

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

in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road



HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 2021

50p



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

REGULAR SERVICES

COVID-19: Please be aware of any current restrictions as you read this edition, together with the diocesan advice on best practice.

Sunday			
8.30am	3 rd	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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 Service of the Word	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
Wednesday			
10.00 a.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
Thursday			
12.30 p.m.		The Gathering	Zoom
2.00 p.m.	1 st	Holy Communion	Christ Church
7.30 p.m.		Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
<p>Other services as announced.</p> <p>Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>Morning Prayer is said each day at 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>Evening Prayer is said each day at 5.00 p.m.</p>			

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.
Both churches have Fairtrade status

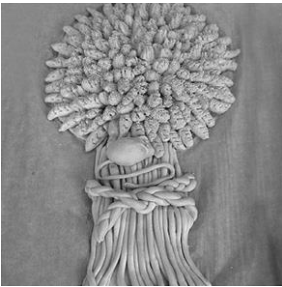


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The gift that keeps on giving

I grew up in the West Country and our church included farmers and fishermen. Our Harvest festivals alternated between bales of hay and a plough one year with nets and a small rowing boat the next. The building was full of local produce, part of which would be given away and part used to make a church supper.

Our festival was in September, immediately after the last of the crops were brought in. A thanksgiving to God for the weather holding, a recognition for the effort that everyone had made and a mark of relief too, since failure could mean significant hardship for at least part of the congregation. The church service was sometimes the morning after the night before, when a little too much local scrumpy had flowed at the real Harvest Home!

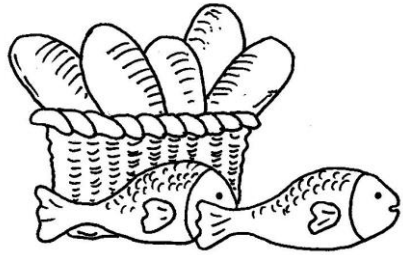


And on the communion table, there was a fancy loaf, formed as a wheatsheaf. If you looked closely there would be a small field mouse hidden within the design. Occasionally we would have the bread earlier in the season on Lammas Day (Loaf Mass Day) as a mark of faith as the first of the crops came in, rather than as a thanks at the end.

For many of us here in Bury today there is less of a direct link between a local harvest and our Harvest Festival. The date we hold it has little to do with agriculture – and, for most of us, our lives and livelihoods don't carry the same level of immediate dependency.

Yet our global economy and sourcing of food stuffs means we're all affected by the success of harvests everywhere – and at all times of the year. Heat and cold, sun and rain, are just as important as they ever were. Only now it might be what's happening in California or Australia or Spain, as well as just up the road. God still provides the weather - and the crops still need to be sown and harvested. One still relies on the other.

In the first of Jesus' big outdoor catering events, he was given a small boy's lunch. Five loaves and two fishes. He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He took the ordinary stuff of life in all its meagreness



and scarcity and turned it into a sacramental sign of God's generosity. It was a gift that kept on giving. They all ate and were filled. But it needed that lad to give his lunch in the first place. One relied on the other.

Took, blessed, broke, gave. Does that remind you of words said at each Eucharist? At each Communion throughout the year, we're reminded of God's generosity and of Jesus, the gift that kept on giving. But as God's earthly representatives it needs us to play our part, to give of what little we have – our skills, abilities and resources - and let them be transformed into God's abundance for the world.

Ian Banks



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Freely, freely

Please share this free phone line with anyone who may find it helpful. It is especially beneficial for those who do not have access to the multitude of resources available on the internet.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

at Christ Church and St John with St Mark

Sunday 10 October

Both churches will host parade services



*"All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love."*

As usual we give thanks for God's goodness by sharing his bounty with those around us.

At St John with St Mark contributions will be welcomed to the work of Caritas and Porch. This includes the usual items such as tinned produce, packet foods, biscuits, tea/coffee.

At Christ Church we shall have our usual threefold gifts -

- * plants will be given to those who are sick or housebound in our parish – please let the Wardens know if you wish to add names to the list. If you are willing to distribute please stay after the 10.30am service.
- * the usual contributions to Porch will be welcomed to support local families in need.
- * monetary gifts will be sent towards the work of Tearfund: the climate crisis is hitting people in poverty the hardest. We cannot ignore this; we need to act justly, pray boldly, give generously and help all to live well on God's earth.

This month (continued)

CAFÉ CHURCH

St John with St Mark at 10.30am
17 October

Christ Church at 10.30am
24 October

*ALL CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICES ARE HELD
IN THE CHURCH HALLS*



JOINT SERVICE

5th Sunday of each month

31 October

10.30am

Christ Church

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



ALL SOULS

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

including the reading of a list of those we love but see no longer

3 pm

Sunday 31 October

at St John with St Mark



BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 3	18th after Trinity Genesis 2: 18-24	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	Mark 10: 2-16
Oct 10	19th after Trinity - Harvest Joel 2: 21-27	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Matthew 6: 25-33
Oct 17	20th after Trinity Isaiah 53: 4-12	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10: 35-45
Oct 24	Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday Isaiah 55: 1-11	Timothy 3: 14-4:5	John 5: 36b-47
Oct 31	All Saints' Sunday Isaiah 25: 6-9	Revelation 21: 1-6a	John 11: 32-44
Nov 7	3rd before Advent Jonah 3.1-5, 10	Hebrews 9. 24-end	Mark 1. 14-20



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

Oct 3	In memory of the Birtwistle and Slater families
Oct 10	In memory of Mr and Mrs Tasker
Oct 17	In memory of Pat Mongey, Joe and Flo Atkinson
Oct 24	Mrs J Wood, in memory of the Wood family
Oct 31	In memory of Mr and Mrs W A E Dighton

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, 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).

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Sep 12 Reggie Paul Goyen

Sep 19 Violet Aurelia Valentine Toth

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

WEDDINGS

Aug 25 Matthew Blundell & Alex Neilson

Sep 4 Steven Jones & Tina Dalley

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

CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICES

Aug 31 Arthur Smith

Sep 9 Robert McQueeney

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT THE CREMATORIUM

Sep 9 Joan Trigg

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT BURY CEMETERY CHAPEL

Sep 3 Betty Redfern

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Aug 29 Alun Pritchard

Sep 5 Harry Porter

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

In memoriam: Arthur Smith

At the age of 15, Arthur Hoyle Smith first played the organ at Christ Church, Walmersley. His final performance was on the Sunday following his 100th birthday in 2015. For eighty of those years, he was the official organist – a role only broken during his war service. This is surely a world record. For this achievement he was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2013 New Year's Honours List with the Lord Lieutenant of Manchester presenting it to him in April 2013 in front of nearly 200 people at Christ Church.

The citation recognised his involvement and commitment to church music at Christ Church. It also spoke of how he encouraged people in their Christian faith and had been a wonderful example of Christian commitment himself. After the service when someone remarked that it had been a special day he replied – “Well, I would have been here anyway!” And his humility showed in his polite declining of an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

That humility and modesty were typical of Arthur. He was a true gentleman and so many can testify to his courtesy and good manners.

Arthur was the oldest living former Football League player, having played for both Bury and Leicester City before World War Two. On his retirement from organ duty he was a regular in the pews and the outpouring of affection for him whenever he and Nancy came into church was wonderful to see.

Arthur died on Saturday 21 August aged 106 at Starmount Villas Residential Care Home in Bolton where he had been living since autumn 2020.

At his funeral on Tuesday 31 August numerous former choristers were present as well as many family and friends. Seven members of the clergy were also present! John Clegg gave the eulogy and spoke fondly of his time in the choir with Arthur. It is hoped that his ashes will be interred in our churchyard – close to the organ he played for so long – very soon.

We give thanks to God for Arthur Hoyle Smith
and for his outstanding life of Christian witness and service.
May He Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

From Christ Church PCC meeting held on 6th September 2021

1. An update on the covid guidance in church was given and it had been decided to move the 9am service from the chapel into the nave. The ministry committee had also made a decision that the common cup would be used at the communion service. The sharing of the peace remains distanced.
2. Arthur Smith's funeral was well attended, with about 140-150 people in church.
3. Tea and coffee were served at the back of church for the first time on the 5th of September.
4. The treasurer reported on the church finance. The Diocesan Parish Share Questionnaire is available from Barbara Taylor.
5. The extension to the Garden of Remembrance was discussed at length and the secretary will apply for a faculty from the diocese to allow the work to be started. The marking of graves in the Garden of Remembrance was also discussed.
6. The new and existing rules for the hire of the Church Hall will be given to the warden Jennifer Wood. These to be discussed and agreed at the next PCC meeting.
7. The vicar commented on Mission Communities; there will be a meeting at St John with St Mark's on Saturday 25th September 2021, 10.30-12 noon to discuss the Mission Community with Kath Pollard, the Lay Chair, and Rachel Mann, Area Dean. The vicar commented that the Mission Community looks like it is going ahead and that there will be some overlap of the clergy.
8. The volunteers' maintenance work on the churchyard and Ackworth Street that is going on between the hours of 10am and 12 noon each Thursday was discussed and the vicar said a great debt and sincere thanks were due to all the volunteers who have helped improve the look of the churchyard over the last few months.

Ian Riddick, PCC secretary

Parish Share is the sum of money contributed by each parish to fund ministry and mission, both at a local parish level and throughout the Diocese. Parish Share is essential to the mission of the church and without it clergy could not be supported, as it is used, among other costs, towards clergy stipends, housing, pensions and training.

Currently in the Diocese of Manchester the way in which the amount required is split between individual parishes, calculated on two key factors:

- * the income survey, and
- * the attendance census

Both will take place in October.

If you attend a service between 3 and 24 October you will be included in the attendance census for that week (but only once each week).

All those aged 16 or over, who attend 12 or more times per year and consider this to be their home church are asked to complete an income survey at some point between these same dates. This is completely **confidential** and **anonymous** - sealed boxes are provided at the back of church and these will be handed to the Area Dean unopened. The forms are individual – so, for example, a husband and wife should each complete their own form. It is also important that everyone who is eligible completes the form, even (indeed, especially) if you have no, or little, personal income.

If you have any concerns about either the survey or the census please do speak to one of the Wardens or either Treasurer.

Underpinning our calculation is the principle that we are called to give in proportion to what has been given to us, and to do that on a weekly basis. We are encouraged to recognise that “God loves a cheerful giver”. Paul’s teaching about the body of Christ tells us of the need to share resources between people and congregations so that all God’s gifts can be used in worship, teaching and mission. As a diocese, we are called to work together as “One Body” in sharing ministry, and local mission, with all our resources.

From the Vicarage

* We are continuing to monitor the situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic. As you will know the Ministry Team decided in July as the restrictions were being eased that:

- Congregational Singing could go ahead
- Test & Trace information should no longer be gathered
- Wine can be offered within the distribution of Holy Communion
- Mask wearing and distancing issues to be no longer compulsory
- We continue to share the peace in a non-physical way

Any further changes will be implemented as and when we feel able to do so. As with society in general, there are a variety of opinions about this process, and no one should feel compelled to do anything they are uncomfortable with. Please have a word with me if there any concerns.

* At 10.30am on the third Sunday of each month a service of Morning Worship / Café Church will take place at St.John with St.Mark. On these occasions there will be a service of Holy Communion in church at 8.30am.

* Churches Together in Bury represents most of the Christian Churches in the town. The group meets every two months, with a prayer group which meets fortnightly. They have now begun to meet in person again. Anyone is able to attend these meetings. Details are in the Bulletin / News Sheet in the relevant weeks.

* Discussions about Mission Communities (MC) are continuing in the Deanery and Diocese. A Mission Community is a group of parishes within a defined area that plan to work together to support each other with new ways of ministering. Our Benefice is scheduled to be part of a MC with St.Stephen's Elton, Bury Parish Church, St.Paul's and the parishes of Roch Valley & Kirklees Valley. Please take a look at the Diocesan website for the latest developments.

- * The Men of the Benefice (MOB) have resumed their meetings on the last Monday of each month. They meet at the Towler from 8pm.
- * The Parish Office is open every Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall. This can be for enquiries about baptisms or weddings or any other matter.
- * Porch Boxes are always in need of food and toiletries especially in this current situation. A box is available at the back of both churches. If you shop at Tesco Bury before the end of September and are given blue tokens at the checkout, please use them at the Tesco Community Grant Scheme display on your way out to support Porch Box. The more that go in their slot, the more grant Tesco will give them!
- * We are now offering tea and coffee after each 10.30am service. This is taking place at the back of each church. If you would like to help with this, please contact one of the churchwardens.
- * The Ministry Team consisting of all the Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister meets every month – usually on the second Monday evening. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, please contact one of the team.
- * Regular attenders to church are encouraged to join our planned giving scheme. If you would like to do so or would like some further information, please speak to one of the Treasurers.
- * If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church, 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). If you wish to join the flower arranging rota, please get in touch also.
- * Material for the parish magazine should be given in by the 14th day of the previous month. Articles may be sent via email to wrub@live.co.uk



September began interestingly with a meeting on the 1st where members were invited to talk about a 'favourite'. Several stepped up to the mark and the rest of us enjoyed listening. A musical box sparked memories of a cruise to Russia (and someone was able to put a name to its tune). We learnt the meaning of 'inutsuk' and where they are to be found (N America, Canada, Greenland, etc). An old copper kettle led us to memories of schooldays in Wales, whilst the prize of a cookery book has been well and truly used over the years. We heard a

favourite poem and a reading from a family bible – there was more but if you come along to our meetings you won't be missing out!

At a recent meeting Dave took us on another memory trip – of the music marking his younger days. We also learnt what he would choose as his luxury item, were he to be cast adrift on a desert island. (Well, he may be asked to do this again so we can't spoil the surprise here!)

Several members have contributed items, or cash, enabling us to fill two backpacks for those leaving Forest Bank prison with nowhere to go. These were available at our meeting and resulted in further donations so three filled backpacks are being handed over. We know these will be much appreciated.



Our meeting on 6 October will be a Knit and Natter Evening.

Manchester MU is taking inspiration from Bristol MU and plan to create a knitted chain of 1129 links to raise awareness of Modern Day Slavery. This represents the possible number of men, women and children currently trapped in modern day slavery in Manchester. An accurate number is difficult as many are hidden, however, The Clewer Initiative have helped to work out a possible figure.

The chain will initially be displayed and blessed at Autumn Council at Church House on 14th October and ready for display on the 18th October - Anti Slavery Day. The Cathedral has agreed to host this for a month and the Chain will then be available for branches to use for meetings and discussion.



If you wish to knit, and are able to bring some 3.25mm (or size 10) needles and DK wool please do, although we will have some available. We also need some to sew the links together, and EVERYONE can natter.

We will have some information available on Modern Day Slavery.

Please let me know if you would like more information about Autumn Council on 14th October as numbers are limited this time.

On 20th October we shall welcome Frances Brough to our meeting. Frances will bring a selection from the MUe shop so this is an opportunity to buy Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2022 diaries and calendars, and greetings cards. Frances will also take orders for items in the catalogue.

With my prayers

Bob Taylor
Branch Leader

Quiet Moments in October

Harvest festivals are common the world over, and are not necessarily Christian celebrations. However, the Christian church has adopted this festival time as a way of giving thanks to God for His goodness in providing us with food and sustenance from the land.

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving
We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment.
Please grow in us a harvest for the world.
Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord,
that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance.
Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord,
that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and
righteousness.
Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord,
that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and
community.
May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us
into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.

Prayer by Julie Palmer © 2018 www.prayerscapes.com

October 18 is marked as **St Luke's Day** so it is apt that we pray for doctors, nurses and all who work in the health service:

Please guide the minds and hands of all who work in the medical profession. May they be blessed with wisdom and knowledge to perform with excellence and in a way that supports the best outcomes. We ask for your presence to be with them and your peace to surround all involved. Please comfort the loved ones of those being treated as they wait. Help them to put their hope in you, and to know how to show love and support afterwards.
We trust in your unfailing love. Amen

AdventHealth.com (adapted)

October 18 begins a week in which we are encouraged to raise awareness of the victims of **modern slavery**.

Loving God, we call to you with hearts in pain for all in our world who suffer the horrors of modern slavery;
for all who dream of a better life in another place
only to be trapped, tricked and traded;
for all those who labour, forced and unseen,
to make our everyday possessions;
for all who agonise for loved ones lost into this trade in humans.
Your Son came to bring good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed - may we too be voices against oppression, channels of good news; may our eyes be opened wide to all who suffer in our midst but out of sight.

All this we pray to you, loving God, for whom no one is invisible.

Revd Rachel Carnegie, Executive Director of Anglican Alliance

On 31 October – **All Hallows Eve**

Lord, tonight,
We will face all that most concerns us:
our fears, the shadowed places of the mind;
the coming of winter darkness;
the cold thin place between waking and sleep.

We call to mind the powerless, the lonely,
those who most fear the knock at the door;
all those deceived by the world's empty promises;
all those cowed by menaces or threats.

We stand with those weak in body, mind or spirit
and those seduced by treats or hurt by tricks.
Lord, your light shines into every darkness.
You told us: pray 'deliver us from evil'.
Your Spirit gives us hope, gives us courage,
a candle in the window unhurt by the wind.

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It was sunny as we drove towards Cumbria and The Appleby Fair, known to regulars as The Gypsy Fair. Normally held in June, but cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions, and postponed until August 12th to 15th of this year. Its ancient Royal Charter permits travelling folk to park and camp in their Vardo caravans on Fair Hill for a week overlooking the town and Eden Valley. It is a meeting place for old and young, where friendships are renewed, and also an opportunity to parade and show off themselves, their ponies, horses and carts; two wheeled or otherwise.

It is a spectacle, a show of spontaneous fun at its best, and of course the ritual bathing of horses in the River Eden. This year the sandbank by the bridge was high and proud. In bad weather when the Eden is in full flood, it is barely visible. A purpose built ramp aids horses and riders into the river below. Fairy Liquid is the 'choicest' shampoo and sellers of this product do well. Thankfully bubbles were minimal this year.

We crossed over the Eden, paid our car park dues and received a greeting from a toothless farmer who allows visitors to park in his fields each year. At the same time we were given a New Testament and Psalms by a family member, courtesy of the Gideon Society. We strolled over the tractor bridge and soon reached the bank nearest the old bridge in town and joined families picnicking on the verges watching the antics of the younger gypsies braving the cold water swimming and bathing their horses.

Dodging the crowds, barriers and pony traps on Romany Way is a work of art, but just before the roundabout below Fair Hill was a little oasis of calm. A Roman Catholic priest was ministering from an open ended tent, which reminded me of a fairy grotto. He was busy.

Reaching Fair Hill we walked amongst stalls selling continental style bedding, fancy glass and china, horse tack and fortunes, as well as caravans peddling hot dogs, snacks etc. In the melee, Christian items were being sold. Is a revival on the horizon I wonder.....?

We returned to town, where, between two crowded pubs with the backdrop of St. Lawrence Church, stood a street preacher giving his all to a good natured public. Nearby was his van with the words 'Jesus Christ is King' in large blue letters, underneath his name 'Dave ... Plasterer'.

What an ending to a good day out to see the Christian Church in all its guises. Is it being re-imagined; the old and the new? Maybe, we will see. The Gospel message remains the same. Spread the Good News of God's love for all people.

Pam Cowie

Searching for School Governors

Information from the Manchester Diocese

Manchester Diocesan Board of Education is wishing to recruit people who would be willing to volunteer to serve as a Foundation Governor in a Church School in the Bury area. People of all walks of life and backgrounds are encouraged to serve in this vital area of Christian vocation. The term of office would be for 4 years with at least 6 meetings each year half termly, maybe rising to more as involvement developed.

People sometimes believe they have nothing to give and shy away from volunteering to be a school governor, however everyone has something to give and diversity of background, skills and experience are particularly valued. Some people with dyslexia/neurodiversity issues can be put off volunteering due to the amount of paperwork to be read before each meeting, however adjustments can be put in place by schools to assist with this and often people with such neurodiversity can bring a clarity of thought and a much-needed alternative view point to the Governing Body as it guides the school to the future and sets and monitors strategic vision.

To be a school governor is a valued outworking of Christian Faith in the community. The Board of Education has recently updated its guidance advice to encourage interested people of all faiths and none to serve as Foundation Governors if they are prepared to commit to upholding the Christian Distinctiveness of the trust deed of the school. Training from the Board of Education is available concerning the detail of how to uphold the Christian Distinctiveness of a school, details of which can be found on the Governance page of the Manchester Anglican website.

Governors must be aged 18 and over and governing bodies are keen to reflect the populations they serve and into which pupils will grow. This involves recruiting for inclusivity, giving everyone the opportunity to serve in an Anglican school context where all are welcomed.

Please see the Governance page of the Manchester Anglican website for further details

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/about-us/schools/educationsupportforschools/governance-and-admissions/>

Summer of Hope

What a great pleasure and privilege to sit in the sunshine for three afternoons in August surrounded by friends old and new!

Mothers' Union Summer of Hope gave a great reason to make scones and other goodies for afternoon tea at Cabbage Hall and our branch can now send £447 to Manchester and then on to Mary Sumner House.



When we hear the final total of Summer of Hope donations, we will be happy to know that members of Christ Church made such a splendid contribution.

Thank you very much.
Cath Hilton

The Real Advent Calendar

is available to order now.

FEATURES:

- * 24-page Christmas story activity book
- * Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with colourful matching picture
- * £300 children's prize competition
- * Foiled for freshness
- * 25 Festive chocolates made from a quality Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa
- * Palm oil free
- * Charitable donation
- * Recyclable box and tray
- * Packed in hygienic wrap
- * Made, designed and produced in the UK

The Real Advent Calendar costs £4.50 and is available online from www.realadvent.co.uk. Delivery is free if we order 18 or more. It will not be available in supermarkets this year. Order forms are available in church. Please contact the Vicar for more information.

COP26 Pledge

With COP26 around the corner the Meaningful Chocolate Company is playing its part in protecting the environment. By shopping with them, you will:-

1-Help plant a forest

For every order (and for every Forest bar sold) they will plant a tree. 485 trees planted so far!

2-Reduce waste

Over the last two years the amount of packaging used has been reduced by 60%, with many Christmas products now plastic free. All packaging can be recycled & comes from managed sources.

3-Make your events more ethical

We love Christingle services, but, once over, nearly half a million oranges, plastic ribbons, candles and donation envelopes are thrown away. That's a lot of wasted food and plastic. So they created the world's first Fairtrade and fully recyclable Meaningful Chocolate Orange boxed in the style of a Christingle.

4-Protect the environment through Fairtrade

Environmental protection is ingrained in Fairtrade. To sell Fairtrade products, farmers have to improve soil and water quality, manage pests, avoid using harmful chemicals, manage waste, reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and protect biodiversity. They are given a cash bonus to help them do this.

Art Workshop



The Art workshop will commence on Monday September 20th 10.00am – 12 noon in the church hall.

There is no tutor, but we all help each other. There are some spaces and the cost is £2.50 per week, but we pay for 10 weeks. We can arrange a taster session if you would like.

If you are interested call in at the church hall or contact Margery Spencer.

Fellowship and achievement

For the last month or two, I and several others of the congregation of Christ Church, together with several who are not, have been working in the churchyard. There has been quite a transformation and there is pride in what has been achieved.

Not only do the church surroundings look good but the people working together have felt a fellowship and sense of achievement. The church is the people first and foremost and its building second.

This working fellowship helps us to overcome the social isolation and cultural confusion of our age.

So if the church looks good and inviting, people will notice and maybe come inside, or even come back.

Geoffrey Hamilton.



We are truly grateful for all the effort expended in returning our churchyard to its pre-pandemic state so THANK YOU to all members of the team.

The work continues, so if you would like to help, do please come along on Thursday mornings or have a word with warden Jason Edwards.

HELP REQUIRED

The Monday evening Beavers & Cubs group at St. John with St. Mark's Church are in need of volunteers. The Beavers group runs from 6.00pm whilst the Cubs meet from 7.00pm on Mondays in the Hall. Full support will be provided. If you feel you can help at either, then please contact Kelly Watson. Alternatively, please get in touch with the Vicar or one of the wardens from St. John with St. Mark, who will arrange for your details to be forwarded to Kelly.

Many Thanks, 11th/24th Group Bury

Village Link

Last month we heard about the work of Christians Against Poverty in Bury. This month we hear about a fundraising effort taking place on Saturday 2nd October to support the work.

A team of four will be walking the whole of the Village Link Walk (around 20 miles), and will be visiting around 15 churches on the way. The walk covers, Walshaw, Ainsworth, Affetside, Hawkshaw, Holcombe, Ramsbottom, Nangreaves, Summerseat and Greenmount.

Gordon Clark, the debt centre manager, will be joined by Revd Paul Sanderson (St Stephen's, Elton), Pastor Paul Selby (Christ Church Ramsbottom), and Simon Wilson (ALM from St James' Brightmet).

They aim to raise £4,000 to cover the costs of running the debt centre for a three month period.

The number of clients seeking help is rising, and the reduction of £20/week in Universal Credit from the beginning of October will create hardship for many people, and possibly lead to even more people seeking help. The centre therefore needs support to enable it to continue providing FREE debt support for Bury residents.

To make a donation please visit:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/villagelink2021>



If anyone you know needs debt help, encourage them to call CAP's central booking team on 0800 328 0006 where they will be able to book an appointment.

Further information about the work in Bury can be obtained from Gordon Clark

gordonclark@capuk.org or 07341 270238

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



HARVEST AFTERNOON TEA TAKEAWAY

Sunday 10th October,
to be collected after the 10.30am service

A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES & CAKES

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH
OR FROM JUNE BANKS

£5.00 PER PERSON – ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 16th October ~ around 10.00am

At Pam Cowie's house

5 Roughhill Lane, Jericho, Bury, BL9 7TH

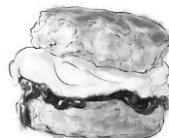
Lifts by arrangement

A SELECTION OF SCONES & CAKES WILL BE
AVAILABLE – WITH TEA & COFFEE

£3.00 PER PERSON CHILDREN FREE

ALSO A RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK FUNDS



Websites: <https://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk>
<https://stjohnstmarkchurchbury.com>

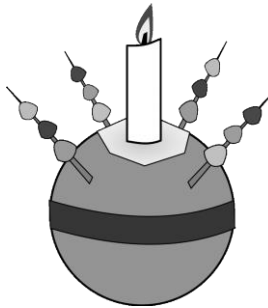
Facebook: @christchurchwalmersley
@stjohnstmark

Twitter: @cofewalmersley

Instagram: cofewalmersley

YouTube: CofE Walmersley

Christingle Services



Christ Church

Monday, 29 November
At 6.30 pm

St John with St Mark

Wednesday, 1 December
At 6.30 pm

FOR YOUR DIARY

3 - 24		Attendance census and Income survey (see p 11)
Sun 3		18th after Trinity
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sat 9		Diocesan Synod
Sun 10		19th after Trinity - Harvest
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family and Parade Services (CC and SJM) Followed by Harvest afternoon tea (SJM) takeaway
Mon 11	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
Thu 14	10.00am	Mothers' Union Council (90 Deansgate)
Sat 16	10.00am	Coffee Morning (5 Roughhill Lane)
Sun 17		20th after Trinity
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (SJM) Parish Communion (CC)
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sun 24		Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (SJM) Café Church (CC)
Mon 25	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Towler)
Sun 31		All Saints' Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (Joint, at CC)
	3.00pm	Service for the bereaved (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday @ Seven (CC Hall)

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.

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings / marriage banns etc or any other matter, should be made at the Parish Office held at St.John with St.Mark Church Hall any Wednesday evening between 6.30-7.00pm.

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

Please send your articles for the magazine by 14th of the previous month to wrub@live.co.uk

Sunday @ Seven

We next meet for our regular Sunday evening informal worship (song/reflection/prayer)

October 31st at 7pm

“Good Reasons for Hope”



All are welcome. Come and join us in Christ Church Hall - or join in on Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.