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and
St John with St Mark Bury**

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September 2025



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Is your work finished?

As most of you will know, a couple of months ago I retired (early!) from my job in the graphics industry. I imagined life shifting into a gentler pace. I'd get up a bit later, walk the dog more, watch a bit of day-time telly, have a snooze after lunch and slowly make my way through June's very long list of things to do. But within weeks of stepping away from full-time work, I found myself facing an unexpected question: *What if your work isn't finished?*

As a Reader (Licensed Lay Minister), there is always plenty to be involved with in and around the church and the Diocese, particularly in the last two or three years. And over time, a few people, including some of you, have occasionally teased/challenged: "Ever thought about being ordained?" I always side-stepped it. That was for those who were more certain - and younger.

But in the short time since retiring, there has been a little space. Space where days weren't dictated by back-to-back meetings, deadlines, and reports. In that relative quiet, I began to sense God's voice more clearly. The idea of ordination—once dismissed—now seemed impossible to ignore. The question became more why not rather than why.

Of course there's some very good reasons why not. I'm too old. I think I've earned some rest and I've no particular desire to go "back to college." But God, it turns out, is persistent. The recent parable of the rich man with the barns finally did it for me. One of the sermons that day asked something along the lines of: 'What have you done with your life? What have you done with what you've been given?'

So, I spoke to the Director of Vocations. Who wrote to the bishop. Who said 'yes'. And I asked both of our PCCs for their blessing. And they said 'yes' too.

The Church of England's discernment process is both rigorous and pastoral. At the time of writing most of it is still to come. It will mean

interviews and panels, reflection days, and prayer – as well as the academic study.

If all goes to plan, then I'll be ordained at 63 and priested at 64. I'm rather hoping that, instead of being beyond my sell-by date, that my age will be a gift and not a hindrance. Years of work have taught me to listen, to navigate conflict, to understand the pressures of daily life. I've sat with colleagues in times of loss, celebrated their successes, and learned to find calm in the midst of chaos. Ministry needs all those skills.

This time last year it was crystal-ball time, preparing yet another annual budget for work. This year I'll be wrestling with theology textbooks. I'm sure there will be challenges. Not least, still trying to make my way through June's list...

But retirement doesn't feel like winding down—it's given space for commission. As Psalm 92 says: "*They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.*" I know early 60s doesn't seem very old to some/most of you, but if I'd waited another couple of years, then it would have been too late, and I wouldn't have been accepted.

I'm under no illusion that this new chapter will be easy. But I know it will be rich—with learning, with service, and with the privilege of walking alongside people in the name of Christ. If you'd told me ten years ago that I'd be training for the priesthood in my 60s, I would have laughed it off. Now, it feels like the right thing to do.

My story isn't about a career change. It's about a calling. A calling that waited patiently until I had enough quiet to hear that still small voice saying my name. Or perhaps it was a loud shouting voice that I'd been ignoring! Or maybe it was June getting fed up telling the various voices that I was out at the moment, but could she take a message...

Anyway, enough about me. How about you? What are you called to do?

Ian

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Jul 6 Albie Joseph George Hoare
Jul 13 Ronnie Derek Thompson
Jul 20 Emmie Wren Sanders
Aug 24 Sadie Elise Tracy Hardman

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

MARRIAGE

Jul 5 Jason Power and Maria Newell
Aug 24 Alan Brindle and Jenna McNulty

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

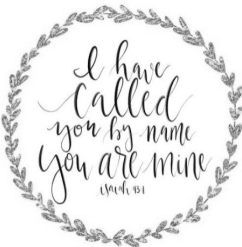
FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Jul 4 David Milne
Jul 31 Kevan Frost

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Jun 28 Hazel Gunning
Jul 31 Robert (Roy) Moss

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



We pray for Amy Paterson who will be confirmed by Bishop Matthew on 21 September and for all the candidates from our Mission Community and beyond who will make this step of faith on that day.



BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sep 7	12th Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
Sep 14	13th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 32: 7-14	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
Sep 21	14th Sunday after Trinity	Amos 8: 4-7	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
Sep 28	15th Sunday after Trinity	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	Luke 16: 19-31
Oct 5	16th Sunday after Trinity	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

- Sep 7 In memory of Phyllis Magnall
- Sep 14 In memory of Jack and Elsie Hamilton
- Sep 20 Barbara Murray, in memory of her parents
- Sep 28 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).

* At 3pm on Sunday, September 21 at Christ Church we host Bury Mission Community for a Service of Confirmation, led by Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton. Please pray for the candidates, one being from our benefice.

* We pray for Ian McVeety as he celebrates 40 years in the ministry this year. This will be marked at the 10am service on 28th September at St Mary the Virgin.

* If you are able, please support the concert by the Eden Singers on Saturday 13 September (see page 28). The choir are very generously providing their services for free, so all money raised through ticket sales at this event will be going to The Christie Charity, in recognition of the care that Harvie has received.

* It is some time since we held study groups and they have been missed. At the end of September, we shall start a 4-week study of the Nicene creed in which we regularly declare our faith (see page 9). We hope you will wish to take part.

* Churches Together in Bury holds a regular time of prayer fortnightly on Fridays via Zoom. All are welcome to join in. The link is the same each time: Meeting ID: 872 6894 6568 – Passcode: 276998
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87268946568?pwd=d3o1K0JoVCtGK0RPY25xMWFYcy9MQT09>

* There are several ways in which we can be involved, especially in November and early December, to enable the Churches Together Toy Appeal to continue this year. In 2024 this made a huge difference at Christmas to over 400 children in more than 250 families. Please speak to Barbara Taylor or David Robinson to find out more.

* 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 October issue will be 14th September.

**Summary of a meeting of Christ Church Walmersley PCC
on 29th July**

- The meeting opened with prayers.
- B. Leung was co-opted onto the PCC.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- Repairs to the Church Hall roof have been carried out.
- As part of the Action Plan for Outreach members shared ideas for planning the next steps needed to engage with the current congregation and the wider village community more effectively.
- The Treasurer reported on the current finances.
- Discussion was held around Mission Community events coming up:
Tearfund quiz on September 19th (SJSM Hall)
Confirmation 21st September at 3.00pm (CCW)
Coffee Morning at St. Thomas' on November 8th
Easter Vigil at the Parish Church
Potential joint Mission Community Ascension Day service.
- Two Lime trees by the South transept are to be felled to prevent dampness to the fabric of the Church. One Ash tree also to be felled in the west of the Church yard.
Campfire Church has been approved by the PCC.
Lighting tubes are to be replaced in the ceiling of the Church Hall.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, September 9th 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm with The Grace



1700 years ago, bishops and theologians met in Nicaea (then part of Greece, now Turkey) to come to some consensus on how we should think about the nature of Jesus. To cut a long story short, they concluded that Jesus of Nazareth was both fully human and the Son of God – and as much God as God the Father. This was no small thing to agree on since at the time there were advocates for either/or. Either human or God, but not both.

Tweaked a little a few years later, this agreed statement of belief became known as the Nicene Creed and was accepted as a statement of our faith which believes God to be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Earlier this year, the priest and poet, Malcolm Guite said this: 'It is worth pausing for a moment to consider how astonishing this anniversary is. The Nicene Creed has summarised, expressed, and opened out the heart of our shared Christian faith for 17 centuries. Almost nothing else in our culture and heritage has lasted that long. This creed has persisted through wars and revolutions, through changes of dynasty, the birth and development of languages, the rise and fall of empires. It has even survived the tragic divisions of Christendom. For even as Churches and nations battled each other over different understandings of church order, of scripture and of sacrament, they still held this creed in common'.

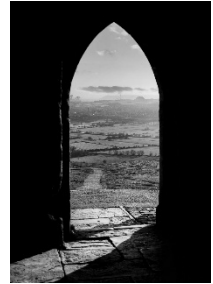
For those who think best in pictures, the famous Rublev icon, inspired by the story of Abraham and Sarah showing hospitality to three visitors at Mamre, is a powerful image of the three persons of the Trinity, sitting at a table, in perfect harmony with each other; but with space at the table for others to be drawn in. And of course that's still true today. We, as the local church, exist to serve those around us and to share the good news that we are all invited into the loving community which is God.

This Autumn, we will spend a little time to better understand what that means by exploring some of the richness of the Nicene Creed - the statement which has 'summarised, expressed and opened out the heart' of our faith for so long. It would be lovely if you could join us.

Tuesdays, 7.30pm in the Barritt Room, St John with St Mark's Hall. 30th September – 21st October.

New beginnings

As I edit this magazine, I am also planning the Manchester Mothers' Union monthly worship offering (*worth around 20 minutes of your time and easily found on YouTube*). In September that is entitled "New Beginnings" which seemed apt in this Creation Season. So, having received much of the content for our magazine it is perhaps not surprising that when needing a cover image I entered 'beginning' in the search box. Rowan Freeman's image caught my eye and hopefully you too see it as encouragement to step out: in faith, into the light, looking to the future.



September is a month when (most) holidays are over, schools and colleges begin a new term, in our liturgy we celebrate 'creation', often we return to activities after a summer break. As you read this magazine you will see several 'new beginnings', not least of course Ian's calling. In addition: there are baptisms and confirmation; a return to the opportunity for study groups; a 'fresh expression' of worship (open to all); girls moving from Brownies - to Guides - to Rangers.

I am privileged to chair, during Harvie's absence, the PCC at Christ Church and it is so encouraging to feel the enthusiasm for the future of the Church on Walmersley Road. So many ideas, including some we hope will come to fruition during the next few months, and a great desire to determine how the rest of the church family is dreaming dreams.

Throughout, of course, so many activities continue as they have for many years, but not without the commitment of leaders for whom we express gratitude. Worship, of course, continues faithfully and we give thanks for all who lead.

As Alan reminds us, "God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation." but it is our responsibility to make that message known in our communities and to pass to a new generation. God has his plans for us – let us all listen, then act.

Barbara Taylor

The Scarecrow Games 2025



Well, if you visited the scarecrow festival at Christ Church in July then you may have thought you had seen more athletes and styles of sport than the normal summer Olympics. The contest began with an application in May and they were under starters orders on the 11th July. What a talented line up there was to keep the spectators entertained for two weeks. From cycling to tree climbing and from cricket to Formula 1, there was hopefully something for everyone. Although, rather surprisingly there was no footballer present. OK yes, it is the summer!

It was a great display of sport and games for the duration of the contest and we must acknowledge our stars here:

The Third Man – a triathlete by the Monday Art Group

Simon Yates, cyclist, by the Brownies at SJM

Simone Biles, gymnast, by the Brownies at St. Joseph

Fencing and Formula 1 by Caritas Red Door

Clara the Climber by the Guides at CCW

Effy Eagle by JAM at SJM

Likrish Allsports by Mothers' Union

Dennis the Snooker Player by the Open Group

Oscar by Oscars out of school club at Springside

WG Disgrace by Geoff Hamilton and the Groundworks Team

'Searching for the ball' by the Groundworks Team

The umpire by Peter Fish of the Groundworks Team



We must draw reference to the umpire, who kept his flashing eyes on proceedings throughout. He missed nothing!!

So, who won the gold, silver and bronze medals? Well, that is for you to decide. But all our competitors put on a grand show throughout and thank you to all our builders, straw stuffers and wardrobe designers for constructing the stars and to all involved.

This month's choice Psalm 100, is one of the shortest of the psalms. It has just 4 verses, although some translations split the first verse into two. The most popular hymn version of the psalm is **All people that on earth do dwell** which is normally sung to the tune *The Old Hundredth*. The psalm is split into 2 stanzas: the first two verses in the first and verses 3 and 4 in the second.

It is a psalm of thanks and praise to God on behalf of everyone.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth. The psalm invites everyone to make a joyful noise and serve God gladly. It was probably written to be sung by visitors or pilgrims from all over the world as they stood outside the temple gates, suggesting that the psalm was probably written after Solomon's Temple was built. The word *presence* comes from the Hebrew word for face. Jesus used it in this sense when he said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." So, the worshippers are invited to come in and worship, not at a distant God, but a very personal one.

In verse 2 comes the fundamental Jewish (also Christian and Muslim) belief that there is only one God and that he created each one of us; we had no part in it.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that has made us, and we are his (in the Book of Common Prayer it says, **And not we ourselves**). The phrase **we are the sheep of his pasture** reminds us that kings are often metaphorically referred to as "shepherds" of their people so their realms could be referred to as "pastures".

Verses 3 and 4 form the second stanza. It is parallel in structure to the first one, namely a call to praise followed by a declaration of why the Lord is worthy of praise. The two stanzas are complementary. In verse 3, the priest or temple official calls out to the pilgrims to **enter his gates with thanksgiving**. The pilgrims are then asked to **give thanks to God and bless his name**. The psalm ends with a reminder that God is good (gracious) and that **His steadfast love is everlasting**. These are

good reasons why God should be thanked and praised. There is no limit to God's gracious nature or to his love and these attributes are not confined to individual lifetimes but are passed on to succeeding generations. He is loyal to people to the end of time. **His faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

Below is a modern version of the psalm from the Common Worship Daily Prayer Book. (2002) Church House Publishing.

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

For further information read:

The Daily Study Bible: Psalms Vol. 2 G.A.F. Knight St Andrew Press (1983)

Alan Thew



Quiet Moments for September

We have read a lot about new beginnings in this edition. Here is a prayer for patience and waiting during these times:

Dear Lord,

In the anticipation of new beginnings, there are moments of waiting and patience required.

I pray for the patience to endure these transitional phases with grace and understanding.

As I wait for the right timing and circumstances to unfold, help me to trust in your divine plan. Let this waiting period be a time of preparation and growth, so that when the moment is right, I can step into the new beginning with confidence and readiness. Amen.



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September is an opportunity to mark Creation Season



Every creature, every plant,
every rock and grain of sand
proclaims the glory of its Creator,
worships through colour, shape,
scent and form.

A multi-sensory song of praise.

Creator God, may we join
with the whole of your creation,
in praising you, our Creator,
through the fragrance
and melody of our lives. Amen

John Birch – Faith & Worship

Fairtrade Fortnight begins on 22 September

As I enter the street market
Wheel my trolley at the superstore
Leaf through a catalogue,
or log on to the internet:
Be with me and help me
When I spend money
Be with me and help me
To see the market place as you see it
As wide as the world you love so much.
Be with us and help us
To share the markets we share
For all people.
As we live under your steady gaze,
So we can change, by your gracious love. Amen



Christian Aid Prayer for Fairtrade

A Prayer for Cross of Nails Sunday on 28 September (adapted)

Father God, we lift our hearts to you on this day dedicated to your healing ministry of peace and reconciliation.

As a community, we reflect on the wounds of history, both in our own lives and in the world around us.

Give us the courage to be peacemakers, to live with and celebrate the diversity of your people, and to build a culture of justice and hope.

May your Spirit of reconciliation fill us and empower us to be agents of your peace in our homes, communities, and the world.

Through Jesus Christ, who showed us the ultimate act of love and forgiveness on the cross.

Amen.



Likrish Allsports was our contribution to the recent Scarecrow Festival. I trust that everyone appreciated the significance of her number – 149.

Our Deanery Leader, Tricia Stokes, organised the Bury and Rossendale Annual Get-Together at St James' Woolfold and we were well represented, enjoying tea and cakes, fellowship with other members and the enthusiasm of Simon Watkinson as he shared St Peter's new "growbaby" project.

There was lots of chatter as members and friends met over lunch at Falshaw's Farm Shop in July.

Five members attended the Commissioning in York Minster of our Provincial President, Christine Sharp, whose home diocese is Manchester. Rosemary Taylor carried the diocesan banner (collecting a photo of '*another service, another banner, another archbishop!*')

The Revd Robert Airey celebrated Holy Communion for us in August, where our meeting fell on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

The Bolton and Salford Archdeaconry Festival was held on Mary Sumner Day, although the host church of St Peter Swinton chose to concentrate on the feast day of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. St Peter's is where Mary Heywood (later Sumner) worshipped as a child, but in an earlier building on that site.

On 3 September, at 7.30pm do join us for a talk by Rosemary Taylor and her friend Janet as they share "Borneo's Orangutans and Rainforest Adventure".

17th September will see us celebrate 116 years of the branch here at Christ Church, with a Bring and Share Supper. Please note the start time of 6.30pm.

A huge THANK YOU to all who supported the fundraising Afternoon Tea – and what a tea it was! *(I finished the soup before I thought to take a photograph!)* Thank you to those who came, those who gave donations (both financial and contributions of food), those who planned, prepared and washed up. The Team were amazing! So too was the resulting £413.15, after expenses, which will cover the costs of the Angel Project and make a donation to Lifewords towards the 420 'Meet the Cast' books which we received freely in 2024.



There is lots happening in Mothers' Union: here in the benefice, around the diocese, and around the world. *Join us, Join in!* to learn more. Watch out too for details of a new direction for MU in our Mission Community – Bury is leading the way!

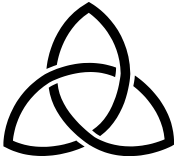
Barbara Taylor,
Branch Secretary

JAM Group



We have been on our summer holidays over the last few weeks, which also means a well-earned rest for our leaders. We hope to bring you more stories from September. However, as we approach the autumn, we thought we would share this short prayer with you:

'Jesus you are always with us and will help us when the days are stormy and dark. We thank you for your love and care. Amen.'



The Open Group

We have met twice over the summer for two different themes. We began in July, as Nigel and Barbara Silvester presented a talk entitled 'we were so much younger then', focussing on the 1950's and 1960's. A musical interlude to open, with Cliff Richard's 'The Young Ones' was then followed by some photographs and memories from that era. The memories covered a large variety of themes including holidays, families and Church life. Whit Walks sadly no longer happen, but are still very much deep in the heart of those who do remember them and were involved. TV and music were featured, including the favourite children's shows of the time; Picture Box, Andy Pandy and Bill & Ben! Yes, there were only two stations back then, but the feeling was that there seemed to be more choice on those two channels than the 150-200+ that we have now. Our evening concluded with a timeline quiz of various events from the two decades. We may have known when England won the World Cup, but did we know when the Suez Crisis occurred? A final singalong to 'Those were the days...' ended an enjoyable evening of reminiscing.

In between these two meetings we also presented our contribution to the scarecrow festival, Dennis the snooker player.



On 13th August we welcomed Jim Metcalf to discuss his cycling tour of South India in 2023. Always an interesting speaker, we were treated to some great stories, images and a little bit of history thrown in. The talk covered the cycling itself, the culture and history of the area of India Jim and his friends cycled, the food eaten and the people he went along or met with. It was very brave of Jim to show us the video of his tumble from the bike and the injury which occurred. Fortunately, only relatively minor and the trip continued.

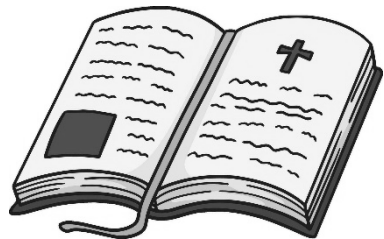
As with any of Jim's trips it was extremely well organised and the images of the scenery did the talk justice. The culture section allowed us to see some of the fantastic temples and other religious buildings whilst we looked at the history and partition of India. Of course, the tea plantations were widely featured. You may have automatically thought curry, when the food was mentioned, but there were other delights eaten on the trip and the fruit and vegetables looked very fresh and appetising. There were some great people who went along with Jim and the guides and locals were extremely knowledgeable and helpful. It was an informative evening and thank you to Jim for coming along again.

Next meeting on Wednesday 10th September – Ian Banks is presenting an evening on arts. If you have a favourite painting, sculpture or piece of embroidery then please bring it along to the evening. If you do not have it available, please contact Ian or myself in advance of the meeting and we will arrange to put it on screen. This is in the Barritt Room at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

David Robinson

Bury Bible Society Action Group

The Bishop of Bolton, Matthew Porter, will be guest speaker at the annual celebration event hosted by the Bury Bible Society group on Thursday 25th September, 7.30pm, at Bury United Reformed Church on Parsons Lane (BL9 0LY).



Bishop Matthew is always an inspiring speaker and all are welcome to attend.



This term the guides have completed the North West Region **I care about the environment** badge. This has involved making seed bombs, tie dye shirts, flower headbands, as well as litter picking and path clearing in Clarence Park, planting sunflowers and enjoying a festival.

They also visited Outdoor Elements centre for an adventure day where they took part in archery, team building challenges, tree climb, crate challenge and zip wire. 6 Guides made their promise whilst on the crate challenge.

The end of term saw a torrential thunderstorm just as we were going to meet at Nuttall Park for some orienteering and games, so we opted to stay in the hall instead.

Two more guides made their promise, and we said goodbye to Megan and Izzy who will move up to Rangers in September, along with Vicky and Lucy.

Lucy and Vicky were two of the original guides when we were able to reopen after Covid and have spent the last 4 years completing everything they can! They have been to almost every Monday night meeting, attended Church Parade, joined us on activity days, residential and camps. They have grown and developed into fantastic young women who are always willing to offer help to leaders, other guides and the community. All this hard work resulted in them both earning their Gold Award, which is the highest achievement a guide can receive, and they are the first two from CCW. We have lots of guides following in their footsteps earning bronze and silver awards, so hopefully it won't be too much longer before it is time for more gold balloons, cake and celebrations.

We are now in preparation for the new term, when there will be more brownies jumping over the toadstool and joining guides, and we already have another residential planned!



Muslim Christian Forum

The last meeting of the forum, on 16 July, gave us an opportunity to look at the important customs and traditions of marriage in both the Christian and Muslim Faith.

Russell Phillips, the minister from Radcliffe Road Baptist Church, Bury, spoke of the Christian traditions in his church based on the teachings of the Old and New Testament.

Imam Hassanat Ahmed of the Noor Ul Islam Mosque, Bury, spoke of core Islamic Values in Marriage based on Companionship, Compassion, Justice, Respect and Faith. Hassanat offered many practical ways of having a successful marriage. He didn't say these words but I would sum it up as a 'happy wife is a happy life'.

After a question and answer session we continued our conversations over supper. A very enjoyable evening,

Details of the next meeting in Oct/Nov. from Gillian Smith

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 18 September, 16 October, 20 November



Sunday



@ Seven



We next meet for our time of informal worship

September 28th

**The Salvation Army
Brookshaw St.**

"Stones of the Bible"

Stones make regular appearances throughout the Bible. We will be taking a look at a few of those events and see what they have to tell us.

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.

Fan the flames of faith

NEW to Walmersley Road, and open to everyone

- so bring along your friends, family and neighbours.

An opportunity to meet with God in the great outdoors.



Make a note of these dates now:

Monday 29 September

Tuesday 27 October

Tuesday 18 November

Tuesday 16 December

Join us around the campfire
for some relaxed, informal family worship.

We will meet outside, sing songs, play games,
take part in activities and cook food on the fire.

6.30pm - 7.15pm

in the yard, Christ Church Walmersley Church Hall

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 7		12th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Tue 9	7.30pm	Christ Church PCC
Wed 10	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sat 13	9.15am	Deanery Eco Stepping Stones (All Saints, Elton)
	7.30pm	Magic of the Musicals - Eden Singers (SJM)
Sun 14		13th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 16	7.30pm	St John with St Mark PCC
Wed 17	6.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 18	12 noon	Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Margaret, Prestwich)
Fri 19	7.00pm	Tearfund Quiz (SJM Hall)
Sun 21		14th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
	3.00pm	Confirmation (CC)
	5.30pm	MU Diocesan Commissioning (Cathedral)
Tue 23	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (CC Hall)
Thu 25	7.30pm	Bible Society annual celebration (Bury URC)
Sun 28		15th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (Salvation Army)
Mon 29	6.30pm	Campfire Church (CC yard)
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)
Tue 30	7.30pm	'We believe' study group (Barritt Room)

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday			
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	2 nd	Family Service	
	3 rd	Holy Communion	
	4 th	Morning Worship	
10.30 a.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
	2 nd	Holy Communion	
	3 rd	Morning Worship	
	4 th	Holy Communion	
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



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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
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and YouTube	CofE Walmersley



Eco Stepping Stones Bury & Rossendale Deanery

Sat 13th September

Join us for a morning of inspiration to equip us on our eco journeys.

Please book here:
<https://tinyurl.com/3tskmrem>

Worship led by Revd Canon Grace

Tea and coffee will be available from 9am for a prompt 9:25 start.



All Saints Church,
Hebburn Drive, Brantlesholme,
Bury, BL8 1ED



9:25am-1:00pm

If you are booking for more than one person,
please book tickets separately.

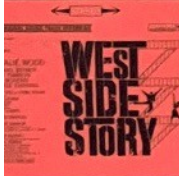
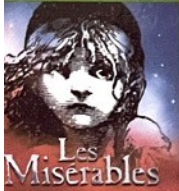
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<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../eco-stepping-stones-bury...>

Fund Raising Concert

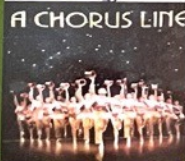
Magic Of The Musicals

Saturday 13th Sept. at 7:30pm
St John's & St. Mark's Church
Sunny Ave, Bury, BL9 6PF



The Eden Singers

The concert is in aid
of raising funds for
The Christie Charity



Ticket Price £7: includes refreshments
For Tickets Contact: 07970-417-331