

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



July / August 2025

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHY 2 MILLION BRITS ARE TRYING CHURCH AGAIN – AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

Church attendance in the UK has jumped by 50% in the last six years. Around 2 million people have tried going recently (YouGov, 2025). Curious why? Here are six eye-opening reasons people are giving church another go – and maybe why you should too.

Satisfaction



71% of churchgoers say they're happy with their life right now, and 75% feel

their life has real meaning

Young women feel less anxious or depressed

Exploration

It's where people ask the big stuff



Church is a space to explore life's biggest questions

Connection

It's not about the building – it's about belonging



60%+ of young churchgoers feel close to their community

It's full of diverse, supportive people

Participation

You get to be part of something bigger



Churchgoers are more likely to volunteer, support charities, and give to food banks

Reflection

It gives you space to breathe

Life moves fast... but church invites

you to pause, think, and be still



Celebration

It's actually a celebration

Sunday worship and singing celebrate Jesus' resurrection, forgiveness, and eternal life



Dear friends,

Welcome to our Summer issue of the magazine. I suppose this could be regarded as one of the most difficult to write an editorial for, as we have little in the way of 'season' in our Church life and much 'ordinary time'. It is sometimes also harder to find material for our magazine as some of our Church activities and groups will likely close over these weeks as people take a holiday and organisations close.

There was a time, and possibly this still happens, when our Church services could be slightly shorter in August in that we may omit a reading or leave out the Nicene Creed as examples. Although there may be a practical reason for this, I always felt it strange because whilst the Church may be on a holiday during August, God is not, and is with us like he is the other 11 months of the year. One way in which he is with us is through the act of prayer. Prayer has been a focus for us over the last few weeks in a variety of ways. We have reflected during the period of Thy Kingdom Come, joined Churches Together friends for Prayer in the Park and the Transforming Prayer Community continues to provide helpful resources. This year also sees the 1700th anniversary of the original Nicene Creed (*more details in the magazine*) and this may also give us an opportunity to reflect in a prayerful way.

During the recent season of Thy Kingdom Come, the focus was on the Lord's Prayer, familiar words which unite us all (*again, more in the magazine*).

I was drawn to the first word of the prayer – 'Our'. Not 'Your' or 'My' but 'Our'. This is the relationship we all share as a larger family of Christian brothers and sisters. We say 'Our' because it puts us alongside each other wherever we are in the world and at whatever time of the year.





As you read this article, there will be many people across the globe reciting the words of the Lord's Prayer, and as you maybe say this prayer yourself, you will be joining with many unknowns at the same time.

Whilst we may take a break from our activities over the next few weeks, go our separate ways or worship elsewhere, then the one thing we can all do together is pray. There are various ways to do this and there are many resources available to help you. Or you may just be able to find time to yourself in quiet contemplation without the need for words or structure. The point is, that even if we are not together in person over the coming weeks, we are all still united by 'Our Father' and the shared love he has for us all.

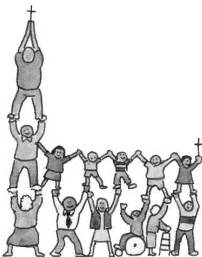
Whether you are having a holiday this summer, a break from a group, or continuing your regular activities, please spend some time in prayer, remembering that by doing so you are not alone.

To quote Acts 1.14 *"They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer"*.

I wish everybody across the Benefice a peaceful and restful summer.

Yours in Christ,
David Robinson

JOINT SERVICE



August 31
10.30 am

Another opportunity to worship as a united benefice, as we share Holy Communion, this time at Christ Church

There will also be a 9 am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Jun 16 Margaret Noble

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

May 12 Ivy Siddall

May 28 Rhona Forrester-Kitteridge

Jun 7 Laura Clarke



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



Bury Muslim Christian Forum

The next meeting of the Forum is
on Wednesday 16th July
at 7.30pm
when the topic for discussion will be

"Marriage in both the Christian and Muslim Faith".

The venue has yet to be decided but please contact Jill Smith
if you would like more information.

*"And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone;
I will make him a helper comparable to him.'"*

Genesis 2: 18



BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY/AUGUST

Jul 6	3rd Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6 (1-6) 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Jul 13	4th Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
Jul 20	5th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 18: 1-10a	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-42
Jul 27	6th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 18: 20-32	Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)	Luke 11: 1-13
Aug 3	7th Sunday after Trinity	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
Aug 10	8th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 15: 1-6	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
Aug 17	9th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 23: 23-29	Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2	Luke 12: 49-56
Aug 24	10th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 58: 9b-14	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
Aug 31	11th Sunday after Trinity	Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25: 6-7	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sep 7	11th Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:105

- * Reverend Keith Trivasse has written an article on disability based on the report 'Living in Love and Faith'. This is a thought-provoking piece and is available on the St. John with St. Mark website. Keith has also produced paper copies, which you can ask Keith for if you would like one. Please have a look, as it is an informative article. THE BODY'S REVENGE – St John & St Mark Church Bury
- * A community clean-up will take place around the Café area of Clarence Park on Thursday 10 July as part of Bury's LETS do it challenge. All welcome, but for more information please e-mail Steven Greason, the event leader at steven.greason@personasupport.org
- * Pray for Growth: a monthly gathering in St John's House 10am-11am to pray for growth in our Deanery of Bury and Rossendale. More information from Ima at imalomax@manchester.anglican.org
The next date is 17 July.
- * Please support our schools this month – by coming to church they are able to welcome parents, carers, and us in addition to the children and it means so much to them to see many of us there.
- * Please join us at 2.30pm on Friday, 18 July at the Priory Highbank Centre, for SUMMER PRAISE with residents, staff and visitors.
- * The Confirmation Service for Bury Mission Community this year will be held at Christ Church at 3pm on Sunday, 21st September. Please speak to one of the Wardens if you would like to explore taking this step on your faith journey.
- * 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.
- * Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to wrub@live.co.uk or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the September issue will be 14th August.

**Summary of a meeting of Christ Church Walmersley PCC
on 10th June 2025**

1. The meeting opened with prayers.
2. The Lay Chair outlined her thoughts on furthering the mission of the Church in the Parish, saying that there was a need to be even more pro-active however small the steps taken may be.

Committees, now being reformed following the APCM, were encouraged as always to co-opt, in order to draw in untapped talent.

3. The minutes of the meetings of the 14th April and 18th May (following the APCM) were approved by the PCC.
4. The list of sidespersons for the coming year was ratified by the PCC.
Sidespersons for the year are: Paul Chan, Geoff Hamilton, Pamela Hoyle, Amy Paterson, Ian Riddick and Kathleen Whipp
5. The Treasurer reported on the current state of finances and agreement was passed for changes to the signatories on the bank mandate.
6. A discussion followed the 'Growing Younger' report, focusing on how ideas might be implemented in our Parish.
7. The PCC approved repairs to be carried out on the Church Hall roof.
8. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 29 July.
9. The meeting closed at 9.18pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Summary of St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 19 June 2025

- Ian provided an update on the clergy rota, which has been filled to the end of October. There are Baptisms and weddings also booked in and clergy cover has also been organised. Harvest will take place on Sunday 12th October.
- There was an update on Mission Community activities. A quiz night in our hall is provisionally booked in for Friday 19th September, however it is felt we need to know if other Churches are willing to be involved in the organising.
- Still awaiting the Quinquennial inspection report.
- A ramp between the nave and chancel has now been purchased and paid for by an anonymous donation. The idea is to make access easier for those with limited mobility to receive communion or potential other reasons for access to the chancel. Keith Trivasse has already tested the ramp.
- The Eden Singers have confirmed they will put on a concert of 'songs from the shows' on Saturday 13th September in the Church. The cost of the tickets will be £7 including refreshments. All funds will go to The Christie Charity.
- Fire extinguishers have now been serviced at a cost of £305; Summer Fair raised £1110; Christies stalls at recent coffee mornings have raised £296 for the charity. It was commented that coffee mornings are now raising a good amount of money compared to previous years.
- Rosemarie and Margaret have continued to do some jobs in the garden areas. There has also been some weeding and moss killing done in key areas.
- All health safety issues are currently up to date.
- A coffee morning has been booked for Saturday 2nd August. This was previously scheduled for July.
- Next PCC meeting is Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm.



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

- Jul 6 Mrs C. Standring & Family, in memory of Alan
- Jul 13 Vacant
- Jul 20 In memory of Joe and Gladys Crowley & Hettie and Hector Ives
- Jul 27 Mr & Mrs Spencer, in memory of family
- Aug 3 In memory of Crissie Crow, from the family
- Aug 10 In memory of Mary and Norman Leake
- Aug 17 Barbara Taylor in memory of her brother Andrew
- Aug 24 Mr & Mrs Riddick, in memory of their parents
- Aug 31 In memory of Emily Nuttall

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).

Did you appreciate this?

**CHURCHES IN THE UK
PROVIDE HALF
THE TODDLER
AND PARENT GROUPS,
THE BIGGEST NETWORK
OF DEBT COUNSELLORS
& WILL FEED 100,000
HUNGRY PEOPLE THIS YEAR.**

Churches Together Toy Appeal



The need for help to organise this appeal was mentioned in June's magazine. We now have more detail of the requirements and would like to have some willing volunteers by our meeting on 21 July.

If YOU could be involved in this please speak to David Robinson or

Barbara Taylor as soon as possible. This is such a worthwhile initiative making a huge difference to so many people in Bury. Last year over 400 children in more than 250 families benefitted.

Requests from and distribution to the families will be the responsibility of schools, family workers, social workers, support workers, GP's and others who work directly with vulnerable families in our town.

Here in Churches Together we are looking for:

2-3 people who liase between with the churches, send a standard letter to those in the database and receive the requests, which they will divide across the churches involved, so that none has too great a work load. If necessary they arrange for a redistribution of presents between churches.

3-4 churches who will have storage space, which should be available 1st November until the second week of December.

1-2 persons within these 3-4 churches capable of organising the collection, storage and then sorting of the presents. These people will be the contact persons for those people mentioned above. They will organise the dates and times when the presents will be sorted in bags per family and worker. They will also organise that the churches are open for workers to collect the bags at the set day/time.

Multiple volunteers within these 3-4 churches as well as others, who will help, under the leadership of the contact persons in each church (and at set days/times) to organise the bags.

Where could you fit in, please? Let us know.



CAP Debt Centre

The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre serving Bury has been open for 6 years, with almost 150 people requesting help. The Centre is supported by many churches of various denominations, with Bury Churches Together giving great support. The work is overseen by the local charity, The Bury Project, and I as the Debt Centre Manager am accountable to their trustees and the Churches Together network.

We continue to see a steady stream of people becoming debt free. Only last week a client became debt-free, having around £35,000 of debt cleared through a form of insolvency. Due to his circumstances constantly changing, and the need to protect his identity by obtaining a court order, the work took over 17 months. This illustrates that helping people who are in debt is not a straightforward and simple task. Resilience and commitment is required to accompany our clients, on what is often a roller-coaster emotional ride. Often there is a great outcome, although sometimes for one reason or another, our clients don't complete the journey. Currently we are working on 23 cases.

The Bury Project is wanting to recruit another Debt Coach, and invites expressions of interest from people who would like to explore whether debt coaching is for them. It is essential that the person who is recruited is a Christian, and a member of a supportive church, ideally within the borough of Bury. Someone said that a CAP Debt Coach needs to have a 'soft heart, a clear head, and a thick skin', underpinned by a strong motivation to engage in sharing Jesus with people who don't know him. If you know anyone like this who you think might be suitable, please ask them to contact me for more information. The closing date for applications is 18 August.

Gordon Clark
gordonclark@capuk.org

Report to the recent meeting of Churches Together in Bury

All Creatures Great and Small



This summer the Church of England is celebrating all creatures great and small. We are invited to share photos, either at cofe.io/GreatAndSmall or by sharing within our

churches (wrub@live.co.uk) or on our own social media platforms. We shall then make sure that from 21 July they are shared with the wider world.

So, whether it is a snapshot of some local wildlife, pets who have paid the church a visit, or depictions in stained glass, paintings or carvings, please share.

You'll find this easy!

A Church of England survey conducted with 2,035 adults asked them to match seven famous lines with their source. Why not have a go (the answers are given) – then turn the page to find the survey results.

The famous lines from film, literature and history were:

"To be, or not to be"

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

"Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few."

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

"Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us."

"May the Force be with you"

"Give us this day our daily bread".

The answers at random are:

Gerry and the Pacemakers, 'Hamlet' by Shakespeare, the Lord's Prayer, Star Wars, the National Anthem, a 1940 Commons speech by Winston Churchill, 'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens.

In the survey, the Lord's Prayer came out on top as the most recognisable line, with 80.3% correctly identifying the line.

Just below this was the phrase, "May the Force be with you" , from the Star Wars films, recognised by 79.9%.

Shakespeare came out well from the research as well, with 73% correctly identifying the line, "To be, or not to be" with the play Hamlet.

63% are familiar with the national anthem.

61% correctly identified Winston Churchill's line about "the few" and the Battle of Britain.

Another 58 per cent recognised "You'll Never Walk Alone", a song that is especially popular with Liverpool fans.

Charles Dickens did less well, with only 39% knowing the opening lines of A Tale of Two Cities.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said, "In a world of shifting cultures and changing circumstances, the Lord's Prayer remains a steady guide - perhaps never more so than now.

"Lines like 'Give us this day our daily bread' speak powerfully to today's challenges, reminding us to seek sufficiency, not excess, and to consider what 'enough' truly means."

The Lord's Prayer was originally written in Greek

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
γεννηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς·
τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δός ἡμῖν σήμερον·
καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,
ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·
καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,
ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.



The Nicene Creed is a summary of core Christian beliefs regularly used in worship. It originally dates from the year 325 when it was agreed by the First Council of Nicaea. Part of the purpose of developing the creed was to give expression to the understanding of God as Trinity. This means that Christians believe in one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since 325, the creed has been modified, expanding particularly on the description of the Holy Spirit. Some of these modifications were not accepted by all churches and remain a point of disagreement between western and eastern churches.

The Nicene Creed is nevertheless the most widely accepted creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries.

Thus 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the original development of the Nicene Creed. Resources have been produced by the Church of England. An app, based on the 24 lines of the creed over a period of 24 days, you could well have missed (*because details were very late being published, so it was difficult to highlight them!*). However, there are resources we could use – probably in a small group(s) over 4 or 5 sessions.

Is this something which would be of interest to you? Perhaps we could get together in September? Let a Warden know if you are interested.

The earliest Christians realised that Jesus was divine and that the Holy Spirit was Christ's promised gift from the Father. How do *we* regard the 'affirmation of faith' which is part of almost all our services?

Taken from churchofengland.org

Quiet Moments for July

At Sunday @ Seven in June we focused on the rest we find in God. As the holiday season begins, here is another prayer:

Lord, thank you that I can come to you when I'm worn out and overburdened. I lay all my worries and frustrations at Your feet, refusing to pick them back up. When it seems nothing is changing, I choose to believe that You are at work on my behalf. I rest in Your love and Your ability to take care of me. In Jesus' name, Amen!

*I will
give you
rest*

MATTHEW 11:28

Flourishingtoday.com

St. Swithun's Day is on 15th July, and is associated with rainy days. A prayer for those who may be affected by a shortage of rain:



Heavenly Father, we pray for our farmers who dedicate their lives to feeding the world. As they plant seeds in faith, we ask that You bless them with rain at the right time. May the crops grow abundantly and sustain families and communities. Grant our farmers wisdom to manage their resources and protect them from challenges. May their efforts bring forth harvests that glorify Your name and provide for those in need. Thank You for Your provision and care for our land. Amen.

Prayerlit.com

We may spend more time with family over the coming weeks:

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this sacred bond of family, we come to you with grateful hearts. We ask for your blessings to strengthen our familial ties.

Grant us the wisdom to cherish each moment together, the patience to navigate our differences, and the love to nurture one another's spirits. May our

home be a sanctuary of togetherness, where love and laughter abound.

Thank you for the precious gift of family. Amen.



strengtheninprayer.com

A reminder that we still need to offer a much-needed prayer for peace in the world:



Heavenly Father, we pray for harmony and hope to be restored in our world. We ask for peace to replace discord, and for unity to overcome division. May people of all nations come together in the pursuit of a more peaceful and just world. Lord, we believe in

the power of collective prayer. As we join our hearts in seeking world peace, we ask for Your guidance and wisdom. May our combined prayers bring comfort to those affected by violence and inspire change in the hearts of leaders. Amen

prayerslife.com

We spent a delightful evening led by Paul Sanderson as we (virtually) crossed the north of England, passing through not just one but three National Parks. Lovely photos from Paul's several walks from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay, following the guidance of Alfred Wainwright.

The first meeting in June fell during the days of Thy Kingdom Come. "Nigel and Barbara presented a Sunday @ Seven style worship with familiar songs, including Walk in the Light and Give me Joy in my Heart, with a couple of scripture readings. Using the Thy Kingdom Come theme, there was a particular focus on Fruits of the Spirit, which included a dramatic interlude. We were asked to pray silently for people known to us who had not yet found Christ, that they would come to love and experience him in their lives. It was a lovely opportunity to share in this act of worship." (*My thanks to David Robinson for this summary*)

Judith Barlass led us through her journey of exploration in the world of quilting, fascinating us with all the different ways in which quilts (and table runners, etc) may be designed and stitched. Throughout, she pulled example after example from her bags and casually tossed the most amazing quilts over the tables. Halfway through I realised I really should have had a camera at the ready to share just a few with you.

Looking ahead this summer:

(meetings are at 7.30pm in the Hall except where stated otherwise)

* On July 2 we shall doubtless have a fun-filled evening as we prepare our scarecrow for this year's festival.

* We are invited, as always, to join members from across Manchester for a Diocesan Eucharist at St George's Mossley, followed by tea. If you are interested in coming on July 10, for 2pm, please have a word with me about transport.

* The Annual Deanery Get-Together for Bury and Rossendale will take place at St James' Woolfold at 2pm on Saturday, 12 July, cost £2. All are welcome.

* On Wednesday 16th July we plan to have lunch, along with family and friends, at Falshaws. Names should have been given to Denise Booth by now.

* Please ensure that the Provincial Commissioning Service in York Minster on 25th July is in your diary. There may still be an opportunity to come on the coach from St John's House, or make your own way there, or please simply pray for Christine Sharp on this day.

* Our first meeting in August falls on the Feast of the Transfiguration (6th) and we welcome Revd Robert Airey to preside at Holy Communion.

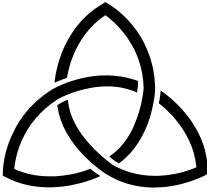
* The Archdeaconry Festival will be held at St Peter, Swinton on Saturday, 9 August (Mary Sumner Day) at 3pm

* We are holding a fundraising Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 12th August. Tickets are on sale (from Nigel Silvester) and all are welcome. The proceeds from this are for the Angel Project. Last year we had over 400 books "Meet the Cast" to give to children along with the angels and this year we need another 360 for the children of St John with St Mark's School. The books are produced by the charity 'Lifewords' so it is important that we acknowledge their generosity with a donation.

Our meeting on 20th August is entitled "Did we know that?" There is so much happening in the name of Mothers' Union, around the corner and around the world, that we often miss hearing about it.

You are welcome at our meetings, whether or not you are a member of Mothers' Union, so do please "Join us and Join in" as our current theme encourages.

Barbara Taylor,
Branch Secretary



Open Group

We did not have a speaker for our meeting on 11th June, and as it also coincided with the Archdeacon's Visitation, I thought we would have a summer get together with chat and a couple of quizzes. There was a picture quiz which gave a small piece of 30 of the top 50 most popular brands. I'm not sure that it would cause people to look in more detail the next time they do their shopping, but it was interesting to see what we did and didn't know from our regular shop!

At the start of the meeting, Nigel came along to say a few words about the Open Group on 9th July. This will be entitled 'we were so much younger then' and is an opportunity to share memories of our younger days. As part of this, you are invited to bring along some memorabilia or share a story or two. Alternatively, you may just come along and listen to others' tales of the past at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th July in the Barritt Room.

I have also booked Jim Metcalf, who has previously given us talks on Community Action Nepal and cycling holidays. Jim will give us a further talk either in August or September. I will confirm when I have the date. It is also hoped to produce a 'sporty scarecrow' and the charity shops have already been raided for suitable clothing. Hopefully see you during the summer, one way or the other.

David Robinson

Men of the Benefice

We will continue to publish our meetings for the summer on the weekly sheets. At the moment these should be Mondays 30th June and 28th July, presumably at 8.00pm at Hark to Dandler. August 25th is Bank Holiday, but that may not stop us!



David Robinson



Our theme on 8th June was Pentecost and we designed some pictures of lit candles, with the particular focus on the flame, which reminds us of the holy fire which came to the disciples on the day of Pentecost. It made us think about how that flame works in us today and those close to us, and these two prayers may help.

"Dear Father, we pray that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, just as the disciples were on the day of Pentecost. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen"

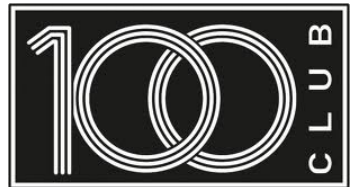
"Come Holy Spirit of God. In your power let your wind renew us. Let your fire change us. Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your presence. Amen"

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

JUNE 2025 WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – Rosemarie Ashworth

2nd Prize £10.00 – Clair Smith



Congratulations to both

This was our last draw and we will start again in July.

If you wish to keep your number it will be £15.00 for the year through to June 2026, alternatively you can change your number for one of our spare ones and you can also purchase more numbers as we have some not taken. Either Joan Wild or Kelly Watson will collect your contribution for 2025/2026. We gave a donation of £340.00 to church funds this year, which will help in some small way with running costs. New members are always welcome just let us know if you want to join.

Quiet Moments for August

*A prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration, on 6 August.
An event which is recorded in all three synoptic gospels:
Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–13, Luke 9:28–36*

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity,
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayerist.com



On 9 August the lectionary remembers Mary Sumner, who in 1876 founded Mothers' Union. I make no apology for repeating her personal prayer – it is one many people find useful every day.

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.

MothersUnion.org

At this time many await results of exams, maybe with confidence, with hope, with despair. We pray with them:

Dear Lord, we come before You with grateful hearts, celebrating the achievements You have blessed us with. May we find joy in our successes, big and small, and recognise Your hand in every accomplishment.

Grant us the strength to face the challenges that life presents, finding courage in our struggles and resilience in our hearts, trusting that with You by our side, we can overcome any obstacle.

Help us to trust in Your plan and to embrace the journey ahead with faith and courage.

Amen.

All too often we are concerned with the problems in our lives and fail to recognise all the good things we receive from our heavenly Father.

This week, Lord, help us to:

Count our blessings instead of our crosses;

Count our gains instead of our losses.

Count our joys instead of our woes;

Count our friends instead of our foes.

Count our smiles instead of our tears;

Count our courage instead of our fears.

Count our full years instead of our lean;

Count our kind deeds instead of our mean.

Count our health instead of our wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

Amen

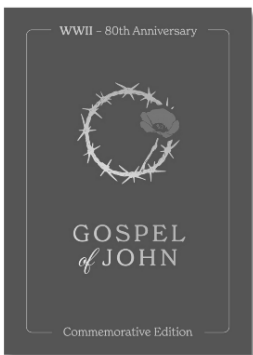


Anonymous

In May, at the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we reminisced about life in Bury around 1945. It was a day to share memories and to enjoy fellowship. At the same time, we were very conscious that while many had celebrated victory in Europe, the war was continuing. 15 August this year will mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and on 2 September one of the deadliest conflicts finally ended.

Each November we read in our churches the names of those from these parishes who did not return, and we pray for those left behind and for those who did return but for whom life was never as before.

During World War II, British service men and women were given a bible or gospel to take into conflict. Many of these included a message from King George VI, encouraging them to turn to these words for inspiration and comfort.



This year Hope Together (a charity that hopes everyone, everywhere, will know Jesus) has produced, in partnership with Biblica and the Naval & Military Bible Society, a commemorative edition of the Gospel of John. This edition also features four stories of Christians whose faith guided them through the challenging years and events of WWII, a prayer for peace, and an invitation to follow Christ.

So, if you know of someone who would appreciate a copy of this gospel please ask. They are available in both our churches. We have 10 copies to give away but could buy more.

We pray that by reading of the life of Jesus Christ as told by one of his closest friends, others may discover the power of the Bible.

You are invited to help support
Macmillan Cancer Support
on Saturday 5th July
in St. John with St. Mark Church Hall
from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.
Refreshments will be provided
and there will be a DJ.



For further details and to confirm attendance please contact
Alex or Stephen at sprogrigby@hotmail.com



If you are interested and would like a lift, please speak to Barbara Taylor.

A Concert

CELEBRATING
60 YEARS
AT SPRINGSIDE

Thursday, 3rd July
10 am
in Christ Church Walmersley
Please come along and support

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR



SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST
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

Bury and Rossendale Deanery Mothers' Union
Summer Afternoon



You are invited to

St James Woolfold
280 Walshaw Road
Bury
BL8 1PY

On Saturday 12th July 2pm

Join Us Join In

Tea Coffee Cakes

Raffle

Guest Speaker

A time to gather share fellowship and updates from your branches

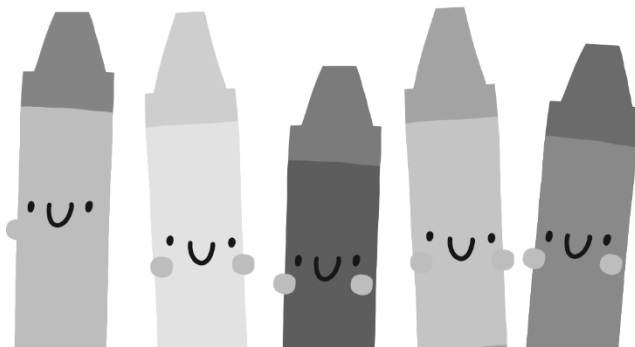
Open to All Bring a Friend

£2.00 per head



Year Six

Leavers' Service



Celebrating
their time at
Springside School

in Church
10am
Wednesday 16 July
Everyone welcome



THIRD THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCH

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

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

Lunch is served 12 noon – 1pm.

Christ Church Walmersley Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

There is no charge – though, if you can
a donation toward costs would be appreciated.
Any profit will go to charity or church funds.

It would be great to see you!

So come along on 17 July, 21 August, 18 September



Mothers' Union Archdeaconry Festival

Mary Sumner Day
Saturday 9 August at 3pm
St Peter Swinton
All are welcome

Time For

AFTERNOON TEA

*Soup, Savouries, Sandwiches,
Scones, Sponge cakes,
with tea, coffee and soft drinks*



Adults £12,
3-11s £6,
under 3s FREE

TICKETS (IN ADVANCE) FROM
07704 868 076

Numbers are
limited - get your
tickets soon!

Tuesday
12 August

3 - 5 PM

Christ Church Hall,
School Lane, BL9 5LP

In aid of Mothers' Union Angel Project
read more at CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk/Mothers-Union

All Saints Church

Presents



Parish Quiet Day



Saturday 26th July 2025 10-4

Hebburn Drive, Brandlesholme,
Bury BL8 1ED

www.allsaintsandstjames.com

The day is a mixture of more discursive/imaginative/ignatian style prayer and more non-discursive/silence-focussed prayer. It is led but only semi-structured, so you have a choice of what you can do, and the morning sessions will repeat in the afternoon so you can have another chance to try things that you missed out on in the morning. Bring your own lunch. Any enquiries to me.

Fr. Samuel Eccleston O.P. (Anglican Order of Preachers- Dominicans)

<http://www.anglicandominicans.com/>

FOR YOUR JULY DIARY

Wed 2	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 3	10.00am	Springside School 60 th Concert (CC)
Sun 6		3rd Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 9	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sat 12	2.00pm	Deanery Mothers' Union Get-Together (St James)
Sun 13		4th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 16	10.00am	Springside School Leavers' Service
	11.45am	Mothers' Union Lunch (Falshaws)
	7.30pm	Bury Muslim Christian Forum
Thu 17	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Fri 18	2.30pm	Summer Praise at The Priory (Highbank Centre)
Sun 20		5th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Mon 21	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (The Green, Clarence Pk)
Sat 26	10.00am	Quiet Day (All Saints' Elton)
Sun 27		6th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC Hall)
Mon 28	7.30pm	Bury Mission Community Leaders (tbd)
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)
Tue 29	7.30pm	PCC (CC Hall)

FOR YOUR AUGUST DIARY

Sat 2	10.00am	Coffee Morning and Book Fair (SJM)
Sun 3		7th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sat 9	3.00pm	MU Archdeaconry Festival (St Peter Swinton)
Sun 10		8th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 12	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea (CC)
Wed 13	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sun 17		9th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 21	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 24		10th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Mon 25	8.00pm	MOB (Hark to Dandler) – TBC (<i>Bank Holiday</i>)
Sun 31		11th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Joint Benefice Communion (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (Salvation Army)

Please have a think about what you need us to advertise this September.

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 the Manchester Diocese 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>

Check out Facebook	@christchurchwalmersley @stjohnstmark
X	@cofewalmersley
Instagram	cofewalmersley
and YouTube	CofE Walmersley



Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

July 27th at Christ Church Hall

All at Sea

**August 31st at the Salvation
Army, Brookshaw Street**

Amen to that

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.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL '25

Christ Church Walmersley

Theme - Sports / Activities

Please take part

as a group, family,
business,
neighbourhood,
on your own

on display throughout the
church grounds from
July 11th onwards



Contact All.CCWalmersleyBury@outlook.com
More details at CCWalmersleyBury.org.uk/Scarecrows

