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and
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July and August 2026



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Saturday 18th July 7pm

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"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME" (Matthew 25:35)



I am writing this at the beginning of Refugee Week (15-21 June). It's an opportunity to celebrate the contribution to this country of refugees in terms of culture and contribution to national life. I have a T-shirt on which is printed the shape of the UK and Ireland which, if you look carefully, is made up of the names of significant people who were themselves refugees. They include, among many others, Sigmund Freud, Marlene Dietrich, Isabel Allende and the Dalai Lama.

Sadly, not all public discourse is so positive. People come to the UK in various ways, some on work or student visas, some on UN refugee programmes and others in less formal ways. Those for whom no safe and legal routes are available but who have no option other than to place their lives and their families' money in the hands of smugglers are those who come to seek asylum by means of the infamous "small boats". The impression given is that of a great influx which will overwhelm the country and pose some kind of threat. In reality, in 2023, the Office of National Statistics noted that only 4% of total migration was by this route.

Of course, there will be the odd bad apple, as there is in all communities, but the vast majority of people are fleeing persecution for religious or political or personal reasons, or are escaping war or absolute poverty. For many years, I have heard the stories of people seeking asylum; these are not a faceless mob but human beings who have often suffered terrible things. I have been moved by their tremendous courage and resilience, as well as by the post-traumatic stress many are experiencing. And I have also been hugely impressed by the stories of faith I have heard; people who rely on God to sustain them in their suffering. One of the first things some asylum seekers do is to find a church or mosque and will often volunteer in those places, being not permitted by law to undertake paid work.

So where do Christians come in? Our immediate task is to welcome any strangers who come over the thresholds of our churches. Then we are to listen, for they have so much to offer and enrich existing congregations. I think of the vibrant Cantonese Congregation at Bury Parish Church or the Farsi Congregation at Holy Innocents in Fallowfield. When we listen, our previous assumptions are challenged.

We then have a responsibility to challenge attitudes. Asylum seekers and refugees are not a threat but human beings loved by God who want to work and contribute to this country. I say this because I have heard it many times. There are other narratives than the ones most popular in the media: check out the Refugee Council website, for example. For a different perspective on those seeking asylum, I recommend *We came by sea* by Horatio Clare. From Old Testament injunctions to care for “the alien” (eg Exodus 22:21 and Deuteronomy 14:28, 29) to Jesus’s teaching about loving our neighbour and welcoming the stranger and Paul’s assertion that all are one in Jesus Christ (eg Galatians 3:28), the Christian imperative is to love, welcome and serve.

Margaret Trivasse

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR ARCHDEACON RACHEL

All are welcome for a special service of Evensong at Manchester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Sunday 5th July, as we say farewell to Archdeacon Rachel Mann.

We hold Rachel in our prayers and gather to celebrate her ministry and bid a fond farewell.



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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

7 June Olivia Holly Oakes

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

MARRIAGE

20 June David Thistlethwaite and Lucy Tyrer

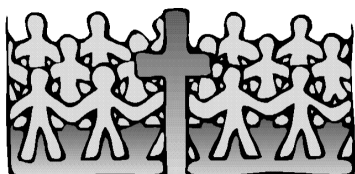
"Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder"

FUNERAL SERVICE AT THE CREMATORIUM

15 June Alan Birtwistle

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

Joint Benefice Service



- ☐ 30 August
- ☐ 10.30 am
- ☐ Christ Church Walmersley
- ☐ we celebrate together



BIBLE READINGS

Jul 5	5th Sunday after Trinity	Zechariah 9.9-12	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end
Jul 12	6th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55: 10-13	Romans 8: 1-11	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Jul 19	7th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 44: 6-8	Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
Jul 26	8th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 3: 5-12	Romans 8: 26-39	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
Aug 2	9th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55: 1-5	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21
Aug 9	10th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19: 9-18	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
Aug 16	11th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
Aug 23	12th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 51: 1-6	Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20
Aug 30	13th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15: 15-21	Romans 12: 9-21	Matthew 16: 21-28
Sep 6	14th Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 33: 7-11	Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Proverbs 30: 5



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

- Jul 5 Mrs C Stranding and family, in memory of Alan
- Jul 12 In memory of Niki Riley
- Jul 19 In memory of Joe and Alice Crowley
and Hettie and Hector Ives
- Jul 26 Mr & Mrs A Spencer, in memory of family
- Aug 2 In memory of Crissie Crow, from the family
- Aug 9 In memory of Mary & Norman Leake
- Aug 16 Barbara and Bob Taylor, in memory of close family
members
- Aug 23 Ian and Hilary Riddick in memory of their parents
- Aug 30 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).

THANK YOU FROM HARVIE & SALLY

Harvie and Sally would like to thank all those who sent cards for their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

"This was not an anniversary that we anticipated celebrating after Harvie's diagnosis and we praise God for his compassion and constant support. Thank you for all your good wishes and continued prayers. Sally and Harvie."



* Thank you to all across both Churches who contributed towards Christian Aid week (10th to 16th May). The Benefice made £132.00 towards this year's appeal and this will go to the work of Christian Aid across the world.

* If you are a regular attender at our Churches and are not on the Electoral Roll, please consider if you would like to join. This can be done by filling in a simple form. Please get in touch with our Electoral Roll officers or Wardens if you wish to join and are not currently on the roll, or want to check whether you are on.

* The diocese is organising a youth event 'Amidst' happening on Saturday 11th July at Bolton Road Methodist Church from 1 – 7pm for young people in years 7 - 11. This is local so a great opportunity for groups or for individuals. All though must be accompanied by someone who is DBS checked. Please speak to one of our Wardens if you are interested.

* Street pastors are in need of more trustees, who are not actively involved in the work, to oversee it, to network, and to be involved in fundraising, marketing, social media etc. There is also always a need for new street pastors to go out on Friday and Saturday nights to help those in difficulty. Full training is given. Street Pastors also need a new base in the town centre. Please pray for these needs and encourage anyone who is interested.

* Bury C of E High School is looking to appoint a chaplain. Access to the school for our churches is paused until the chaplain is appointed. So please pray for a suitable person to be appointed.

* 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.

Archdeacon's Visitation

Visitation services take place each summer following the election of churchwardens at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). These services formally admit elected parish churchwardens to their office, with sidespersons and PCC members also making declarations of support.

These services are an important part of the Church calendar, carrying special legal significance. A churchwarden is not considered to be in office until they have been officially admitted by an archdeacon.

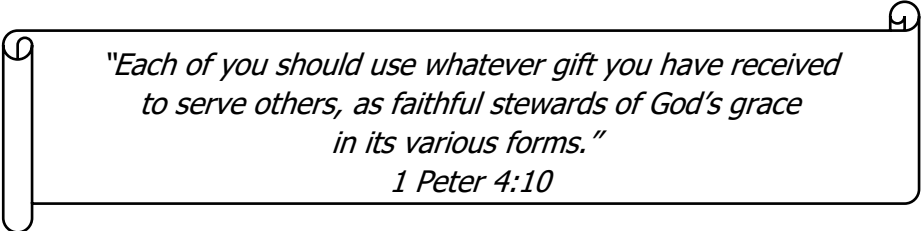
Historically, when churchwardens were admitted, they would report on the moral standing of the clergy, the condition of the parish and church buildings, and the administration of divine service.

Today, visitation services focus on prayer, encouragement, and support, providing an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital ministry of churchwardens.

Visitation services also offer a chance to meet fellow churchwardens, Area Deans, and your Archdeacon. *Manchester.anglican.org*

A few of us attended the service at St Mary, Rawtenstall on 1st June. The final opportunity for our sidespersons and PCC members to support our Wardens will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 8th July at Christ Church Walshaw

These services are, of course, open to anyone who wishes to go and support those who have been elected to serve us in our benefice.



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Meeting at Christ Church on 4th June

- The meeting opened with prayers led by Barbara Taylor.
- The minutes of the meeting on 24th February 2026 were approved.
- The Treasurer circulated an updated report on current finances. There followed a long frustrating discussion around the spending of the money from the sale of the Church field.
- New committees, for the coming year, were formed.
Church and Churchyard Committee: H. J. Bamford, G. N. Hamilton, R.H. Taylor, J. A. Wood.
Church Hall Management Committee: L. M. Lees, P. Stokes, J. A. Wood.
Pastoral Committee: J. M. Edwards, B. Leung, B. C. Taylor.
- Outreach: The dates were circulated for the Scarecrow Festival, from Friday July 10th and the Quiz Night on Saturday July 18th.
- The Mission Community have been invited to Christ Church Walmersley for Sunday @ Seven on the 28th June.
- Deanery Synod had a talk on Vocations and C. R. Hilton and R. H. Taylor spoke on M.U. The Way Forward.
- There was a discussion on the possibility of making the ramp into Church less of an incline. To go ahead.
- A notice was circulated, from the Signs of Cheshire Ltd, on the Maintenance of Aluminium and Polycarbonate Notice Boards.
- Copies of the Community Survey feedback summary were circulated. It was tried, it didn't work as hoped but some points can be taken from it.
- J. A. Wood has completed Fire Safety Training on Zoom.
- A Health and Safety Officer is required.
- At the moment R. H. Taylor is the only First Aider. More are needed.
- The next meeting will be on July 21st 2026 at 7.30pm
- The meeting closed with The Grace at 8.56pm.

Meeting at St John with St Mark on 18th June

- The service rota for the next quarter is being put together. There are several weddings and baptisms booked in.
- There was an update on the Mission Community quiz night scheduled here for Friday 18th September. The next MC meeting is on Monday 27th July at Christ Church.
- We have received the Quinquennial report and were presented with a brief overview of jobs which need to be looked at. Some of the immediate works have already been completed. A list of jobs has been put together, which require either contractors or specialists, but some could be handled by volunteers. It was noted that not all jobs need urgent attention and some are just desired improvements.
- The welcome cards have now been delivered to some of the new Seedfield houses. Thanks to the Scouts for their involvement.
- A couple of volunteers have said they will be involved in selecting a new altar frontal for the memorial chapel. Measurements have been taken.
- The idea of introducing tables and chairs to the back of Church for tea and coffee has proved popular and will now be introduced permanently. More people seem to have stayed behind after the service and it gives a more welcome feel.
- Correspondence – A letter has been received from the Bishop of Manchester in response to the report into the CofE mother and baby homes; We have been informed of the death of a former Parishioner Iris Barritt, who has died recently at the age of 104.
- Finance – The latest incomes and expenditures were summarised; We are sourcing quotes for the hall boiler, which needs to be replaced; It was noted that the light switches and plug sockets in the Church area have recently been replaced.
- A discussion took place regarding the time of the summer fair. The 10.30am start made it easier to manage with a more staggered flow of people. Lunches did not prove popular along with bacon sandwiches, so we are considering full breakfast for the next fair.
- Dates - Coffee morning, Saturday 1st August; Next PCC, Thursday 10th September.

Quiet Moments for July



Plastic Free July™ is a global movement helping millions of people to reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. That way, we can enjoy cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. This prayer is from the Church of England website:

Lord Jesus,
the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea;
help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move
towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy;
help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love.
Amen.

*Rt Revd David Urquhart
former Bishop of Birmingham*

World Population Day falls on 11th July. This prayer, headed "A prayer to see God's image in everyone" is from Lighting the Way, a MU resource

Father God, we were all created for your pleasure and to bring glory to your holy name.

How your heart must ache for the injustice, pain and grief we have inflicted on others. Open our eyes to see the worth in each person you have created. Help us to encourage and affirm the potential you see in them.

May we not be guilty of 'passing by on the other side of the road' when we can speak out for equality for all and make a difference where we are, where you have placed us.
Amen

*Anne Heywood
Diocese of Leicester*



The World Cup continues into July, and other sporting tournaments take place. Sadly, it is a fact that instances of domestic violence escalate during such events. Here is another prayer from Lighting the Way.

Heavenly Father,

We seek you in addressing the pain and harm from gender-based violence. We pray for all people who have endured this cruelty. Surround them with your love and support.



Lord, give us the courage to challenge violence and speak up. Give us wisdom to promote awareness that ends stereotypes. Empower us to support and create safe environments.

We ask you to open the hearts of those who carry on harmful norms. Transform their hearts.

We pray for change and a new respect in their communities. We trust you, believing our efforts can lead to wholeness and healing.

Amen

*Elizabeth Brookman
Diocese of Tampa, USA*

*International Day of Friendship falls on 30th July 2026
A day to promote and encourage the idea that
friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and
individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges
between communities. This prayer is from "Thy
Kingdom Come" resources.*



Our Father,

Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.

Let us make a heaven here on earth, for all,

acting as Your hands and feet,

ensuring that the world is a place of plenty for all,

safe for all, loving for all, comfort for all.

Let Your wondrous earth be a place where all cannot just grow,
but flourish and become everything You wish them to be. Amen

Our speaker in early June was Sue Stonestreet with the intriguing title "The pictures are better on the radio". For 40+ years Sue worked in the sound department of radio and later television so had many stories to recount. A 'thank you kiss on the cheek' from Omar Sharif was just one instance of name-dropping!

Janet Lyssejko, one of our own members celebrated holy communion for us.

Currently we are preparing for the Scarecrow Festival – we have BIG plans for Mothers' Union's 150th year. We are also planning our contribution to a diocesan 150th jigsaw – the pieces of which will come together in the cathedral on Mary Sumner Day, 9th August. All are welcome at this celebratory service at 3pm.

The idea of the jigsaw is to reflect what Mothers' Union has been over the past years and is now. In addition to the group one, individuals are also preparing pieces. So, if you would like to do so please have a word as soon as possible as you will need the template. (Rosemary Taylor is collecting the pieces so we do have a little leeway with timing!)

Elsewhere Catherine Hilton has written about our celebrations in London in June and as she has plans to attend the worldwide gathering in Durban later this year I am sure we shall hear much more.

By the time you read this, our intrepid 12 from Manchester will have crossed the Infinity Bridge at Honister Slate Mine, near Keswick.

The aim is to raise funds to continue Mothers' Union's work with families and there is still plenty of time to make a donation. The link is at JustGiving – search for: Manchester's Infinity Bridge Walk or scan this QR code.



On 1st July members and friends will meet for lunch at The Duckworth Arms – 12 for 12.30pm (the doors do not open until noon).

On 15th July you are invited to a Games Evening. Maybe there will be one you have not experienced before, or maybe you would like to bring one along? A great opportunity to mingle and make new friends too.

Bolton Archdeaconry MU is holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 1st August, celebrating 150 years. This will start at 2pm at St Augustine's Parish Hall (Thicketford Road, Bolton, BL2 2LP) Tickets are £5. If you would like a lift please have a word with me.

All our meetings are open to everyone but on 5th August we do encourage you to come along to "Chutney and Cheer". Our speaker, Mrs Lathom will make chutney as she speaks and also sells jars, 50p from each going to support the Stroke Association.

Mary Sumner Day falls this year on a Sunday (9th August). Join us at 3pm in Manchester Cathedral as we celebrate here in the Diocese of Manchester.

This will also be an opportunity to see the jigsaw pieces we have all been encouraged to complete – reflecting on Mothers' Union over the years.

If you are unable to go to the service in the Cathedral please don't feel left out. On that day throughout York Province members have been asked to pray, including the specially written 150th provincial prayer. All members will receive a copy of this together with a small candle to light so that the flame will burn throughout the day across the north of England.

Nigel and Barbara will lead an evening on 19th August entitled "Dramatic Interludes". Yes, they will be testing it a week earlier at the Open Group, so do come along if you miss it there, or come simply to enjoy it a second time!

If you would like to know more about the work of Mothers' Union please speak to any of our committee members:

Claire Altham, Denise Booth, Belinda Leung, Joan Riggs, Barbara Silvester, Bob Taylor.

Barbara Taylor, Branch Secretary

Favourite Psalms – Our restless World Psalm 62

Despite the fact that we live in a world of labour-saving gadgets, faster travel, and instant communication, we seem to be for ever in a hurry. We also seem to be lacking in contentment and have a desire for a better lifestyle. The advertisers don't help us because they feed our desire to have more and more of the latest products to make our lives better, but, very soon, something else comes along which is, supposedly, even better. We are a bit like the hamster stuck on a wheel. We seem to be going nowhere fast.

Psalm 62 gives us some answers to this conundrum. The psalmist is suggesting that we are looking in the wrong direction. It is no good being a social climber in order to solve the problem, nor does it help becoming rich, legitimately, or otherwise (verses 9 and 10). The only answer to the longing in our heart's desire to have a life that satisfies us is to look towards God. The first Archbishop of Canterbury (who died in 605), wrote a prayer which includes the words: 'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you, O God'. Real satisfaction and rest are found when we trust and obey God.

It isn't wrong to have ambition and there is nothing sinful about wanting a bigger house or a new car, but we need to ask ourselves what is really important in our lives? What are our priorities? Only when God is at the centre of our lives will we find true happiness and an end to our restlessness.

The psalm has three stanzas, verses 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12. This version of the psalm is from the NIV Study Bible.

Alan Thew

Psalms 62

- 1 My soul finds rest in God alone.
My salvation comes from him.
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation.
He is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
- 3 How long will you assault a man?
Would all of you throw him down –
This leaning wall, this tottering fence?
- 4 They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place;
They take delight in lies.
With their mouths they bless,
But in their hearts, they curse.
- 5 Find rest, O my soul. In God alone;
My hope comes from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation;
He is my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 My salvation and my honour depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
- 9 Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but
a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
Together they are only a breath.
- 10 Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods;
Though your riches increase,
Do not set your heart upon them.
- 11 One thing God has spoken,
Two things have I heard:
That you, O God, are strong,
- 12 And that you, O Lord, are loving.
Surely you will reward each person according to what
he has done.

We are part of something much bigger

Could you possibly help with the administration of the **Toy Appeal** scheme? Please let us know before the group next meets on 15 July. This role will basically involve keeping track of requests as they come from social workers and schools so that all families in need are catered for and will mainly be for around a month in November/December.

There has been a suggestion that CTinB would benefit from a **website**. There are those willing to set it up but for it to be relevant it needs a small team willing to keep it updated. Technically that is not difficult, but it requires a regular commitment. Could you, or someone you know, have the desire to get involved. Please let us know (again ideally by July 15).

A date for your diary:

David Somerville is leaving Seedfield Methodist Church and his Farewell Service at Seedfield, to which all are welcome, will be on Sunday, 19 July at 3pm.

Watch out for more details of a course from the Bible Society planned for this autumn. Entitled **The Bible Course** its tagline is "grasp God's big story in 8 weeks". It is for anyone who would like to know more. Suitable for those enquiring about faith it has also been used very successfully here in our town within the church congregation. The plan is for it to be hosted by Bury United Reformed Church, with people from different churches leading each week.

We aim to attend meetings of the group which are held every two months, as does Alan Thew, so are happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more about working ecumenically in Bury.

David Robinson and Barbara Taylor



Men (and Ladies) of the Benefice

We were in the middle of that spell of hot weather on spring Bank Holiday when we descended on the Hark to Dandler for our monthly gathering. I thought I had arrived at the wrong meeting when I turned up to see our ladies at the venue, sat on our favourite table as well. Arrangements had been made for wives and friends to join us for the evening, and it was a lovely occasion. The weather and a good bit of banter between the tables made it an enjoyable evening and the conversation flowed. It would be nice to do it again. So, as I have said before, MOB is open to anyone. Here are the next few dates at the Hark to Dandler at 8pm:

Monday 29th June

Monday 27th July

Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday, TBC)

David Robinson

The Open Group



We did not meet in June due to other commitments and our next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday 8th July, for an as yet unplanned theme. I will let people know the details nearer the time.

However, Nigel Silvester will be here on Wednesday 12th August to lead the evening.

All welcome to join us for both meetings at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

Quiet Moments for August



In 1876 Mary Sumner began what is now the worldwide movement of Mothers' Union. She is remembered in our lectionary on 9 August.

We pray for leadership throughout our world to be rooted in prayer.

Lord, we thank you for godly leadership. We pray for our leaders in every sphere. We ask that you give them integrity of heart, with strong values and principles which centre on your teaching. We pray that you bless them with skilful hands, acting on good learning and the wise counsel of others.

May their first instincts be drawn from your high values of love and compassion. May they be clothed with humility and servanthood as seen in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen

*Revd Nicky Gumbel
Pioneer of Alpha*

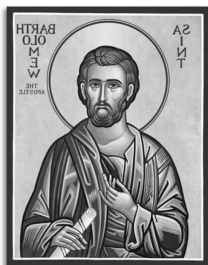
International Youth Day, on 12th Aug 2026 brings youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrates the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

We pray especially at this time for all our young people awaiting the results of examinations.



Father, surround every young person with godly friendships. Remove relationships that lead them away from your truth. Connect them with people who will encourage their faith, pray with them, and strengthen their walk with You. Let their friendships be rooted in love, honesty, and righteousness. May they grow together in faith and support one another in living for Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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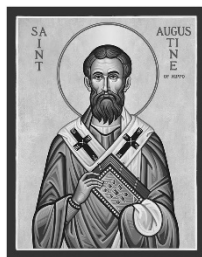
*On 24th August we remember Bartholomew the Apostle.
The collect for the day is:*

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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*Augustine of Hippo, who died on 28 August 430, was
a theologian and philosopher and generally regarded as
one of the most influential philosophers in the history of
the Western world.*

*His prayer to the Holy Spirit is simple but much used and
relevant for us all.*



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.

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A Wonderful Celebration for Mothers' Union at St Paul's Cathedral

What a day to remember! On 10 June, around 1,600 Mothers' Union members gathered in the magnificent surroundings of St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the movement's 150th anniversary.

Members travelled from across Britain and Ireland and from around the world for this very special service, creating a wonderful atmosphere of joy, friendship and thanksgiving. It was a chance to celebrate all that Mothers' Union has achieved over the past 150 years and to look ahead with confidence to the future.

Among those present were Worldwide President Kathleen Snow and Chief Executive Bev Jullien, together with members representing the global Mothers' Union family. The sense of belonging to something truly worldwide was evident.

A highlight of the service was the sermon from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who spoke warmly about the impact of Mothers' Union around the world. She described the organisation as "the powerhouse of the Anglican Communion" and said she had "seen first-hand the profound impact" of its work in communities across the globe, through family life, healthcare, education and social projects, and in challenging poverty, injustice and violence.

Perhaps her most memorable comment was: "In fact, I often say, if I need something doing, ask the Mothers' Union to do it." Unsurprisingly, that remark was met with smiles and appreciative laughter from the congregation!

It was such a privilege to receive communion from the Archbishop. The service was filled with uplifting music, colourful banners and a real sense of celebration and many members who joined the live stream on Facebook were able to appreciate it too!

Here are the members of the 'Walmersley contingent' in St Paul's Cathedral following the celebratory service



You will see our own Ruth Spencer alongside us in photos. She is currently acting as an advisor to the Board of Trustees until a new CEO is appointed to replace Bev Jullien who is retiring after almost 11 years.

The following day the Gathering at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster was also an opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones and share stories of how Mothers' Union continues to make a difference in local communities and across the world.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we give thanks for the vision of founder Mary Sumner and for the countless members whose faith, commitment and service have shaped the Mothers' Union over the past century and a half. The day at St Paul's was a fitting tribute to that legacy and a reminder that the Mothers' Union continues to be a powerful force for good in today's world.

Here's to the next 150 years!

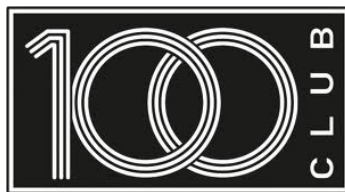
Catherine Hilton (former Worldwide Board member)

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB

JUNE 2026 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize £15.00 – (37) Marie Nuttall

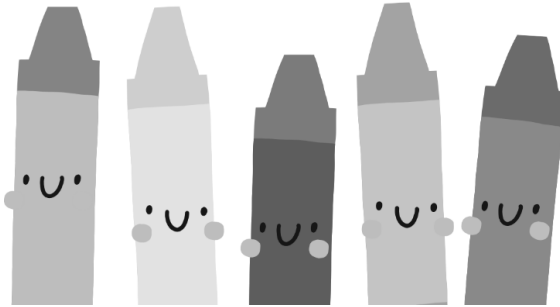
2nd Prize £10.00 – (13) Veda Kinsey



Congratulations to both

Year Six

Leavers' Service



Celebrating
their time at
Springside School

In Church
10am
Thursday 16 July
Everyone welcome

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK FAIR



SATURDAY 1st 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





Mothers'
Union
invites
you to



on
5th August
at
7.30pm

Chutney and Cheer

a demonstration
with Mrs Lathom

Christ Church Hall
School Lane
BL9 5LP

incl. refreshments

Jars also available to purchase
50p from each jar sold supports
the Stroke Association



Bolton Archdeaconry Mothers' Union

1876 *Afternoon Tea* 2026

Celebrating 150 years

Saturday 1st August 2026

St Augustine's Parish Hall 2.00pm



Tickets £5.00



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 16 July, 20 August, 17 September

Looking ahead

The Churches within the Bury
Mission Community will once again
team up for a quiz night and
supper, this year in aid of Christies
Hospital. The event will be held on
Friday 18th September at 7.00pm in
St. John with St. Mark Church Hall.

Last year, a team from within our Benefice came in second, so perhaps
we can go one better this time. Tickets will be on sale soon and include
pie and peas, with hot drinks or squash.

Please add the date to your diary and maybe set about organising your
team of winners!



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
Tuesday			
6.30pm	4 th	Campfire Church	Christ Church yard
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

FOR YOUR JULY DIARY

Wed 1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 5		5th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
	5.30pm	Farewell to Archdeacon Rachel Mann (Cathedral)
Wed 8	7.30pm	Final Archdeacons' Visitation 2026 (CC Walshaw)
	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Fri 10		Scarecrow Festival begins (CC churchyard)
Sun 12		6th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Wed 15	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (Salvation Army)
Thu 16	10.00am	Springside School Leavers' Service (CC)
	12 noon	Thursday Light Lunch (CC Hall)
Sat 18	7.00pm	Brains of Walmersley Quiz (CC Hall)
Sun 19		7th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
	3.00pm	Farewell to David Somerville (Seedfield Methodist)
Tue 21	7.30pm	PCC (CC Hall)
Sun 26		8th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (Barritt Room)
Mon 27	7.30pm	Bury Mission Community Leaders (CC Hall)
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)
Tue 28	6.30pm	Campfire Church (CC yard)

FOR YOUR AUGUST DIARY

Sat 1	10.00am	Book Fair and Coffee Morning (SJM Hall)
	2.00pm	Bolton Archdeaconry MU Tea (St Augustine's)
Sun 2		9th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 5	7.30pm	Mothers' Union "Chutney and Cheer" (CC Hall)
Sun 9		10th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family Service (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	3.00pm	Mary Sumner Day Service (Manchester Cathedral)
Wed 12	7.30pm	Open Group (SJM)
Sun 16		11th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CC)
Wed 19	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 20	12 noon	Thursday Light Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 23		12th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 25	6.30pm	Campfire Church (CC yard)
Sun 30		13th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Joint Parish Communion (CC)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC)
Mon 31	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Hark to Dandler)

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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and YouTube

CofE Walmersley

SUNDAY @ SEVEN

***COME AND JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF
RELAXED CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AT
7PM ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH.***



***28th July at
St John with St Mark Hall
“Upon the Waters”***

***30th August at
Christ Church Hall
“Psalms of Prayer and Praise”***

***If you want to know more ask Nigel Silvester, Ian Banks
or Cor van der Woude.
You can also join us via Zoom.***

IT ISN'T TOO LATE!!



SCARECROWS AROUND
THE WORLD!



Christ Church Walmersley

SCARECROW FESTIVAL '26

Please take part
let your imagination run riot,
fill in a booking form,
bring your scarecrow along

On display throughout
the church grounds from
July 10th onwards
and please spread the word
so everyone comes to see
these wonderful creations

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

