



**Christ Church Walmersley  
and  
St John with St Mark Bury  
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



**November 2014**



**50p**



## **REGULAR SERVICES**

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### **Sunday**

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Family and Parade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion 4 <sup>th</sup> Morning Service 5 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parade Service	St John w St Mark

### **Wednesday**

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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### **Thursday**

2.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

### **Saturday**

4.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Messy Church	Christ Church
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Saints days and other services as announced  
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church  
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.



Both churches have the Child Friendly Church award

Both churches have Fairtrade status



## ***A Pilgrim People***

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November can be a bit of a drab month as we stride into winter. We have lost the colours of Spring, Summer and Autumn as the last leaves have fallen from the trees. Also during November we come to the last four weeks of the Church's year. By the end of the month we will reach Advent Sunday, the start the new Christian year.

These four weeks are often called the Kingdom Season and we liturgically have a final burst of colour as we change from green to red. It is not really a separate 'season', like Epiphany or Lent, but it feels like one and is often treated as one.

A favourite image of the Church is of a pilgrim people and throughout the Church year we travel with Jesus in the readings, sermons and prayers. We witness the birth of Christ, we listen to his teaching, we are there at his execution, and we celebrate his resurrection.

Everything we've worked for throughout the year is now coming to its conclusion in the Kingdom Season. This is when we come to understand what this has meant in the lives of Christian men and women throughout the ages.

November starts with All Saints' Day, then All Souls' Day (to commemorate the faithful departed). During the next three weeks 23 Christian monarchs, priests, teachers of the faith, or mystics are remembered by name in the daily offices. The final Sunday celebrates Christ the King. God's work is completed and we wait for the New Kingdom to be revealed in all its fullness.

Look at the altar frontal and the priest's stole. These will be red, to signify the work of the Holy Spirit.

Listen to the Collects and Post Communion Prayers. They speak of an 'eternal and glorious kingdom', where 'the whole created order [will] worship at his feet', of us being 'knit together in one fellowship', of us 'coming to share the joy of heaven' and 'the heavenly feast' prepared for us there.



Although winter seems to be the end of something glorious the Kingdom season reminds that something better is on the way. Through winter we look forward to the snowdrops and crocus peeping their heads into the early year sunshine. And so it is with our spiritual winters we wait as St Paul tells the people of Rome for the coming of God's Kingdom when "creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God"

God Bless  
Paul



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A lovely card received from  
Sister Joan of Caritas:

Ladies (and gentlemen) of  
the Mothers' Union,

Thank you so much for the  
lovely evening spent with  
you. I enjoyed meeting you  
all...

Thank you too for your kind gift - it has gone towards a stair lift for the Centre. I also meant to say thank you for the generous donations of food which Vicar Dave brings down.

## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER***

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### **2 All Saints' Sunday**

Revelation 7: 9-17      1 John 3:1-3                      Matt 5: 1-12

### **9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Amos 5: 18-24                      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matt 25: 1-13

### **16 Second before advent**

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18      1 Thessalonians 5:1-11      Matt 25: 14-30

### **23 Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24      Ephesians 1: 15-23      Matt 25: 31-46

### **30 Advent Sunday**

Isaiah 64: 1-9                      1 Corinthians 1:3-9      Mark: 24-37



A great resource for all - a simple prayer activity for children and families to do together, every day of December until Christmas Day – just £1.50 each. Please have a word with any of the ministers if you would like to obtain a copy.



## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

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### **Baptisms**

September 28                      Kobi George Laverick-Wolstenholme

October 12                        Isla Rose Burgess  
  Stephan Farmer

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

### **Interment of Ashes**

October 12                        Mary Kershaw

*'I am the resurrection and the life' says the Lord*



## **FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

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November 2      Vacant

November 9      In memory of past Mothers' Union members

November 16     In memory of Mrs. V. Howorth and her daughter  
  Sybil Mills

November 23     Vacant

November 30     In memory of Jennifer Melling and Mary Illsley



A church is not made up of people who are better than the rest, but of people who want to become better than they are.

## *Junior Church at Christ Church*

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# To Know, Grow and Show the love of Jesus

A slimmed down version of Junior Church re-opened in September. We now meet altogether in the 'middle' room and have new style materials that cover ages 3-14 years. Rachel, Emma, Christine, Wendy and Alison have continued as leaders and have been joined by Lisa and Barbara S. The children have seen some new faces arriving and we are hopeful that numbers will grow.

So far we have looked at Paul and his letters - the children wrote letters to some of the adults in Church thanking them and encouraging them for all that they do for us. The Children also made an excellent display for Harvest which has been in Church for a few weeks.

Looking forward:- During November we will be doing some group work looking at Peter and hope to be able to show something from this at the Junior Church Presentation Service on 14th December.

We are looking at various options to treat the children to something special before Christmas and have already given out small treats on random Sundays and we will be continuing to do this.

Please continue to hold us in your prayers and pray for more leaders and helpers to come forward.

The Team

## FROM THE VICARAGE

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\* November is very much a month of remembrances.



It begins with the season of All Saints' Tide featuring both All Saints' and All Souls' Days. All Saints' Day celebrates the men and women in whose lives the Church over the centuries has developed its witness to the work of God. All Souls' Day offers a thanksgiving in a more local and intimate way by allowing us to remember with thanksgiving, those we have known more directly – those who we love but see no longer.



Our All Souls' Service for the Bereaved - at which individual names will be read out - takes place at St.John with St.Mark at 3.00pm on Sunday 2 November.



A week later Remembrance Sunday is an important occasion in the life of our nation as we recall those who have died or are still suffering from the effects of war. This year of course, there is added poignancy because of the centenary of the outbreak of World War One.

Towards the end of the month, we remember that Jesus - the Son of God – came to this earth to establish a New Kingdom with the Sunday before Advent known as Christ the King. In fact the whole month is known in the church calendar as the Kingdom Season.



\* A reminder that the 2015 benefice diaries are free of charge but a donation of £1 is suggested if you wish to contribute.

\* Thanks to all those who prepared both churches for the Harvest Festivals on Sunday 12 October and to the catering team for the splendid lunch afterwards. Also to those who provided food for distribution in the area.

Both churches supported Caritas and the Porch Project, whilst St. John with St.Mark's also donated items to the Booth Centre based at Manchester Cathedral. The fresh produce from Christ Church was given to the Victoria House Night Shelter based in Openshaw, Manchester.

The service at St.John with St.Mark's was blessed with the contribution of our church school choir, led by Miss Geelan and Miss Carney. Thanks to all who attended.

\* It was announced in October that Gill Barnett, currently training on the All Saints' Centre for Mission & Ministry, will become our stipendiary Assistant Curate following her ordination on Sunday 28 June 2015.

Gill – who lives in Ramsbottom at present – will be moving into the area before that date. Please pray for her as she prepares for this new phase in her ministry.

## ***Christmas cards***

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Christmas cards with a view of Christ Church, painted by Sue Walker, are available.

5 cards in a pack for £2.50  
Proceeds to Christ Church funds.

## FOR QUIET MOMENTS

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**Week 1** A prayer by David Adam, a former Vicar of Lindisfarne, in his book *Encompassing God*

### ***In me now***

Lord, you are.

Lord, you are here, in this very moment.

Lord, you are around me and within me.

You may be unseen, yet you are very near.

You made me, love me, and are within me.

You are my light, Lord, no matter how dark the day.

You are the light, Lord, that cannot be overcome.

You are the light of my life and the light in my life.

Lord, abiding in me, you are my salvation.

With you in me and I in you

I shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Lord, you are here, in this very moment.

Lord, you are here

## **Week 2**

### **An act of Commitment for Remembrance Day**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God, our Father we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.

### **Week 3 Another prayer from St Mark's Scout Group**

We pray for those in poverty or illness;  
for those without home or shelter;  
for those who are hungry;  
for those who fear the cold.

Help us, who are more fortunate, to be more willing to think of the needs of others and to be prepared to share the good things of life.

Give us generosity and concern for others.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Week 4 A Thought in bereavement**

Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen – unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed,  
But very dear.



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Why do you come to church on *Sunday morning*?

- Someone brings you
- Sunday would not be the same if you didn't
- You always have

Or, alternatively, why *don't* you come?

- You've never been to church (or not for a long time)
- You work on Sundays
- Family life is just too complicated
- You wouldn't know what to 'do'

There are lots of reasons to hold Church on different days, at different times, and in different ways. In the benefice there are several midweek services held.

MESSY CHURCH is just one of the ways in which all the family can worship together in a relaxed way, on a Saturday. Do come along and see.

We begin with a drink, introduce the theme, share stories, or get messy with crafts or baking, we hear God's word and talk (& listen!) to him in prayer, we sing and then we eat.



On December 6 we shall be thinking about how we prepare for Christmas – a great opportunity to come and bring family, friends, neighbours with you.

*(Please note: Unfortunately Messy Church on November 1 has had to be cancelled.)*

## ***PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY***

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By Eleanor Minney

For those who were killed in battle,  
For those who gave up their lives to save others,  
For those who fought because they were forced to,  
For those who died standing up for a just cause,  
For those who said war was wrong,  
For those who tried to make the peace,  
For those who prayed when others had no time to pray,  
For those creatures who needlessly die,  
For those trees who needlessly are slaughtered  
For all mankind.



PARADE SERVICES with Acts of Remembrance

November 9

10.30am Christ Church

10.30am St.John with St.Mark (with Communion)

*"We will remember them"*

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY: Sunday 9**

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In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

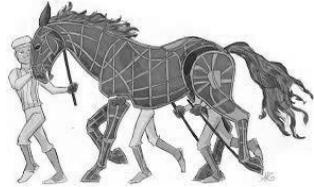
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## ***The Lych Gate, War horse – What's the link?***

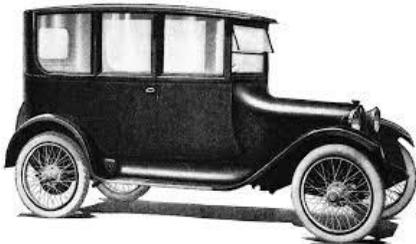
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In 1914, workers, and management and the owner's son from Joshua Hoyle's mill in Summerseat enlisted to serve in the First World War. Six horses belonging to the family were also sent into service in the war.



This left my grandfather who was coachman to Joshua Hoyle without his beloved horses.

Decisions were taken and my grandfather was sent along with other coachmen, to Longbridge car factory to watch his new charge, an Austin car, being made.



He laughed in later years about the last stage in the process – learning to drive the car! The group were taken into a field, the instructor stood with coachman's whip in the centre of a circle of new cars and new drivers giving orders.

Not horse whispering but car whispering! New technology but old working practices.

The horses went to the Western Front and never returned. The mill owner's son, Humphrey King Hoyle, went to Gallipoli where he was killed in the first day of action. He is commemorated in the lych gate at Christ Church.

Alan Spencer

## ***We Shall Keep the Faith***

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*by Moina Belle Michael*



Oh! You who sleep in Flanders' fields,  
Sleep sweet to rise anew.  
We caught the torch you threw,  
And holding high we keep the faith  
With those who died.

We cherish too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valour led.  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders' fields.

And now the torch and poppy red  
Wear in honour of the dead.  
Fear not that you have died for nought  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders' fields.



*Thank you to June Houghton for this poem. Very appropriate as we remember that it is 100 years since the start of WW1. Poignant words and we would all add I am sure.....*

*"We may teach.....If only man would learn"*

*Jean Slater*



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Arya to our branch meeting at the beginning of October. Helen has until recently, led the Junior church and was often seen coming in just before Communion after a busy morning in the hall with the children.

She joined us to share her story of regeneration and the building of community in the school where she is Head Teacher. This school was in special measures when she took over, in an area of severe deprivation and a lack of hope in the neighbourhood. Helen, along with her dedicated staff, shared a vision for the future not only amongst those at school but in the wider community and with other colleagues looking to re-build the area.

It's a spectacular story of success and with so many different activity groups held at the school for all ages, the community has a sense of purpose and can look forward to a fulfilling future. At a recent Ofsted the school gained Outstanding in all areas. We were inspired and humbled by Helen's story and what is possible if communities work together for the same aim.





Pam Hoyle gave us a fascinating culinary tour through the Jewish festivals and how special foods and dishes are linked to each festival. So many of our celebrations have of course their origins in the Jewish festivals but the traditional food was not as familiar. We tasted delicious Lamb Kofta's, Gefilte fish balls, Almond cake and Honey cake which Pam had so kindly prepared for us.

In memory of his mother Sybil Mills, her son, Roger, very generously invited the Branch to join together for a buffet meal at the Lord Raglan. We were treated to an amazing spread of delicious food and had time to spend talking and laughing together. It was a fitting tribute to a lovely lady who so enjoyed the friendship of her Mothers' Union branch.

As I write, we are anticipating our Autumn outing to Dunham Massey. The house has been transformed into a recreation of Stamford hospital where World War 1 casualties were treated. We shall travel together in cars and take the tour as a party, allowing time at the end to eat and possibly visit the gardens weather permitting.

And keeping the theme of eating, we look forward to our Christmas meal at the Red Hall Hotel on December 10th. All balances for the meal should be settled with Barbara Silvester by our next meeting on 5th November.

On that occasion we celebrate Holy Communion together, enjoy a Pie and pea supper to follow and have an opportunity to look at the cards and calendars from the Mothers' Union shop - do bring your money!

It is my great pleasure to report that Mothers' Union at Deanery and Archdeaconry levels have been able to assist with the setting up of a Baby and Toddler Group held at Christ Church hall on a Thursday morning. This is being facilitated by Six Town Housing with a core group of Mums from the local area but fulfils the criteria for the diocesan 'Just Up Your Street' initiative. The group have been given monies from Mothers' Union to assist with the rent for a couple of months whilst they find their feet.



And finally a reminder that Autumn Council is fast approaching. It is held at St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green, on Saturday, 1st November 2014 at 10.00am. The agenda includes some very relevant topics such as 'Why are we here', 'Looking at Just up your Street' and 'Big issues'. Each branch should be represented so please consider making time to attend.

November branch meetings;

5th Nov - Holy communion with Pie and pea supper and opportunity to buy from the Mothers' Union shop- in the Hall

19th Nov - Mrs Chris Howarth  
(Communications Co-ordinator, Manchester)

We look forward to welcoming both members and visitors to our meetings.

Kathryn Bailey  
Branch Leader

## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICES**

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**MONDAY 1 DECEMBER**

**6.30pm**

**at both CHRIST CHURCH  
& ST.JOHN with ST.MARK**

**ALL WELCOME**

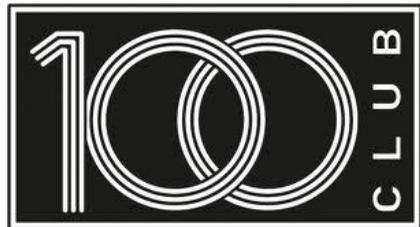
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**SEPTEMBER 2014 WINNERS**

1st Prize ~ 28 Ian Banks

2nd Prize ~ 3 Kelly Watson

3rd Prize ~ 65 John Peat

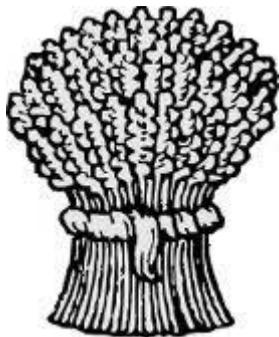


**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

## ***Another Harvest Celebration***

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On page 12 we talk of differing ways church meets differing needs. At the Priory Highbank Centre are some who are unable to come to the church building. So the church is going to them.



A group of 10 from Christ Church, together with Vicar Dave, visited on the afternoon of October 15<sup>th</sup> to lead a Harvest Celebration. Harvest hymns were sung, bible readings and a harvest poem were read by parishioners and staff, with prayers and reflection by the Vicar. The "choir" sang "Glory to God above".

The service was very well attended with patients, relatives and staff. Afterwards there was time to chat, have a drink and sample two delicious cakes (strawberry and chocolate) made by the wife of one of the patients.

A raffle organised by the Priory was drawn and the proceeds of £75 were donated to Church, whilst two of our number were lucky in the draw!

This was the third visit to the Priory and on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm (time to be confirmed) we are returning to celebrate Christmas. Everyone would be most welcome. Please have a word with Kathryn Bailey or the Vicar.

Bob Taylor



## ***ST JOHN WITH ST MARK OPEN GROUP***

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A well attended Open Group on Wednesday 8th October welcomed Linda Thompson for the first time to present an interesting and intriguing theme 'A Crafty Night'.

Linda explained that it did not matter whether you are an experienced artist or would just like to have a go at something new. It was all about having lots of fun and using your imagination in making and creating something different.

Linda provided a wide range of craft materials for the group to use which included an impressive range of motifs, colours and textures that are ideal for making Christmas cards. Under Linda's guidance members used their own imagination and creativity in mixing and matching different accessories to create their own personal Christmas card.

Members were pleasantly surprised at their achievements and it was a very harmonious group that chatted over a cup of tea afterwards and thanking Linda for her input. So much so that Linda was invited to come back to the Open Group again next year to present more 'Crafty Nights'.

Our next meeting ~ Wednesday 12th November  
at 7.30pm in the Library

### **'My Favourite Paintings'**

Led by Ian Banks



Please remember, the Open Group is just that, Open to All.  
We would love you to join us for our meetings.

QUIZ NIGHT  
8TH NOVEMBER 7-30 PM

In the  
CHURCH HALL  
Christ Church Walmersley

Quiz master John Clegg  
£3 entry

Tea and Coffee at half time  
If you would like anything stronger please  
feel free to bring your own!



St.John with St.Mark's Church

**GOLDEN JUBILEE MEAL**

*Friday, 5 December*  
*7.30 p.m.*

Celebrating 50 years of the consecration of our  
church building 1964 – 2014

**£5.00**      *TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM*  
*STUART & ROSEMARIE ASHWORTH*

## ***Around the area – some dates for your diaries***

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Tottington Methodist Church is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Tree Festival from November 28-30 in the church.

Members would be delighted if you would support their event, the proceeds of which will be divided between church funds and Bury Cancer Support Centre.

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Please make a note of Bury Churches Together carol singing at Bury Market, on Saturday 13 December. Singers and musicians welcome - more details next month.



***[www.manchester.anglican.org](http://www.manchester.anglican.org)***

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Have you checked out the diocesan website lately?

It has a new look but still has lots of news and events to interest people of all ages and interests.

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Do you have a favourite hymn or maybe a carol – why not tell us what it is and why you chose it?

***St. John with St. Mark Christmas Fair***

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**Saturday 29th November 2014  
11am - 2pm**

Traidcraft

Cake stall

Tombolas

Cards and Gifts

Toys & Games

Books & Jigsaws

White Elephant

Raffle & much more



**Lunches Available**

**Visit Santa in his Grotto**

Please come along and support this event  
and enjoy our friendship.

If you have any new ideas for stalls or attractions please  
speak to the wardens or clergy in advance

## ***WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER***

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| 1  | 9.30 am  | Mothers' Union Autumn Council                    |
| 2  |          | <b>All Saints' Sunday</b><br>Services as usual   |
| 4  | 7.30 pm  | Listening Prayer Group – 150 W Rd                |
| 5  | 7.30 pm  | Mothers' Union - Holy Communion,<br>Pie and Peas |
| 8  | 7.30 pm  | Quiz Night (CC)                                  |
| 9  |          | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b><br>Services as usual   |
| 12 | 7.30 pm  | Open Group – My Favourite Paintings              |
| 16 |          | <b>Second before Advent</b><br>Services as usual |
| 17 | 7.30 pm  | Church Together in Bury                          |
|    | 7.30 pm  | Deanery Synod                                    |
| 19 | 7.30 pm  | Mothers' Union – Just up your Street             |
| 23 |          | <b>Christ the King</b><br>Services as usual      |
| 29 | 11.00 am | Christmas Fair (SJM)                             |
| 30 |          | <b>Advent Sunday</b><br>Services as usual        |



Mothers' Union members enjoy fun, fellowship and food at the Lord Raglan, in memory of Sybil Mills