

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

**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



Holy Cross Day – 14 September

**September 2024**



# Thank You

to all who took part in  
the Scarecrow Festival '24



Photos by Peter Fish



## ***The right nourishment***

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As I begin to write this the closing ceremony for the Olympics is playing out on the television. What a spectacular ending to a summer of sport; Paris has certainly lived up to its title “The City of Lights”.

We have had 16 days of every sport imaginable, some that I didn’t even know existed. We have seen people accomplish enormous things, world records broken, totally unexpected gold medals achieved and heard some very touching stories of athletes’ journeys to the victor’s podium.

For each medal achieved there has been hours of preparation, untold sacrifices made and many difficulties overcome. Team GB has accomplished more medals than the last games and has much to be proud of. Behind every medal winner and even behind every competitor there has been a huge back up team of coaches, physiotherapists, medics, nutritionists and supporters. Success is never down to one person; it demands many people playing their individual parts. For the 327 athletes there would be many more people behind the scenes.

In our church life we are members of a team, not highly developed athletes in search of gold but ordinary people seeking to bring the good news of the kingdom of God into our community. Each of us has a part to play in “Team Jesus”. There are no age or other entry qualifications to be a member, just a willingness to serve God in whatever capacity we can.

Saint Paul told the people of Ephesus that God has given people different gifts, and called people to take up different responsibilities to do different jobs in the work of spreading the gospel. He tells them that if the church is to be built up and grow here on earth, then each member must accept that responsibility and use his or her gifts in the service of others and of Christ.

And also, he said that there had to be equality of value of members. No members of the church more important than others. And what applied to those first Christians applies to us.



Some years ago, Bishop Nigel reminded us that when we are a team

### **That Each Achieves More.**

How true that is; for by pooling the gifts of whatever kind that God has given us and supporting and encouraging each other, we are far more likely to spread the gospel of good news.

But for us to work, to function, to be able to make the kingdom of Christ grow – we need nourishment, the right nourishment, just like an athlete. And Jesus tells us just what that nourishment is. It is Jesus himself. Without feeding on Jesus, through talking to him, listening to him, finding out more about what he wishes us to do, we will not be able to use our talents in his service. He must be the bread of our lives.

So, as we acknowledge God's goodness in giving us different gifts to be used in the service of his kingdom - we pray, that having fed on Jesus we may have the wisdom to identify those gifts and the courage and sensitivity to use them for the good of all and the glory of Jesus' name.

Yours in Christ,

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### ***Joint Service***

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Both congregations come together to worship and share Holy Communion

On 29th September at 10.30am

At Christ Church Walmersley

**BAPTISM**

Jul 28            Gracie Toth

Aug 4            Roux Hawksworth

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

**MARRIAGE**

Aug 3            Matthew Peel and Charlene Richmond

*"Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder."*

**FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH**

Jul 18            John Riggs

Jul 22            Pam Hopkinson

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

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**Café Church**



in Christ Church Hall

10.30am

on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Church in a more relaxed fashion,  
for everyone of all ages



## **BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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Sep 1	<b>14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9	James 1.17-27	Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sep 8	<b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Isaiah 35.4-7a	James 2.1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 7.24-37
Sep 15	<b>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Isaiah 50.4-9a	James 3.1-12	Mark 8.27-38
Sep 22	<b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 11.18-20	James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a	Mark 9.30-37
Sep 29	<b>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5.13-20	Mark 9.38-50
Oct 6	<b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Genesis 2.18-24	Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12	Mark 10.2-16



## ***Flowers in church***

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At Christ Church

- Sep 1 In memory of Emily Nuttall
- Sep 8 In memory of Phyllis Magnall
- Sep 15 Mrs Barbara Murray, in memory of her parents
- Sep 22 Marilyn Green, in memory of John and her parents
- Sep 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).

\* Thank you to all who have covered and arranged services over the last few weeks. At the time of going to press, Harvie was still unwell and we wish him a speedy recovery and send him our prayers.

\* The Diocesan Foundations for Ministry course will begin again in October on Tuesday evenings at St. John's House on The Rock. This is an exciting and vibrant course for people active in Church Life who feel some sense of vocation or calling to Christian ministry. The closing date is Monday 23rd September and there are more details on the Diocesan website or maybe speak to David Robinson who completed the course in 2022.

\* There will be a quiz to raise funds for Tearfund, organised by Bury Mission Community on the evening of Friday 1st November in St. John with St. Mark Church Hall. More details soon but please save the date.

\* A fundraiser for the Alder Hey Children's Hospital is being held in St. John with St. Mark Church Hall on Saturday 9th November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. This will include a DJ and raffle prizes. If you are interested in going then please RSVP to Alex Hardman on [sprogrigby@hotmail.com](mailto:sprogrigby@hotmail.com) to give her an idea of numbers please.

\* Have you been baptised? Are you 16 or over? Have you attended church regularly for at least 6 months? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in being on the Electoral Roll! This means: You can vote on church matters; attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting; raise any questions of parochial or general church interest; stand for election to the Parochial Church Council; represent your church within the wider church family (Deanery Synod). If you think you may be interested, please speak to one of the Wardens.

\* There is a very real need for the work of Porch Boxes at this time. Please do all you can to contribute – simply adding a couple of cans to your weekly shop will make a real difference if we all do it. 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.

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**Summary of St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 9th July 2024**

- DBS / Safeguarding: Joan Wild will shortly begin the rollout of training to all PCC members and they need to be completed by the next PCC meeting in September.
- Mission Community Activities: There was feedback from the Big Picnic event at the end of June, which was enjoyed by those who attended. There will be a Bury MC meeting to discuss on 29th July.
- Cenotaph at the Citadel: We are to apply for quotes for this refurbishment work and most companies will charge by the letter. Dry conditions are needed for this job to take place.
- Chairs for the hall: We are to order 120 new chairs for the Church Hall (NB – These have since arrived Mid-August). A decision regarding the old chairs will then need to be made, ie people can take some and others can be scrapped.
- Finance: There have been replacements to a hall window and door since the last meeting; Thanks to all who helped at the Summer Fair, which made a good amount of money.
- Vicar's report: Harvie made the PCC aware that Clergy are now recommended to have a 36-hour period of rest each week wherever possible; There will be a Confirmation service on Sunday 6th October at Bury Parish Church; A prayer course, including looking at the 24 / 7 Prayer Network will begin on Saturday mornings from late September; The Wednesday office has now ended and booking of Baptisms etc should be made through the website or by contacting the Vicar.
- Health & Safety: Nothing to report and everything OK.
- The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 17th September.

## **Summary of the Christ Church Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

The treasurer reported on the current finances. It was noted that we had transferred the gas contract to Eon on the 1st of June. After our electrical inspection there was a repair to the gas pipe that needed to be done urgently, priced at £700 plus vat, and this was to be carried out the following week. We had purchased, through the Baldingstone Trust, pens and pouches for Springside School leavers.

A reminder was given of the various grants available from the diocese towards some repairs.

A request had been received to purchase a new cooker for the Church Hall as parts can no longer be obtained for the current one. It was agreed that the Thursday Lunch team should look for a suitable model. (Donations have since been received to cover the cost.)

A long discussion was held on the Mission Action Plan. The PCC members were split into 4 groups to continue to discuss various headings relating to our Mission Action Plan. Following the discussions the PCC were tasked to bring their individual views on one of the points to the next meeting.

The formation of the church committees was discussed. It was decided that there would continue to be three committees in addition to the Standing Committee. These were: The Church and Churchyard management committee, the Hall management committee and the Ministry committee. In addition, it was agreed that the Social Committee should be renamed to better recognise its role in Outreach to the community as well as the church family.

It was noted that we need an individual to be appointed as the health and safety lead - covering church, churchyard, and church hall.

The church management committee was charged to review the new church notice board documents provided by the vicar and bring a decision to the next PCC meeting, which will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September.



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The Bury Churches Together met on Wednesday 17th July at Bolton Road Methodist Church:

- Captain Cor updated us on the new community Café which has launched at the Salvation Army, Tuesdays from 11am to 2pm. It is ideal for people who are isolated or need to improve their wellbeing. Volunteers are welcome, so please contact Cor.
- The Salvation Army also organise a children's Christmas Toy Appeal, but due to a change of circumstances they now need a space to store these. Do you know of anywhere or can help. The space probably needs to be the size of a small garage.
- Gordon updated us on Christians Against Poverty. A volunteer is required to become a debt counsellor in the area and funding support is also always welcome.
- Chaplaincy: Reverend Kathy Selby spoke about the need for chaplaincy and ministry support at Cygnet Hospital just off Bolton Road.
- Kathy also advised that it is hoped the night shelter at Bolton Road Methodist could return on a nightly basis this winter. Obviously, this would need a team of around 20 volunteers. You will receive a comfortable bed for the night and breakfast in the morning.
- Street Pastors Bury are in need of someone to help with their financial accounts and of course there is always a need for people to volunteer to be Street Pastors.
- Tim Boaden informed us that the Bury & Radcliffe Bible Society is hosting its annual celebration at Bury URC on Friday 20th September and the guest speaker will be Bishop Graham Dow.
- There was an opportunity to share good news stories at the end of the meeting with time for prayer.

If you are interested in of these items then please contact Alan Thew, Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The next Bury CT meeting is Thursday 19th September at Bury URC.

## *'Wonderful and Joyous'*

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On Tuesday 13th August the Muslim Christian Forum focused on Songs of Praise from both the Christian and Islamic Faiths. Our Muslim chairman said, "It was a wonderful and joyous evening leaving people wanting more."

Captain Cor van der Woude of the Salvation Army welcomed us into his church, Cor spoke of the importance and place of Psalms and Hymns in the Christian Faith.

With Geoff Stokes on the keyboard, we sang hymns that the Muslim young men remembered singing in their early schooldays in Bury. Such as 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'When I needed a neighbour were you there?'

Imam Hassanat Ahmed of the Noor Ul Islam Mosque spoke about the importance and place of music and songs of praise in the Islamic faith. He then sang words from the Quran which begin all forms of worship. For this, no instrument is used, only the instrument God gave us – the human voice. We also heard some of their worship songs sung in Arabic, Urdu and English. Some were accompanied by a daf – a traditional drum.

After prayers, Captain Cor spoke of his belief and why the hymn 'The Old Rugged Cross' meant so much to him. We finished with an enthusiastic rendition of 'He's got the whole world in his hands.'

Much lively conversation was then had over a Pizza and Pasta supper.

Gillian Smith

Please see page 27 for some photographs of the evening.

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Rangers are the Girlguiding section that follow Guides, for all girls age 14-18 years.



Bury Division Rangers has been dormant for a number of years but will be reopening this September.

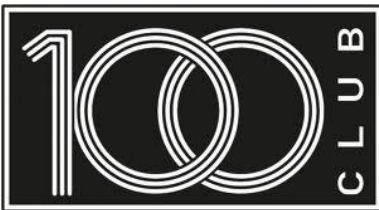
They will be based at Christ Church Walmersley hall and meet on a Monday evening.

This group is open to any existing Guides who are ready to move up, young leaders, or new members and welcomes girls from across all the Bury area.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested then please make contact with Rose Taylor (CCW Guides) or Laura Duncan (Division Commissioner).

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



Due to the summer holidays and no groups meeting, we have not completed any draws for July and August. We have sorted the numbers and prize fund and will catch up with

any missed draws in September.

Please contact Joan Wild if you would like to know more about this.

We are delighted that in early October we shall be able to host one of the first public performances of a new production by PRESS RED.

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

**The book of 'Ruth'** is a live performance, blending acting and original songs. Memorised from the NIV translation, word for word, this is an emotive retelling of the Old Testament classic. A 50 minute performance using the best of acting and music to reimagine scripture.

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

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

If God created every person in his image, it follows that every life should be equal in value, worthy of dignity and respect. Sadly, the endemic proportion of violence against women contradicts this. Whilst it is easy to feel hopeless in the face of such a challenge, the good news is that God has called the church to be part of the answer. Based upon the actions of Boaz, this campaign aims to help men become allies of gender justice, by equipping them with four practical but manageable things to do. All rooted in scripture.

This is such an important topic for us all, so do come and immerse yourself in **Ruth**. We are inviting churches from the area so please make sure you get your ticket in good time.

See the back page for ticket information and there is lots more detail at [ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/events/Press-Red](http://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/events/Press-Red)

## Quiet Moments for September

### Following recent events in the UK

Following the unrest and violence across towns and cities in the United Kingdom in recent weeks, we pray for all the communities affected; For all those left injured, traumatised or afraid;

For the police and all at national and local level seeking to restore public order and bring perpetrators to justice;

For places of worship in the affected areas;

And all people of faith and goodwill seeking to promote peace and respect in the face of violence and hatred.

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes;  
and lead us in the path of your commandments.

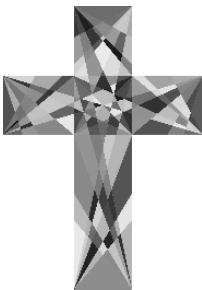
Keep our nation under your care;  
and guide us in justice and truth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Church of England website*



### The Collect for Holy Cross Day – 14th September



Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## International Day of Peace – 21 September



Majestic Creator, on this International Day of Peace, I come before You with a yearning for global harmony. Grant us the wisdom and courage to foster understanding, bridge divides, and work together as Your children. Kindle within

every heart the desire for peace; may nations abandon violence and choose unity in addressing our world's challenges. In Your grace, guide our steps toward a brighter future of serenity and love for all.

Amen.

*yourprayernow.com*

### **"The strength of God's love"**

This piece is based on Romans 8 which is a favourite Bible passage for many.

What can separate us from the love of God?

Can sickness or death?

No nothing can separate us from the love of God

Can danger or war?

No nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Can sadness or despair?

No nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Can failure or rejection?

No nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Can loneliness or fear?

No nothing can separate us from the love of God.

What a wonderful reassurance.





When the children from Springside School walked to church for the Leavers' Service 2024 there were squeals of delight when they arrived through the lychgate.

'Alfredo Linguini' had been the children's choice for the scarecrow made by the School Kitchen team so that was probably the greatest attraction.

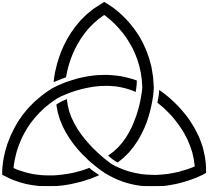
One small boy visiting chose 'the eyes on the trees' as his favourite, whilst lots of young girls liked 'The Little Mermaid'. Probably the 'Molecatcher' caused the most consternation, and Harry Potter garnered lots of comment.

If you missed them all then you will have to make do with the photos – but do remember next year to come along, or even better, to get involved.

Our thanks to those who did enter into the spirit of the event - from across the benefice and in the community. We are so sorry there is not room to show photographs here of all 14 scarecrows, but there are a few on page 2 and on other pages. Thanks to Peter Fish for making sure all were recorded for posterity – and for making all the tiny doors which doubtless enabled some small visitors to explore when no-one else was around!

We also thank those who when visiting donated to the work of a local charity. Jigsaw is an organisation that aims to promote fun, freedom and independence for disabled people in the Bury Metropolitan area. They were delighted to receive a small donation of £31 from us.





## **OPEN GROUP**

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The Open Group have met twice over the Summer. The first meeting in July was an unexpected change, so we looked at 53 small group ideas for Churches, by American Baptist Josh Hunt. Some of the ideas were unlikely to materialise in our own Church groups but it was noted how there were many similarities with things we already do, or have done in the past. There were many sports or games themed activities, which coincided with our Big Picnic event in June and how that had brought us together sharing activities we would never have expected to be doing prior. The one activity we can confirm success with though was our Scarecrow festival effort. Gangsta Granny was completed at the end of the meeting and transported to her new home at Christ Church Walmersley for the next three weeks.

In August we were pleased to welcome Midwife Larissa Heath for a talk on Midwifery. This talk covered all aspects of the role from the Stone Ages to the modern-day practices we now identify with pregnancy and childbirth. There were some harsh facts from the past, with the role even being linked to Witchcraft at one point in history. The timeline obviously picked up on changes during the 20th Century, which many of us now see on the TV show *Call the Midwife*, a programme which also saw a small upsurge in the number of people applying for this role. The talk also included a week-by-week time scale of the development of the baby, the various birthing options and pain relief. Larissa outlined her own career and qualification path as well as sharing some photographs from her Elective in America. Oh, and there was a fun quiz at the end before the opportunity to share questions. An enjoyable and interesting topic, so thanks to Larissa.

*The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th September and Nigel Silvester will lead the evening on school days (rescheduled from July). All are welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room. David Robinson*

Quite a lot has happened since our last report!

"Ask Harvie!" was an interesting and lively opportunity to get to know 'our new vicar' a little better.

Nigel talked about his schooldays, confident that others would contribute tales from theirs. If you were one of those who had to miss this evening why not go along to the Open Group when Nigel gives this talk there?

We were extremely grateful to all who helped with our scarecrow for the festival. Goldilocks and the Three Bears seemed to be popular with our visitors but would not have happened without those who sourced, lent or purchased items, those who stuffed, sewed, drilled, screwed, etc. Our certificate is on our notice board in the Hall and if you somehow missed it, here is a photo:



Dr Jenny Cropper gave us an illustrated and very interesting insight into the topic of Cleft Lip and Palate Care, together with her role in the process as a Clinical Psychologist, covering the areas of Oxford and Salisbury NHS. She also spoke passionately about the work of the charity Cleft, which enables long term and sustainable ways to improve care in the UK and overseas. Many thanks to those who donated towards the £90 collected for this charity.

The Bolton Archdeaconry Festival, held on Mary Sumner Day at St Maxentius Church, Harwood was well attended. Our deanery leader, Tricia Stokes read the gospel and the talk was by York zonal trustee, Catherine Hilton.

We shall celebrate 115 years of a branch here at Christ Church on September 4<sup>th</sup>, with a Bring and Share Supper followed by a singsong. Everyone is welcome to join us.

On 18<sup>th</sup> September you are invited to come as someone other than yourself! It was suggested we play 'What's my Line?' but that we probably know too much about each other – hence the request to come as 'someone else'.

Please take note of the deanery Afternoon Tea, advertised on page 21. It would be fantastic if you could help to support this appeal. Just stop for a moment and think what your life would be like if you were unable to read. Not just a novel . . . but the number on the front of the bus, your prescription, the cornflake packet! Proceeds from the Summer of Hope Appeal will help to extend the reach of the MU Literacy Campaign, first launched in Harrogate in 2000 but later extended to include financial development, so that many can now not only read but are running successful small businesses and improving lives in their communities in several countries. This year's appeal will focus on doubling the outreach in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

If you would like to know more about the work of Mothers' Union around the world or simply around the corner, please ask any member. Here we have just purchased some more teddies, given to all babies baptised at Christ Church – just one of our ways of reaching out.

Barbara Taylor, Branch Secretary

## ***MEN OF THE BENEFICE***

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The MOB met on Monday 29th July at the Hark to Dandler. I was unable to attend but was reliably informed by Nigel that although numbers were small, and unusually low key for MOB, a lot of laughter was enjoyed.

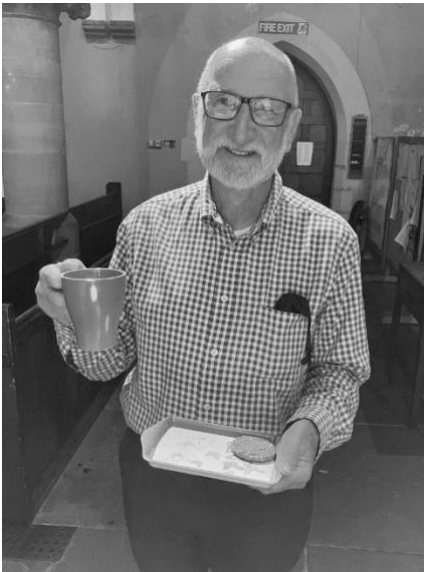
The four who were present reminisced about comedians and comic TV programmes from yesteryear.

It was not expected that MOB would meet on Bank Holiday Monday in August. The last Monday of September is the 30th and we will meet at 8.00pm at a venue to be confirmed. It is also worth me saying that although we are called Men of the Benefice, we would always welcome ladies who wish to come along.

David Robinson

## ***Caption competition***

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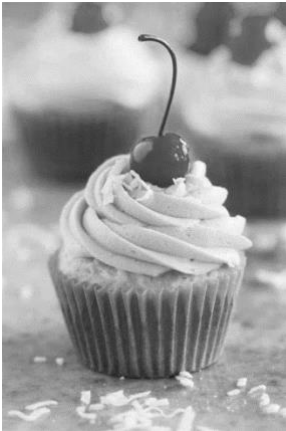
We haven't done this for a while but, having been sent this photo, invite you to add a suitable caption.

Entries please to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) or to the editors (David Robinson or Barbara Taylor)

## **An Afternoon Out**

Come and join us  
on 10th September  
at 2pm  
in Christ Church Walmersley church hall  
for tea/coffee and cake  
and a chat with friends  
£2.50 – proceeds to support the work of CLEFT

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## **Summer of Hope Fundraiser**

Bring a friend and join in  
Saturday 14th September at 2pm  
Emmanuel Church Centre,  
Longsight Road BL8 4DB  
Speaker at 2pm  
Ruth Spencer with "Almost Bake Off"  
Followed by tea/coffee and cakes, raffle,  
presentation and enrolment

£3 each with all proceeds to the Appeal to extend Mothers' Union's  
Literacy project in DR Congo.

Organised by Bury and Rossendale Mothers' Union

Put the cherry on the cake with a fantastic time of fellowship and  
outreach *Tricia Stokes, Deanery Leader, Bury and Rossendale*

## **THURSDAY 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!***

So come along on 19 September, 17 October, 21 November

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## **COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR**



**SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**  
from 10.00am until around 12noon

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

REFRESHMENTS & CAKES  
OTHER STALLS  
LOADS OF BOOKS!!  
ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS  
AND ALL WELCOME





# Sunday



# @ Seven



**We next meet for our time of informal worship**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Christ Church Hall**

**'The trees of the field  
shall clap their hands'**

**It's Creation season. We are going to look up  
some Biblical trees!**

**Come and join us for an hour - or you can be with  
us via Zoom.**

**Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for  
more details.**

## **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.

St John with St Mark's Church has Fairtrade status



We are members of Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community

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 to the Vicar whose contact details are:

01706 803253

harvienicolrev@gmail.com

Lots more info on our websites: <https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>  
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and YouTube CofE Walmersley

## FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

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Sun 1		<b>14<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	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Paul Kersal)
Sun 8		<b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 10	2.00pm	An Afternoon Out (CC Hall)
Wed 11	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sat 14	2.00pm	Summer of Hope Fundraiser ( <i>see page 21</i> )
Sun 15		<b>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Tue 17	7.30pm	PCC (SJM)
Wed 18	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 19	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (URC)
Sun 22		<b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (CC Hall)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 24	7.30pm	PCC (CC Hall)
Sat 28	10.00am	Coffee Morning & Book Fair (SJM Hall)
Sun 29		<b>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Joint Holy Communion (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (CC Hall)
Mon 30	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – venue TBC



**When I needed  
a neighbour  
were you there?**

**My Lord, always pray  
and greet your beloved,  
the best of all creations**





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