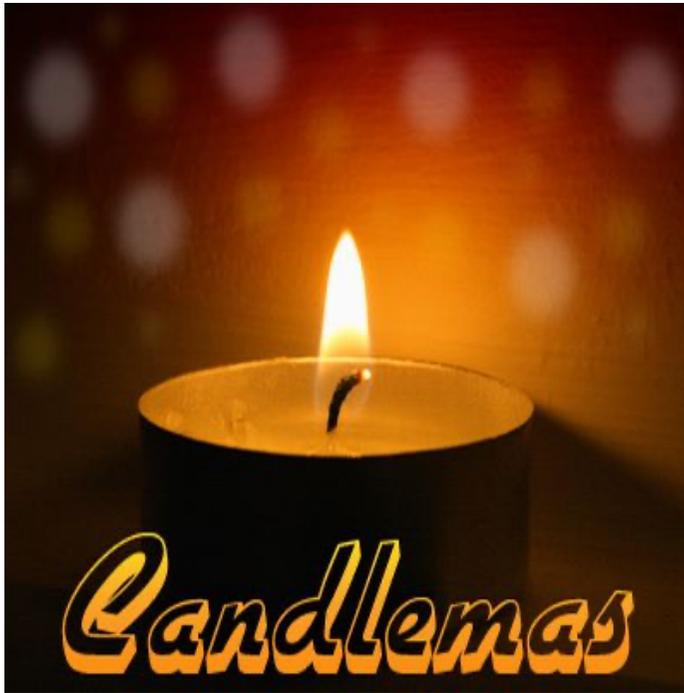


**Christ Church Walmersley
and
St John with St Mark Bury**

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



February 2025

Advent 2024



Follow the star

we were told - so we did!
A huge star topped the tree at the Priory as we shared the Christmas story in words and music with residents, visitors and staff.

All who enjoyed a festive **Thursday Lunch** were then treated by the team to some Christmas songs.



No photos from our **Christingle** services but thank you to all who led, participated, contributed.



Advent began, of course, with the **Christmas Fair** and the **Christmas Tree Festival**. Again, thank you to all who planned, executed and supported these events.

in our church life

A light shining in the darkness

We're in that transition time from Epiphany through to Lent and February's Gospel readings start with Jesus being brought to the Temple as a very young infant. The story is taken from Luke 2:22-40 and we get passion and song and expectation.

The holy family were being obedient to Jewish law. A first-born son must be circumcised after eight days, then later presented in the Temple and be redeemed by an offering to God. And the mother of a son had to be ritually purified and a sacrifice offered.

So, here we are at the Temple and the family are met and welcomed, not by the local clergy, but by Simeon and Anna. We're told that these two are wise and faithful and long-past retirement age – and that they've been waiting.

They don't appear to be there in any official capacity – and maybe that gave them more freedom to do or say whatever they pleased. Much like some of us perhaps! But I think too that it gave them a freedom to recognise and be open to new possibilities – as well as appreciate the difficulties.



Simeon can't help but burst into a song which we still sing today. He perceives that Jesus will be a great leader but warns the new mother of challenging times to come - Jesus' radical approach to inclusivity will not sit easily with everyone. And Anna was excited for those who would be liberated by Jesus.

Both Simeon and Anna somehow recognised Jesus as Messiah, but their reactions were very different. Simeon was content that he'd finally got to meet the one who'd been long prophesied – whilst Anna wanted to go and tell anyone and everyone who would listen.

It might be worth reflecting on times when God has sent people to welcome us and who told us some surprising things. They might have been complete strangers, with very different personalities, but somehow there was a connection and they've given us a 'word in season'. They've said or done something that struck a chord.

But perhaps it's us who are, or should be, the Simeons and Annas of today? Are we patiently, faithfully waiting for something? How truly open are we to recognising something new when it comes? Do we welcome fresh arrivals and different approaches for the possibilities that they may bring? Do we keep things to ourselves, or do we share?

Pope Francis said of Simeon and Anna that they: "patiently looked for the light shining in the darkness of history... By staying awake in expectation of the Lord, they were able to welcome him in the newness of His coming."

We would do well to do the same.

Ian



MARRIAGE BLESSING

Dec 29 Omo-Isibor Aikhaigbe and Olasumbo Kukoyi

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

FUNERAL SERVICES IN CHURCH

Dec 4 Keith Duckworth

Dec 5 Birte Langton



FUNERAL SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM

Dec 18 Alison Fewtrell

Jan 27 William Mongey

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Dec 1 Dorothy Butterworth

Dec 8 Keith Duckworth

Dec 27 John Riggs

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



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Whilst we are worshipping in the Church Hall, we have not had flowers as this is not practical, so most people have happily postponed their donated weeks.

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 FEBRUARY

Feb 2	Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)		
	Malachi 3.1-5	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40
Feb 9	4th Sunday before Lent		
	Isaiah 6.1-13	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Luke 5.1-11
Feb 16	3rd Sunday before Lent		
	Jeremiah 17.5-10	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Luke 6.17-26
Feb 23	2nd Sunday before Lent		
	Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25	Revelation 4	Luke 8.22-25
Mar 2	Sunday next before Lent		
	Exodus 34.29-35	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2	Luke 9.28-43a

Jottings

* It was great that our regular Advent and Christmas services were able to continue during Harvie's period of ill health. Thank you to all who led worship and who attended our services. The collection for Christies at St. John with St. Mark, which was donated in various ways including the joint service, made £561.00.

* There are details of two Saturday morning Deanery events on page 8, which are expected to be uplifting and inspiring. These are open to all, so please consider if you can take time to attend and be involved.

* There is a very real need for the work of Porch Boxes at this time. Please do all you can to contribute. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed.

From the meeting of Christ Church PCC on 14th January 2025

A new water boiler has been installed in the kitchen; a new keyboard has been procured but the standing committee had not met to discuss the notice boards to be replaced by the lych gate.

Members were encouraged to attend two deanery events (see page 8).

The treasurer reported on the current finances. Work has been undertaken to ensure safety of our buildings and grounds. We now have a more accurate viewpoint regarding our utility bills. And we have again paid our parish share in full.

Permission has been received from the Archdeacon to install a new gas boiler in the church. This is due to be installed on the 17th of February over a period of two weeks. A grant has also been applied for towards part of the installation.

Discussions will continue regarding the future of the church and/or the church hall as a community and worship centre. Members were asked to study the first sections of "Crossing the Threshold", a useful guide for the process and actions necessary for any work in modifying the buildings.

Safeguarding: all PCC members were asked to ensure training is up to date.

A report on the condition of the church hall was discussed. Some actions can be implemented immediately by our own team.

It was agreed to purchase a new fridge for the church hall kitchen, and two members will liaise.

There will be a coffee morning in the church hall on Tuesday, 21st January and a Lunar New Year Dinner on 1st February.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was provisionally arranged for Sunday, 18th May at 9.45 am in church.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.30pm.

Growing Younger Conference

Saturday 8th February
9.00am for 9.30am start, until 1.00pm.
at Bury Church of England High School

This conference is open to anyone who works (or plans to work) with children, young people and families and to youth workers/champions. It should be a worthwhile and uplifting event and there will be keynote speakers, lots of activities, resources, workshops, prayer spaces, talks and, of course, refreshments!

Lay Leadership Conference

You are invited to our first Deanery Lay Leadership Conference - a unique opportunity to gather together to learn, be encouraged and empowered as leaders. This event is open to all lay people who contribute to the life of their church in Bury and Rossendale Deanery: including Readers, ALMs, Focal Leaders and those who hold church officer roles such as Churchwardens, Treasurers and Parish Safeguarding Officers, and also to those who volunteer in other ways.

The guest speaker will be Carrie Myers, Head of Lay Ministries for the Church of England. Carrie will lead some of our morning session – celebrating, encouraging and inspiring us in our lay ministry roles. There will be a chance to meet up with others in similar roles, time to worship together, to pray and be prayed for, and to reflect on the calling we share.

The conference will take place on Saturday 1st March, 9.00am to 9.30am start until 1.00pm at St John with St. Mark's Hall. Light refreshments will be provided and we will finish before lunchtime.

Please register your attendance and book (free) spaces for both of these events via Eventbrite. Follow links online or see one of our Deanery Synod reps for a link to do this. It would be great for our churches to be well represented.

Angels from the realms of glory



We have no photos which do justice to the fantastic work by people from both congregations and friends from elsewhere, responding to the Mothers' Union appeal early in 2024!

Would it really be feasible to knit sufficient angels to give to every child?

The response was phenomenal, and we ended up with **421** angels in all colours imaginable.

When we requested 420 'Meet the Cast' booklets from Lifewords, someone phoned to ask, "What *ARE* you going to do with so many?"

We can now share how just 10 cms of a knitted figure made an impact. We are left with just 29 angels (a good start for a 2025 project?)

At the end of the Christingle service 71 (and 67 books – we felt a group of teenagers were not really its target audience) were eagerly collected.

From over 100 parents, grandparents and carers at the Springside Carol Service was a collected "ooooh" when Miss Thornicroft received sufficient for every child in school (and the staff thought they were fantastic!) So just under 250 were distributed in Springside School, from Nursery to Y6. It was suggested by a grandma who wanted an angel for her tree, that we should be selling these – a step too far for us but we were very happy to receive a donation from her.

We took them to Carols at the Priory. Then over our Christmas services in both churches all children attending were offered an angel and book.

And, it made the choice of carol for the Tree Festival very straightforward!! THANK YOU to everyone who participated in any way.

Mothers' Union

3rd Thursday Lunches

As we enter 2025, Third Thursday Lunches is coming up to ten years of serving meals to our community – we started as an occasional event in Lent 2015 and soon were operating on a regular monthly basis. This last year (2024) we served just over 350 ‘customers’ and on that basis we have probably served over the years something around 3500 meals in total.



So many of those who come to us – especially those who first came on their own – have found friendship and good company as they have sat and ate together over the months - and years!

Whilst many of our regulars are from both our churches in the Benefice of Walmersley Road there are also many who are from our surrounding community. It is great to see everyone – we are open to one and all!

We emphasise that there is no charge for lunch. If able, a donation towards cost is very welcome and gratefully received. To date the donations have always covered our food costs and also enabled us to make regular donations (£708 in 2024) to Christ Church for the use of the hall facilities.

The donations have also enabled us to make onward donations to outside charities. In 2024 we were able to support Tearfund (£139), Guide Dogs for the Blind (£199) and Bury Hospice (£206).

None of this would be possible without the support and effort by the regular team who prepare and serve the meals each month. We call ourselves ‘The Thursday Lunch Crew’. Spending time together we have become just that – a crew who work together and have grown together in Christian fellowship. So a special thank you to each of them – Claire, Margery, Denise, Christine, Joan, Bob – and also to our occasional helpers.

We especially thank all of you who come and join us every month. All of you who come and eat and socialise on the third Thursday of each month. We love to see you. We love the chat, the banter and the fellowship.

So if you have not yet come to lunch with us then do come and give us a try. You will find not only a hearty midday light lunch but also a hearty welcome from the team and fellow 'lunchers' alike – we are a very friendly bunch!!

Lunch is served from 12 noon till 1pm at Christ Church hall – next on Thursday February 19th.

Nigel & Barbara Silvester

Just what is Sunday @ Seven?

I wonder if you are one of those who sometimes might ask yourself this question? You may have seen it mentioned on the church weekly news sheet or in this monthly magazine. If so, have you been tempted to ask someone the question – What is it? What goes on at seven o'clock on the last Sunday evening of the month? Perhaps I should find out for myself?

Let me help answer the question -

It is an act of worship. We – currently around twenty or so of us - come together to sing hymns and songs; to pray; to reflect on being followers of Jesus and what it means for our day to day lives.

So, much like a normal church service, then; evening worship?

Well, yes, and no.

Unsurprisingly it all starts at 7pm – and lasts about an hour. There is an order of service – projected on screen – or in paper form if you prefer.

The theme is different each month. Sometimes related to where we are in the church year; sometimes not – various topics come up. February's theme is "Back to the Start" when we shall be reflecting on how/when/where did our faith journey with Jesus begin.

Sometimes we have a drama-sketch to illustrate a point; and poems for the same reason.

There are moments of laughter; smiles; along with thoughtfulness and more serious thinking.

The worship is led by a team of lay people, though clergy have been known to join in at times- in fact anyone can join in!

We like to think it is a much more relaxed, more informal, more easy going style of worship.

Tea/coffee/ biscuits are on offer throughout.

There is always an opportunity to have your say if you wish; to chat with those near you; or you can just sit and join in as you feel you want to.

We currently meet in turn at three venues - in the church hall at Christ Church; the Barritt Room at St John with St Mark hall; and at the Salvation Army in Brookshaw Street.

So why not come and give it a try for yourself. If you don't like to go out in the dark evenings wait until after March when the evenings will become lighter. Or you can always join us direct from your home via Zoom. Whenever you do come, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Nigel Silvester



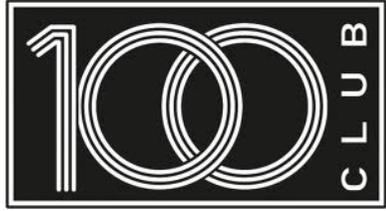
**I have given God a million reasons not to love me.
None of them changed his mind.**

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

DECEMBER 2024 WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – (36) Marie Nuttall

2nd Prize £10.00 – (10) Ruth Keir



CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS

John Brennan (96) & Vicki Wild (9) – both £25.00

JANUARY 2025 WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – (7) Audrey Sadler

2nd Prize £10.00 – (25) Judith Kelly

Congratulations to all

SHOEBOXES



Thank you to everyone who provided shoeboxes or items for the boxes in the 2024 appeal.

50 boxes were sent off to the Topping Fold community residents association to be distributed at Christmas.

Kelly Watson
(St John with St Mark Scout Group)

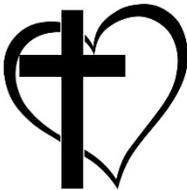
Quiet Moments for February

For Candlemas on 2nd February

We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light,
the fragrance and warmth it creates.
But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame.
Without the wax, the source of power,
the wick will not burn.
Without the flame, there will be no fragrance,
no warmth, no light.
And so with us, Lord.
You are the catalyst that ignites us,
and the fuel that sustains us.
You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives.
You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts,
to be the fragrance, warmth,
and light of your love, in this dark world.



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A Prayer for God's love

Bless us with Love, O Merciful God;
That we may Love as you Love!
That we may show patience, tolerance,
Kindness, caring and love to all!
Give me knowledge; O giver of Knowledge,
That I may be one with my Universe and Mother Earth!
O Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us;
That we may help all fellow souls in need!
Bless us with your Love O God.
Bless us with your Love.

Author Unknown - from xavier.edu

A prayer following the recent cold spell we experienced last month and as we continue with the rest of the winter season:



From an infinity of stars, and boundless galaxies, you wrapped in light and power, Heavenly Father, are our refuge. As winter storms test us with their icy chill and foggy uncertainty, so do the trials of life. Yet we lean on Your Word from Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." Grant us strength to persevere in these testing times, grant us hope to see beyond the storm. Infuse our hearts with a resilient winter spirit; one that sustains against any struggle or trouble. Amen.

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February 20th is World Day of Social Justice and a prayer to live at peace:

Heavenly Father, thank You for continuing to teach me Your ways that I may become more and more like You.

You are a righteous God and You take no pleasure in evil doing. Thank You for showing me that we can unite together as a people and be of one accord. You are the one who judges and sits on the throne and instructs us to not repay evil for evil but instead live at peace with everyone for it is Yours to avenge. Thank You for Your Son whom You sent to experience everything we would experience in this life yet without sin.

Help us to become more like Him in everything we do and say. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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How lovely is your dwelling-place

Psalm 84 is a favourite.

The psalmist finds peace in God's house – the Temple. He finds God's presence there, but he also sees God's presence in the people, singing God's praise. It seems that the writer of this psalm was prevented from entering the Temple but would very much like to (verse 2). It may be that it is because it was written at the time when an enemy was attacking the Jews, at the time when Hezekiah was king in 2 Kings 18 and the Assyrian king, Sennacherib, attacked Judah and prevented worship in the Temple.



The birds building nests suggests that they are not at risk from being disturbed because people are not able to enter the Temple (verse 3). Pilgrims from far and wide would normally be heading towards the Temple along the 'highways to Zion' (verse 5). The Valley of Baca was known as being an arid valley leading to Jerusalem (Zion).

The idea expressed in verse seven of 'appearing before God' suggests a fairly ancient view of meeting God face to face, which is theologically impossible. From verse eight the element of prayer comes across more strongly, and God is asked to hear and to bless the anointed one – that is, the king. As Zion is the lifeblood of the land, so the king is the lifeblood of his people, and has an important role in the life of the temple.

Being a 'door-keeper' at the temple (v10) was a privileged job. The 'tents of wickedness' was a phrase describing those people who would rather do things God would not approve of than visit the Temple. God is a God of justice, rewarding those who have trust in him.

Alan Thew

Here is the psalm as a translation from the NIV Bible (Anglicised).

1. How lovely is your dwelling – place,
O Lord almighty.
2. My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
3. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar,
O lord Almighty, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
they are ever praising you.
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
6. As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
7. They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
8. Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty.
Listen to me, O God of Jacob.
9. Look upon our shield, O God,
look with favour on your anointed one.
10. Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield.
The Lord bestows favour and honour,
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
12. O Lord Almighty blessed is the man who trusts in you.

In December members and friends enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at Park Farm where we were extremely well looked after, in addition to being well fed. We enjoyed the fellowship and even met up with other friends who were dining there.

We declined to meet on New Year's Day as we felt people may have other plans! So our first meeting of 2025 was in mid January during a very cold spell of weather. Well done to those who braved it and joined us. For our worship we decided to use the monthly prayers "A Moment with God" which are created by a team in Manchester Diocese and some very willing people who record readings and prayers. It usually lasts around 20 minutes and the recordings are available on Manchester Mothers' Union YouTube channel for anyone who would like to watch them. The one we used, unsurprisingly, focussed on the Epiphany.

We then had something of a Buzz meeting – sharing information about MU projects locally, subscriptions for 2025, and our angel project – before a drink and the opportunity to 'eat up' after Christmas with fruit cake and mince pies (both of which were delicious).

In February we shall still meet in the afternoons. All are welcome, in the Church Hall at 2pm, usually for about an hour and a half which will always include a drink and biscuits or cake.

5th February's meeting is entitled "We were so much younger then" – an opportunity to reminisce perhaps?

On 19th February we shall hold our Annual General Meeting (which is never too onerous) before relaxing with a Beetle Drive. Come along, see what is happening and have fun.

Barbara Taylor
Branch Secretary



Open Group

Thank you to everybody who attended our Christmas get together on Wednesday 11th December in the Barritt Room. There were only a small number of us but we enjoyed fellowship and company in an informal setting.

We had a look back at the year gone and decided that our scarecrow success had been extremely worthwhile.

Thanks to Margaret Duckworth for providing the food and service for the evening and for June with her homemade trifle.

There was a Christmas themed quiz organised, which may not have been as straightforward as hoped, but congratulations to Joan Pearson for gaining the highest score.

We ended the evening with Pam Ayres poetry, recited by Audrey Sadler, before a closing service of night prayer.

The next Open Group meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March and Reverend Paul Sanderson will lead a Lenten themed evening. Anybody is welcome to this first meeting of 2025, so please come along to the Barritt Room at 7.30pm. I am in the process of putting a more advanced programme together for the year and will advise further.

On 9th January, we heard the news that Betty Roe had sadly died. Betty was one of the key leaders of this group for many years and we give thanks for everything she did. Betty will be missed by the group and the wider congregation.

David Robinson

St. Valentine

As 14th February is the feast of St. Valentine the following verse from Romans chapter 12 (verse 10) seems appropriate:

"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour".

Men of the Benefice



In what was probably the best turned out MOB ever, gents and ladies met at the Hark to Dandler on Saturday 7th December for an end of year breakfast. Not far short of 30 arrived to pots of hot coffee and tea, quite welcoming on what was a cold December morning, and a full English breakfast was then served, complete with mountains of toast.

It was good to see so many people, regulars and many newcomers, enjoy fellowship before heading off to whatever else we had lined up for a busy Saturday. The staff at the Hark to Dandler did a fantastic job of cooking and serving at what was an unusually early opening time for them, so a huge thank you to them and also Barry Evans for organising the event.

The MOB were expected to meet on 27th January and then again on Monday 24th February at 8.00pm, venue to be confirmed.

David Robinson

JAM Group

It was suggested at the Sunday service at St. John with St. Mark on 19th January that some of the prayers which the children say to us at the end of the service could be included in the magazine, to complement the Quiet Moments pages. These prayers are not written by the children, but form part of the Searchlights activity booklets, which follow the theme for the week. The prayers are intended to help the youngsters focus on the activity for the day and are meant to be friendly and suitable. Here is one that was read by Connie on the second Sunday of Epiphany, when we were looking at some of Jesus' miracles:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the wonderful miracles for they show you are God, and that you want the sad to be happy and the empty be filled. Amen.

Candlewax



The soldiers on the front line in Ukraine are very grateful for any unwanted candles, part used or just bits of candle wax. They use the wax for their heating and cooking. For cooking they use a large coffee/bean tin, roll up some corrugated card for the centre and put wax around the outside. Please bring the wax to church and give it to Jill Smith at Christ Church or David Robinson at St. John with St Mark's.

Jill takes the wax to the Rochdale Ukrainian Club who send it on with other items that are for an orphanage and old people's home they support. It also saddens me to see they send donated walking aids and wheeled items for the wounded.

War is a terrible thing.

Thank you,
Gillian Smith

Used postage stamps



David Peters sends a big thank you to all who continue to put used stamps in the box at Christ Church, despite the fact that it is now 2½ years since he and Margaret left us.

He is grateful to those from here and also from his old Bridge Club who from time to time post these to him. David now has the two churches he and Margaret attend in Alconbury also collecting.

It is so good to hear that something so easily thrown away can make a difference when lots of people are involved.



**LUNAR NEW YEAR
Dinner**

Tea &
soft drinks
BYOB

Tickets from
07875 376174

Saturday, 1 February
6.30 for 7 pm
£10 to Church Funds

Christ Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

Belinda and Paul from the Christ Church congregation, with their friends, have offered to prepare a meal for us, to celebrate the New Year.

Tickets are limited to 40 so it really is 'first come, first served'!
We thank them for their generosity in sponsoring this social event.

THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCH



Come and join us
on the third Thursday of every month
for a light lunch.

A chance to enjoy a chat
in the company of friends.

Lunch is served 12 noon – 1pm.

Christ Church Walmersley Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

There is no charge – though, if you can
a donation toward costs would be appreciated.

Any profit will go to charity or church funds.

It would be great to see you!

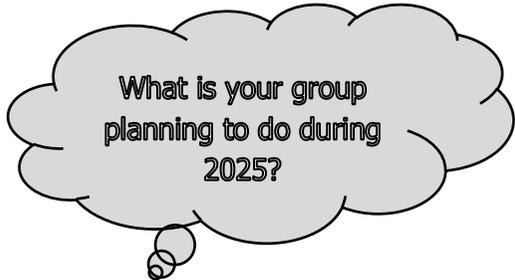
So come along on 20 February, 20 March and 17 April

Let everyone know what is
happening in your group.
'Everyone' includes not just
our congregations but also
the people in our
community.

Advertise beforehand if you
need help, or support, if you would like people to get involved in any
way.

Write about it afterwards, so everyone knows what a good time was
had, how much members managed to achieve, or how many were
reached.

We have this magazine but we also have two websites, plus profiles on
Facebook, X and Instagram. Please use them – you don't need to be
'tech savvy' as there are others willing to do that bit. But only if you
supply the information in the first place. Please bear it in mind in 2025.



REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday			
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
Wednesday			
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
Thursday			
12.30 p.m.	The Gathering		Zoom
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd – Compline)		St John w St Mark
Other services as announced.			
Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

St John with St Mark's Church has Fairtrade status



We are members of Manchester's Transforming Prayer Community

Personal details have been removed in our online edition for data protection purposes.

Please contact us through our websites or social media accounts and we will ensure your message reaches the correct person.

Whilst the Vicar is unwell enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made to the Wardens through our websites or at the parish office which has re-opened each Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 7.00pm at St. John with St. Mark's Hall.

Lots more info on our websites: <https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>

<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com>

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FOR YOUR FEBRUARY DIARY

Sat 1	6.30pm	Lunar New Year Dinner (CCW Hall)
Sun 2		Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 5	2.00pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sat 8	9.00am	Growing Younger Conference (Bury Church School)
Sun 9		4th before Lent
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Sun 16		3rd before Lent
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Mon 17	7.30pm	PCC (CC Hall)
Wed 19	2.00pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 20	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 23		2nd before Lent
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Salvation Army)
Mon 24	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – venue TBC

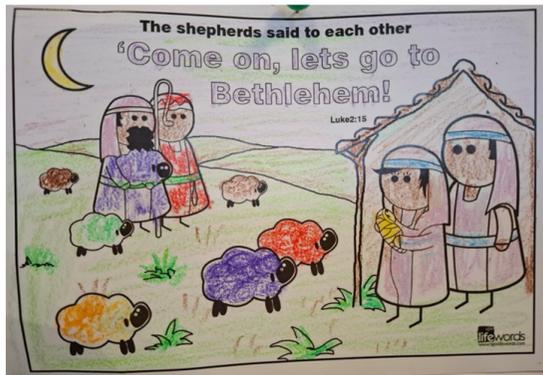
Be the reason someone feels welcome,
seen, heard, valued, loved and supported.



Christmas 2024

Meet the Cast

Sadly not many came along to this service but those who did seemed to have fun! We sang, we listened, we ate stollen and lebucken biscuits; we coloured, we decorated biscuits and were reminded of those who are part of the nativity story - even Herod!



around our churches





Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

February 23rd

**Salvation Army
Brookshaw Street**

Back to the Start

Recalling that moment of our first encounter with Jesus. Hearing him calling. How/when/where did our faith journey with Jesus begin?

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.