11th

Christ Church Walmersley

Community groups, local businesses,  
families and individuals  
are making Scarecrows to populate our churchyard  
for a week (weather permitting)

Do please come along  
to meet this Scarecrow family  
and learn more about the groups they represent

More details at  
[ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/scarecrows](http://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/scarecrows)  
No charge but donations welcome



Dear friends,

Welcome to this October edition of your magazine.

I expect by the time you have begun to read this letter, that you will have already seen the first evidence of the secular world looking towards Christmas, with cards available and supermarket shelves now cleared of garden merchandise ready to be replaced by chocolate selection boxes. We will probably all have had our share of this well before the event itself, but I will not wish your time away any more!

Let us remember that the month of October has some very important events for us, the conclusion of the Creation Season, the traditional Harvest festivals, and the marking of Bible Sunday at the end of the month, which is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all holy scriptures, written for us to hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest, as the words of the Collect for that day remind us.



Growing  
Together IN Christ

Along with these, this month sees the end of this period of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, when we see altars and clergy adorned in green. I wondered though just how ordinary this time has been for our Churches? I have previously heard of this being the time of year when we are 'quietly growing' and this has led me to think just how much we have been quietly growing over recent months. For those with long standing affiliations to our Churches, you may recall that in previous years the month of October could regularly include a Stewardship campaign, which asked us to consider our own gifts and talents and whether we could use those gifts to greater advantage in our Church life. Although these initiatives have been useful, I strongly believe that our gifts and talents can be identified any time of the year, sometimes unintentionally and when we do not expect it. To quote 1 Peter 4:10 'Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God'.

This period of Ordinary Time began back at the beginning of June and I have been considering some of the ways in which we have quietly grown in offering our time and gifts to God. One example of this is the number of volunteers who have recently come forward to join our reading, intercession and lay assistant's rota on Sunday mornings at St. John with St. Mark. It has been very inspiring to hear new voices and see greater lay involvement in our worship. There have been other examples and I know that across the Benefice, especially during this Interregnum, there will be some little role which has been filled by someone which has allowed our Churches to quietly grow.

As we celebrate our Harvest festivals this month, let us also consider the words of John 15, 'The Vine and the Branches'. In this passage we are reminded of the fruit-bearing branches. These branches represent us; we are the fruit which continues to be pruned and the more we are pruned the more fruit we continue to bear.



As we move out of this period of Ordinary Time, I am sure this will not stop us continuing to quietly grow and we will remain fruitful despite whatever challenges lie ahead for us. What have you done to 'quietly grow' over the last few months? Maybe you don't realise you have done something, but others may have. What could you also do to keep the work of God fruitful in these places in the future? Again, you may find this happens when you least expect it to.

Enjoy the rest of this period of 'Ordinary Time'. Or should that be 'Extraordinary Time'.

Yours in Christ,

David Robinson

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

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### **BAPTISMS**

Aug 27      Freddy Friel  
                 Luca Lawrence  
Sep 10      Freya Bretherton

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

### **CHURCH FUNERALS**

Aug 24      Dennis Laverick  
Sep 13      Ralph Mallinson



### **FUNERAL AT NABBS FARM**

Sep 18      Robert Falshaw

### **INTERMENT OF ASHES**

Sep 3      Molly Usher

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

## **JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE**

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Our next joint Benefice service  
for the fifth Sunday of the month  
will be on 29th October  
at 10.30am.

This time we will be at St. John with St. Mark.  
All are welcome



### At Christ Church

Oct 1	In memory of Mr and Mrs Tasker
Oct 8	Vacant
Oct 15	In memory of Mr and Mrs W.A.E Dighton
Oct 22	Mrs J. Wood, in memory of the Wood family
Oct 29	Vacant

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



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER***

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Oct 1	<b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32
Oct 8	<b>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity (Harvest)</b>		
	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14	2 Corinthians 9.6-end	Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19
Oct 15	<b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
Oct 22	<b>20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Isaiah 45.1-7	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
Oct 29	<b>Last after Trinity (Bible Sunday)</b>		
	Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12	Colossians 3.12-17	Matthew 24.30-35
Nov 5	<b>4<sup>th</sup> before Advent</b>		
	Micah 3.5-end	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13	Matthew 24.1-14

## Harvest Festival

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Both Churches will celebrate God's great goodness to us at our Harvest services on 8<sup>th</sup> October. This gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a practical way for the generosity of our Father.

At **Christ Church** we shall:

- \* take gifts to the sick and housebound – please let us know if you are aware of someone who would appreciate a gift;
- \* collect groceries for Porch to help those in need in our community;
- \* accept donations for the worldwide work of Tearfund.

Our contactless device will be set up for both Porch and Tearfund to make it simple – just bring your debit card.

Following the service at 10.30am there will be a Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall – with soup and bread followed by fruit pie. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children. There is also a family ticket. Everyone is welcome.



At **St. John with St. Mark** we shall welcome contributions to the work of Caritas and Porch. This includes the usual items such as tinned produce, packet foods, biscuits, tea / coffee. We usually decorate the Church ready for the Harvest Eucharist on 8th October at 10.30am.

Also on this day, there will be a Harvest takeaway lunch. A box will include sandwiches and cakes and are priced at £6.00 per box. A menu will be available to make your selection. Please contact Margaret Duckworth or June Banks about this.

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October we welcome the staff and children from **Springside School** for their Harvest Service in Christ Church at 10am. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

# *Interregnum Notes*

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- \* Please come along and support our Harvest events this month, of which there are details throughout this magazine.
- \*The Bury Mission Community currently hosts a weekly service of Compline (night prayer) on Thursday at 9.00pm on Zoom. If you are interested in joining this, please contact David Robinson, Barbara Taylor or Ian Banks who have the Zoom link available to forward on.
- \*Thank you to anybody who is continuing to look after our Church buildings, whether that be the gardens, graveyard, indoor cleaning or sweeping leaves from the path and pavements. It is very welcoming to visitors and new people.
- \* Many thanks to our ministry team and to visiting ministers who are ensuring that the vast majority of our usual services are continuing throughout our vacancy.
- \* The Ministry Team (Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister) meets every month – normally on the second Tuesday evening. If you have an issue that you would like them to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- \* 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.
- \* Both churches now have the facility to accept donations and giving by bank card. Please ask for guidance.
- \* Porch Boxes are always in need of food and toiletries especially in the current financial situation. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed. Also welcome are any 'bags for life' you can spare as the charity gives out around 80 bags each week. Thanks to those who support local families in need.
- \* 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 November issue is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.



## ***In Memoriam – The Revd Canon Ralph E Mallinson***

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The Reverend Canon Ralph Mallinson was an active and hugely important part of life at St. John with St. Mark, then to become the Benefice of Walmersley Road, for a good number of years. After retiring from Parish life, Ralph and Helen joined us and immediately settled in, becoming involved in worship, study and social activities.

Ralph's experience and knowledge was hugely beneficial to both ordained and lay people. He was regularly on our service rota, both on Sunday mornings and during the week, offering words which were uplifting and comforting. Ralph provided huge support and teaching to the upcoming OLM's in our Parish at the time, and the Reverend Paul Sanderson remarked on how much he had valued Ralph's tuition.

Let us also remember how much involvement Ralph had in other groups here. He would regularly lead Lent or Bible studies and when he wasn't in the chair, he would always have a point to make that made us all sit up and take note. Ralph and Helen were regulars on the annual retreat to Formby, with Ralph also being involved in leading study sessions there.

Ralph was a keen photographer and attended classes; always keen to show his works to some of our groups, including at an Open Group meeting, with some stunning images of Bury and beyond. Of course, his love of outdoors was complete with his passion for walks. He attended regular walking groups and also very rarely missed any of our Saturday Benefice walks. He led a few for us, including taking us on visits to his previous Parishes at St. George, Unsworth and also Goodshaw. He would be happy to share a beer with us at the end of our outings as well.

As well as being a very intelligent and thoughtful man, Ralph also possessed an infectious and sometimes reserved sense of humour. This became apparent on many of our outings together, which was appreciated by those who were with him.

Ralph stepped down from ministry within the Benefice in 2021, but remained a faithful member of our congregation until his death in August this year. His life and service will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, in this Benefice and beyond.

We thank God for your faithful servant, the Reverend Canon Ralph Mallinson.

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**Summary of St John with St Mark PCC meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

- Mission Community – There have been two Bury Mission Community pilgrimage walks linking all the Churches. These proved to be successful and enjoyable; Weekly Compline is now taking place on a Thursday night at 9.00pm on Zoom; An MC meeting has taken place on 18th September.
- Seedfield Housing: There have been no further updates following the recent approval of the development.
- 100 Club – Three draws have taken place and the winners announced in the magazine each month.
- School Governor – A volunteer has now been identified to act as a temporary governor at St. John with St. Mark School.
- Church building – Following the recent national issue with concrete, we have been asked to carry out checks on our Church and Hall as they were both built during the affected period. Early inspections have been carried out and at present we don't appear to have identified an issue.
- Finance – A donation across the Benefice was presented to Reverend Keith Trivasse at the service on 6th August; the recent afternoon tea raised £150.00; we are intending sending the outstanding copper collection to an organisation called Smile Train; It was noted that the card reader is being used well, both in Church and on the bar at a birthday party.
- Warden's report – The congregation who attend the Wednesday morning service have asked if this can take place in the chapel. This will reduce the need for heating in Church during the winter. This was agreed.
- Interregnum - A recent inspection of the vicarage has been undertaken as part of a Diocesan visit to empty vicarages.
- Dates – Harvest lunch boxes: Sunday 8th October; coffee morning: Saturday 21st October; Christmas Fair: Saturday 25th November; Christingle (probably in Church): Monday 4th December; Carol service: Sunday 17th December.

**Summary of Christ Church PCC meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> September**

1. Opening prayers were led by the Lay Chair.
2. Minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023 were approved.
3. There was no correspondence to discuss.
4. The treasurer had brought the total collected for the copper collection which was £24.38p and it was proposed to send it to the Eagles Wing charity, all were in favour. Geoff Hamilton commented that the balance sheet was the healthiest he had seen for some time. The treasurer reported that since the installation of a new gas meter we had received a refund of £1016.50p. Mrs Nancy Hall had left a legacy to the church. Website and music licensing costs had been paid.
5. The office printer has been repaired but is now considered obsolete. The warden is obtaining a quote for a new printer.
6. The faculty for the extension to the garden of remembrance is continuing to be worked on.
7. The safeguarding officer is keeping up to date with her knowledge base.
8. The woodworm areas in the church hall have been treated and repairs have been made to the affected areas.
9. The property committee reported that the tree surgeon had been given permission by the council conservation officer to do the work including the tree on the tower and pruning other trees in the churchyard.
10. There is going to be a scarecrow festival with the scarecrows being displayed in the churchyard between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. And there will be a harvest lunch in the church hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Tickets available from Lillian Lees.
11. The Church of England Christmas message is a continuation from last year's message and is "Follow the Star: Join the Song".
12. A Christmas tree festival will be in December and the trees will be displayed in the church windows along the nave.
13. The erection of the disability ramp is causing problems due to its weight. It was decided to look into what options we may have to improve the situation.



## ***Churches Together in Bury***

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At the September meeting, chaired by David Somerville of Seedfield Methodist Church, there was discussion on the possibility of an outdoor event between Ascension Day and Pentecost. It is proposed that this be a Praise in the Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, but the venue is yet to be confirmed but hopefully will be Clarence Park. The plan is to have prayer stations around, and to have live music if possible. More information to come but why not put the date in your diary now?

Tristan and Daniel continue to develop the chaplaincy in the Millgate Centre. The Millgate management has agreed that the chaplains can have a stall outside TJ Hughes on All Hallows Eve. This will be an opportunity for shoppers to remember someone they have lost. This could be hanging a ribbon in remembrance.

Carol Singing has been booked for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 12-1.30pm in the Millgate centre outside TJ Hughes. Please join in to make this a really joyful occasion. If you are aware of any musicians who may be willing to play please ask them. There will again be a leaflet with words and also the opportunity to publicise our own carol services.

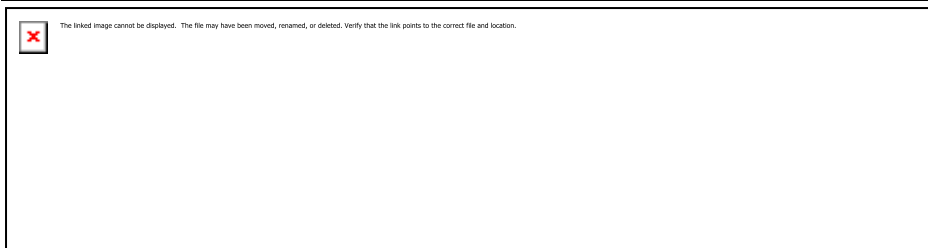
Audacious church are opening the cafe on Clarence Park every Friday from 10.30 -12.30 and everyone is welcome.

Tim Bowden spoke of the successful evening by the Bury and Radcliffe Bible Society Action Group featuring music and singing, and various activities, including a demonstration of Bible storytelling by the Open the Book team, led by Jackie Heaton from Bury Parish Church. The Revd Eric Ruehorn was thanked for leading the action group for over 40 years. His dedication and leadership have been instrumental in keeping the Bury Action Group active and thriving.

We had an update on the work of Christians Against Poverty locally. The subscription for the coming year was agreed at £50. The involvement by various churches in our schools was considered.

This is a very active ecumenical group in which we, as a benefice, are no longer very involved. If you would like to know more please have a word with Barbara Taylor.

## ***The 2023 Real Advent Calendar is unique***



The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 following surveys which showed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. In the same year 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas.

As you can see from the picture above, it is easy for Christ to be removed from the general marketing of Christmas. The Real Advent Calendar exists to place the story of Jesus' birth at the heart of Christmas.

The calendar comes with a 24 page Christmas story-activity book illustrated by Martina Peluso. There is a page for every day of Advent and some fun Advent challenges along the way including a £300 children's prize competition.

The calendar is foiled for freshness and behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a delicious festive-shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate.

It's a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story.

The Real Advent Calendar is made using Fairtrade chocolate - giving producers a fair price and a cash bonus. Money raised from the sales of the calendar will also help provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages supported by the Funzi and Bodo trust.

Calendars are £4.50 and if we got together a case of 18 is delivered free.

## Quiet Moments for October

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### **October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis – Patron Saint of Animals**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
who made every living thing with which the water teems,  
and every winged bird, the livestock,  
the creatures that move along the ground,  
and the wild animals,  
and called it all “good.”

Thank you for these animals,  
for the life that comes from you,  
and for the love and joy they bring.

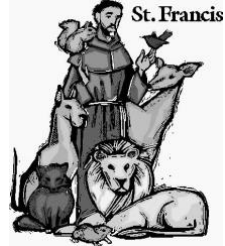
Please bless these creatures

and let our loving care for them be a reflection of your loving nature.

We praise you for all your beauty in creation, and especially for this  
expression of your love.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

*Bob Hostetler – from Guideposts*



### **A prayer for the homeless and needy at Harvest-tide**



O God of loving devotion, please be near our homeless citizens. Remain by their sides and meet their needs. Show me how to be a part of their lives by generously giving my prayers, time, and money to help them. Guide me so that I can spread your word to the needy. Direct my actions so I can help the world understand that when we help the needy, we are acting as the body of Christ. Let me be a cornerstone for those in my area who are less fortunate. I ask You, almighty Father, to show me unending opportunities to help them and serve You. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

***October 18th is the feast of St. Luke – Patron Saint of Doctors***



Lord Almighty, we thank you for your healing through our doctors. Thank you for their obedience to you. Thank you because their work is purely directed by you. I pray that you protect them and their families. Guide their lives outside the hospitals. Let them know you and desire to serve you with their hearts. Touch their fellow staff in hospitals like nurses, laboratory personnel, security guards, and other department members who support them. Let their hearts be open to helping people without expecting anything in return. Amen.

***As the days shorten and the nights become longer***

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.  
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.  
Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.  
And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch.



In September we welcomed our Archdeaconry President, Ruth Taylor, to share something of her life and faith.

We celebrated 114 years of our branch with a convivial evening over a buffet courtesy of Falshaws. Vera Blackburn and Ethel Hilton, as the oldest members present, cut the birthday cake.

Barbara, Rosemary and I, Cath and Dennis, were able to attend the Gathering in York – a day of worship, presentations, fellowship and an excellent keynote speech by Sheran Harper, Worldwide President, who had been invited to this Britain and Ireland event. We then moved to York Minster for choral evensong, with a lively sermon from the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. We also got soaked to the skin but that is another tale.



The Annual Review is now available on the website at MothersUnion.org and there are details of the newly launched RISE UP campaign. More about this and how we expect to respond, in Manchester and here in Walmersley, in next month's magazine.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> we hope you will come along to our workshop as we construct Mothers' Union's contribution to the Scarecrow Festival.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to join us on 18<sup>th</sup> October for a Beetle Drive – a great way to have fun and get to know everyone a little better than before.

October 21, 10.30am – 2.45pm, is the diocesan Autumn Council meeting, again conveniently for us at St John's House on the Rock. Take a packed lunch, drinks will be available, and the Shop is open. A great way to find out what is happening in Mothers' Union, especially locally.

Bob Taylor,  
Branch Leader



## *Men of the Benefice*

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Our meeting in August took place on Bank Holiday Monday and we gathered at Christ Church for a talk by Nigel Silvester on the Isles Of Scilly. This was for the benefit of people who had not heard this talk before and we needed the hall available for projecting the images.

This time we provided our own refreshments for the evening.

We opened with Nigel's early days on the islands, education and work before the presentation gave us an insight into the different islands within the Archipelago and some of the history and geography of each one.

There were as ever some fantastic images of landscape and landmarks on the islands and the life of the 'Scillonians'. The island also has its own flag, which was featured on some of the images and of course puffins and seabirds popped up.

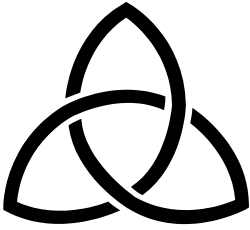
One of the notable things about the islands is that work is quite seasonal due to the dependence on tourism during the spring and summer, so the production of cut flowers is huge income for many.

Despite there being a Co-Op on the islands, there was a smile when we discovered that some residents now have their shopping delivered online from the mainland.

A very interesting talk from Nigel which generated lots of questions afterwards. The conversation continued over refreshments and other subjects until around 10.00pm.

The MOB were meeting on 25th September, again at Christ Church, to make some plans for the Scarecrow festival. Our meeting in October will either be Monday 23rd or 30th, depending on other commitments, at a venue to be confirmed.

David Robinson



## *The Open Group*

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The group met on Wednesday 13th September and we took a brief moment at the start during our worship to remember Reverend Ralph Mallinson, whose funeral had taken place earlier that day.

This evening was an open event in which I had invited people to bring an item with a story attached to it, which meant something to them. There were only a small number of us in attendance but despite that, there were some very interesting and entertaining stories attached to some unique items.

Our display included a bright orange shirt from near Monaco, a rabbit doorstep, a set of Peruvian dolls, a Russian icon and a doll from Burma. Each of these items had their own story and meant something to the people who possessed them, whether it be a family connection, a holiday or just because of the pleasure it gives to collect something.

It was commented on that the items we looked at were all bought from, or had a link to, different parts of the world.

What struck me about this, was that the items people brought were quite old, but all were in extremely good condition with hardly any evidence of wear and tear. Proof that if we treasure something, we will look after it for ever. Thank you to all who brought something to the evening, and for those that didn't, the questions and interest taken. Everybody became involved in the discussions.

For the next meeting I have invited Jim Metcalf, who previously spoke about Community Action Nepal, to talk to us about a cycling holiday in Kenya and Tanzania. It would be good if as many as possible could attend as I expect some great photography. We meet on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

## ***Bury Mission Community Pilgrimage***

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The Reverend Paul Sanderson suggested earlier in the year that a perfect opportunity to bring different congregations together within the Bury MC, would be to stage a Pilgrimage walk, linking each of the worship centres together. These walks took place over two legs in August and September. We were blessed with extremely good weather for both walks, and the second leg coincided with the September burst of heat.

The first walk covered the more eastern side of the Bury MC, beginning at St. Peter's and taking in St. Thomas, St. Paul, St. John Bircle and Christ Church Walmersley. Whilst the second leg covered the other side, starting at St. John with St. Mark, via All Saints' Elton, St. James Woolfold, St. Stephen and St. Mary the Virgin (Bury Parish). At each stop there was a pause to look around the building, have refreshment and then spend some time in prayer for the community where we were based at the time. We also received some teaching on some of the saints our Churches were named after.

Of course, there were the bits in between. In the previous magazine, Cath Hilton reported that she had been taken to routes she never knew existed during the first walk, and other people also commented on the same whilst they were outside their own parishes. We are so blessed in this town to have much countryside and rural life outside our homes and shops.

This was definitely a great opportunity to meet and get to know people from other worship centres, both socially, pastorally and to share fellowship. People tend to stay in their bubbles in Church settings, however these walks were a chance to come out of our comfort zones. One of the things that stood out at St. James was a lady serving the tea and refreshments who was disappointed at not being able to be with us on the walks. However, this lady was there for us to bring much needed refreshment, which could not have happened without these volunteers. She was still involved in making this day happen and everybody has a part to play.

Thanks to Paul for organising this event and for the volunteers at each worship centre on the way. Please see page 28 for photographs.

## **Girlguiding 80<sup>th</sup>- Christ Church**

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**25<sup>th</sup> Bury (Christ Church)  
Brownies and Guides  
are 80 years old**



*Were you a Brownie, Guide or Leader at Christ Church?*

*We invite you to join us to celebrate  
with us in the Church Hall*

***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7pm - 8.30pm***

*\*Reminisce over uniforms and photos*

*\*Share your stories and memories*

*\*Reconnect with old friends*

*\*Toast marshmallows and sing around the campfire*

*\*Please share the date with others*

***\*Join our Facebook group - 25th Bury 80th birthday***

*Looking forward to seeing you all there*

# Quiz Night!

**A** 7th October

**B** 7 pm

**C** £2 entrance

Proceeds  
to  
Church Funds



for a donation:  
tea, coffee,  
ham or cheese bap  
& crisps  
or bring your  
own drinks

Will the  
Stanley Parkinson  
Trophy  
be yours  
in 2023?



Christ Church Walmersley  
Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP



## COFFEE MORNING, BOOK & TOY FAIR

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER**

**from 10.00am until around 12noon**

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

BACON SANDWICHES ~ REFRESHMENTS ~ TOYS

LOADS OF BOOKS

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

AND ALL ARE WELCOME



## ***SHOE BOX APPEAL***

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### **Can you help the appeal again?**

St. John with St. Mark Scout Group are once again putting together and distributing shoeboxes. This year they will likely be going to local children.

However, we are in need of empty boxes and also some of the items to go in them. These include toiletries such as flannels, soaps, toothbrushes etc and small gifts.

If you can help with providing boxes or any of the items then please see Kelly Watson or Margaret Duckworth over the next few weeks. Please also check with Kelly or Margaret if you need guidance on what items are needed.

## ***LIGHT LUNCH***

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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!***

Upcoming Dates: 19 October, 16 November

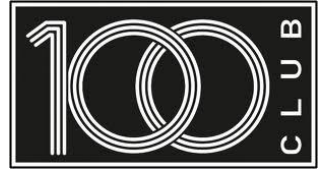
## **ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB**

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### **September 2023 draw winners:**

1st Prize £15.00 – (103) Kelly Watson

2nd Prize £10.00 – (11) Phyllis Holt



### **Congratulations to both winners**

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How often are you taken by surprise when an event appears on the weekly sheet or on social media just a few days in advance?

Here are a few dates for you to make a note of NOW so you will be prepared.

**Christmas Fair**                  Saturday 25 November at St John with St Mark

**Christmas Tree Festival**    Early December at Christ Church

**Christingle Services**        Monday 4 December in both parishes

**Carol services**                Sunday 17 December in both parishes

## **REGULAR SERVICES**

<b>Sunday</b>			
8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
<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	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.

Both churches have Fairtrade status





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.

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made at the Parish Office held at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall, Parkinson Street any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.

Lots more info on our websites:	<a href="https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk">https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk</a> <a href="https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com">https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com</a>
Check out Facebook	@christchurchwalmersley @stjohnstmark
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and YouTube	CofE Walmersley

## FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

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Sun 1		<b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 4	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 5-11		Scarecrow Festival (CC churchyard)
Sat 7	7.00pm	Quiz Night (CC Hall)
Sun 8		<b>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity – Harvest Festival</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family and Parade Service and Harvest lunch (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion and takeaway lunch (SJM)
Wed 11	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sun 15		<b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Service (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Wed 18	10.00am	Springside School Harvest Service (CC)
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 19	12 noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sat 21		Mothers' Union Autumn Council (St John's House)
	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Books (SJM)
Sun 22		<b>20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Mon 23 or 30		
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – venue /date to be confirmed
Sun 29		<b>Last after Trinity (Bible Sunday)</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Joint Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC Hall)
Mon 30	7.00pm	Guiding at Christ Church 80 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations (Hall)



# Sunday @ Seven



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

**October 29th at 7pm**



## *Celtic Evening Worship*

**Come and join us for an hour of worship based around the Celtic tradition. We will be at Christ Church hall. You can also join in via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.**

# Pilgrimage



around our Mission Community