

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



Harvest

October 2022

50p



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD**

Farewell Service

After nine
years we say
goodbye to
our Vicar, Dave



Joint Service at **10.30 am**
on **Sunday, 30 October**
at **St John with St Mark Church**
EVERYONE WELCOME

Join us, following the
farewell service, for a
time of fun, food and
fellowship

Faith Lunch



Sunday, 30 October

at **St John with St Mark Church Hall**

EVERYONE WELCOME - please bring a contribution to the feast

Induction



Wednesday, 9 November at 7.30pm

at **Christ Church Heaton, BL1 5AH**

with the **Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft**, Bishop of Bolton

We support and pray for Dave and Linda in this new ministry

Trimming back



I am sitting here looking out into our garden and in particular at what was a very large Ceanothus bush. Over many years it has grown into a beautiful part of the garden. Covered in blue flowers in the summer when it would be buzzing

with insects and a haven for small birds all year round as they queued up waiting for a turn on the bird feeders. It was a splendid plant! I say 'what was' because, with reluctance, we have recently come to the conclusion that we can no longer manage it. It has grown too big and we are finding it increasingly difficult to reach up to trim it and it has actually taken over a huge part of the garden – preventing other plants from growing. So armed with saw and secateurs we methodically set to work and it is now much reduced in size!

This pruning operation very much mirrors my own recent decision to trim back on my church activities. Most of you will know that I am not renewing my authority to be an ALM - which was due for renewal this September. Health issues together with, dare I say it, reaching a certain age (!) led me to seriously consider my ability to continue with everything I was involved with at church. Like the ceanothus my activities have grown beyond what I now find manageable. Trimming back was required.

I will now become an ALM Emeritus and over the coming months I intend to ease back from some of the rotas and duties which I have been part of for a good while. I am looking to take up on some of that promised retirement time and to have more time for family. I am not seeking to completely step off the rota treadmill but you will not see me quite so prominently in future!

Jesus had much to say about taking rest; being weary; and seeking some quietness. He withdrew from his work and encouraged his disciples to do the same so that they could rest. As David Robinson reminded us in last month's magazine – God rested after all his creative labouring. My belief is that God knows when it is time for us to step off the treadmill and just take stock. And as we get older we need to do that all the more. We all need to care for our physical as well as our spiritual needs. Rest and attention to the health of our souls is important. Making decisions in these things I would definitely recommend conversation with family and with God. In the words from Proverbs 3 – "Trust in the Lord and do not rely on your own insight; it will be healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body."

Please take note that I am not advocating that we all down tools! But I do think we all need to regularly take a pause; look at what we're doing – or not doing! – reassess and move forward.

Our intention for our ceanothus bush is that it will continue to give us the beauty and joy it has done in the past and continue to be there and to grow but in more manageable proportions. The same is the plan for me and church life!

God bless you all and thank you for your support.

Nigel

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BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

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| Oct 2 | 16th after Trinity | Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 | 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 | Luke 17: 5-10 |
| Oct 9 | 17th after Trinity - HARVEST | Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 | Revelation 14: 14-18 | John 6: 25-35 |
| Oct 16 | 18th after Trinity | Genesis 32: 22-31 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Luke 18: 1-8 |
| Oct 23 | Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday | Isaiah 45: 22-25 | Romans 15: 1-6 | Luke 4: 16-24 |
| Oct 30 | All Saints’ Sunday | Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 | Ephesians 1: 11-23 | Luke 6: 20-31 |
| Nov 6 | 3rd before Advent | Job 19.23-27a | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end | Luke 20: 27-38 |



Flowers in church

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).

At Christ Church

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| Oct 2 | In memory of Mr & Mrs Tasker |
| Oct 9 | Vacant |
| Oct 16 | Vacant |
| Oct 23 | Mrs J Wood, in memory of the Wood family |
| Oct 30 | In memory of Mr & Mrs W A E Dighton |

BAPTISMS

Aug 21 Matilda Rose Hoare
Aug 28 Archie-Michael Kenny

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

CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICE

Aug 18 Victoria Smith-Unwin
Sep 12 Margaret Taylor

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT THE CREMATORIUM

Sep 8 Doreen Davies
Sep 12 Michael Olive
Sep 15 Barbara Walsh

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Sep 18 Mary Wardle

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

Harvest Offering

The Harvest Festivals give us an opportunity to give thanks in a practical way for the generosity of God our Father.

At **Christ Church** on 9 October we shall:

- * take plants to the sick and housebound – please let us know if you are aware of someone who would appreciate a gift;
- * collect groceries for Porch to help those in need in our community;
- * accept donations for the worldwide humanitarian work of Christian Aid.
- envelopes are available in church

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

Christ Church PCC meeting of the 26th July 2022

The vicar confirmed that the concert on 10th December was in the band's diary. The concert booking on 29th October was under review. *(Now agreed)*

There is still a desire to have two carol services this year: at Christ Church and at St John with St Mark. The ministry team continue to discuss. *(Now agreed)*

The plaque for Arthur was further discussed and a faculty will be required.

The lack of readings for the gas and electricity during the covid period was discussed by the treasurer and progress has been made to resolve the issue.

There was a long discussion on the proposed changes to the garden of remembrance and it was finally decided after a vote to go forward with a communal style garden of remembrance with small memorial plaques. The congregation will be consulted, and the final decision will be made by the PCC.

Amy Paterson was admitted as a sidesperson by the members of the PCC.

The ECO church energy footprint tool was discussed and is to be completed by the end of July. The vicar considered that the ECO church scheme is important and should be followed up. *(ECO CHURCH is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, equipping churches to care for God's creation. By completing an online survey, churches can be considered for an Eco Church Award at either Bronze, Silver, or Gold level. There are currently **896 Bronze, 294 Silver, and 18 Gold** Church of England Eco Churches, and even our first gold cathedral; Salisbury. There are 5 areas a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with to receive an award: Worship and teaching, Management of church buildings. Management of church land, Community and global engagement, Lifestyle.)*

The situation with Morris homes was discussed and there is no further information regarding planning permission at this time.

The three music and copyright licences that the church holds are up for renewal and the PCC voted to renew them. Cath Hilton volunteered to pay for a licence to download Christian music from CCLI which had previously been paid for by Nigel Silvester.

It was noted that Nigel Silvester is now going to be an ALM emeritus.

Safeguarding was discussed by Cath Hilton. Cath will approach the sidespersons to try and get them to take the online course regarding safeguarding.

It was noted that the parish share for 2023 will be reviewed and is under discussion.

Ian Riddick

From the Vicarage

* These will be the final notes that I write

“From the Vicarage”. It has been a joy to be the Vicar of the United Benefice of Walmersley Road since July 2013. I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support during this time. Looking back over the past 9 years there have been so many occasions to remember. So many people to recall. Times of happiness and sadness. One of the roles of Vicar in a parish is to share in people’s lives in a very special way – and that is a great privilege.

I will be presiding for the final time at the Benefice service on Sunday 30 October at St. John with St. Mark. My induction as Vicar of the Benefice of St. Margaret’s Halliwell & Christ Church Heaton will take place on Wednesday 9 November at Heaton, beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Please pray for Linda & me as we move parishes, as I will pray for you all and the process of appointing my replacement. In the meantime, the Mission Community Leader Julian Heaton and our Area Dean Rachel Mann will be available for guidance. The Ministry Team will continue to lead services with outside help. Please support the wardens and other church leaders during the time of interregnum.

* It was good that we were able to open both churches for prayer and reflection following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. These unprecedented times will be remembered for years to come as we mourn the passing of our longest serving monarch and we have played our part in this process. Thanks to all who helped enable this to happen.

* The Men of the Benefice (MOB) meet on the last Monday of each month. We gather at the Towler Inn from 8pm.

* Christ Church are continuing to use the facility for contactless payments. The card reading machine is situated at the back of church. If you wish to use this, please contact one of the church officers at Christ Church.

* We are still awaiting the decision of Bury Council's Planning Department following the signing of the contract between Christ Church PCC and Morris Homes to build houses on the church field. Comments have been requested from members of the public and the outcome will be announced as soon as a decision is made.

* Churches Together in Bury represent 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 will be in the Bulletin / News Sheet in the relevant weeks.

* 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. Thanks to those who support those in need.

* 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

Generous Giving

Like a lot of you, each year I have to complete a Self-Assessment Tax Return for the lovely, kind-hearted people at the Inland Revenue. They use it to calculate how much Income Tax I owe them.

I wonder what would be revealed if each year we were also obliged to do a Self-Assessment of how we spent our time as well as our money. What would such an audit say about how we used our resources? Would it bring to light what we thought was important?

That relationship between faith and resource is commonplace in the teachings of Jesus. For instance, Matthew 6:9-13, the one about the birds in the air and the lilies in the field. Later, 1 Timothy 6:11-19 talks about being 'rich in good works, generous and ready to share.' It's clear that our time and our possessions are not disconnected from our beliefs and - much like how we act or speak - how we spend our time and money is a good signifier of what lies beneath the surface.

In both these Bible passages we find teaching that encourages us to hold 'stuff' lightly. Not because such things are inherently bad, but because they can get in the way of our relationship with God. When anxiety over food, clothes, and shelter become the priority, then we become distracted from the relationship that truly brings life.

Such is the impact of possessions on daily life, that not only can they come between us and God, but they can also distort our perspectives on the community around us and the Truth of life in its fullness. When money is our priority, God becomes small.

Whilst we know God has provided all that we might need, we also know that there are many for whom worry and anxiety for food, clothes, and shelter are justified life-and-death concerns. Walk through any town or city centre and the extent of this is clear. And that's not to mention the hundreds of millions across the world who live in poverty.

Someone may ask: "But if the lilies in the field are so finely clothed, why has God let so many die for want of a decent jacket to keep them warm?" Well, another parable might help us answer that.

The parable of the sower may highlight how *we* have not played our part. The seeds have the potential to deliver all that they have been promised and yet

the land (that's us) may not offer them the conditions to flourish. So, how can we ensure that each and every plot of land (that's us again) is cultivated to make the most of the resources so generously given to us by God?

The passage in Timothy makes it clear: we should share and be generous. This is not only for the good of the community but also for personal wellbeing. Generosity enables money to no longer be a distraction but to be a signifier of God's love in the world. If there are people who are hungry, cold, and in need of a roof over their heads, then as the hands and feet of Christ, it's our calling and responsibility to provide that. There's enough of everything in this world to go around. If someone is lacking, it's because someone else has already got more than enough and has spare to share with others.

It's often said that we should give sacrificially. That our generosity should be so great that we notice it. This is true. But also the more often that you give generously the more it stops being so 'sacrificial' because eventually it starts becoming who we are. Something is sacrificial when it hurts or impacts us. But by the tenth time of giving, the impact is lessened. It may still be as generous as the first time, it may still in "real-terms" affect our life or bank balance just the same. However, over time it becomes commonplace and is the signifier of our faith in the love and provision of God. It is evidence of our holding it lightly.

We are called to be generous. So how do we become more generous? By being more generous! You can't shortcut your way to generosity, but the more you do it, the easier it becomes.

October is the time that we celebrate Harvest. A time to think of God's generosity to us. It's also an ideal opportunity to think about how we each can be more generous to others in return. Generous with our money, our possessions and, yes, with our time too. Time might be our most precious commodity. How do we spend it?

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. **Amen.**

St Ignatius of Loyola

Ian Banks

Dave led what has become an annual service of Evensong, in Church. We thank Geoff, also a member, for playing the organ so we could sing some fitting hymns.

Sadly, our Archdeaconry President, Ruth Taylor, was ill so unable to come and speak. We hope to have more luck in 2023 and look forward to what she has to say. We enjoyed a hastily arranged quiz night, and congratulate the four members of the winning team.

A good number of our members joined members from other branches at a Saturday afternoon tea for Bury and Rossendale Deanery's "Get to Know You" afternoon, which was a successful and much enjoyed event.

On 5 October we shall welcome our Area Dean, the Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann and on 19 October we anticipate a talk on the unusual topic of animal prosthetics.

As always, everyone is most welcome at our meetings – in the Hall at 7.30pm.

On Saturday 22 October in Church House Manchester, is an opportunity to learn more about the work of Mothers' Union, especially here in our diocese, at the Autumn Council meeting. Council, which is held twice a year, is for all members. Please ask if you are interested in more details.

Bob Taylor,
Branch Leader



Mothers' Union diaries, calendars and cards

I am willing to take orders for diaries, calendars and cards. A catalogue is at the back of church on the MU notice board.

Hilary Riddick

*All proceeds support our work stopping violence,
stopping poverty, stopping injustice.*

Prayer, Worship, Love, Service



On Saturday 10th September 2022 Bury and Rossendale Deanery Mothers' Union hosted an afternoon tea at Christ Church Walmersley to allow our members to get to know those in the other areas of our newly formed Deanery. Bury Deanery now consists of Bury, Rossendale, Radcliffe and Prestwich. Every area had members attending.

Our new Deanery banner was on display, saying all that Mothers' Union stands for.

It was a prayerful and mournful start to the afternoon remembering our Patron, HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Prayers were led by Deanery Leader Tricia Stokes. Tricia, using our amazing technology, broadcast a message via Bluetooth speaker to our members from Sheran Harper our World Wide President.

This was greatly received. We gave thanks and praise to our new King Charles III, finishing with the National Anthem 'God Save the King'. May he serve as his mother in steadfast hope and the strength that she gave to the peoples of the nation and commonwealth. Amen

My love and prayers to all
Tricia xx

Due to the retirement of our local representative in Bury, we are currently on the lookout for a new Christian Aid co-ordinator in the town. If this is something you feel you may be interested in, or have a calling towards, then please consider this. John Brennan is our Benefice co-ordinator, who may have more details on what this entails.



A prayer for Harvest

Unclutter our lives, Lord
we have too much, consume too much, expect too much.

Grant us perspective;
to see this world through others' eyes than just our own.

Grant us compassion;
where there is need to play our part, not turn aside.

Grant us gratitude
for what we have, our daily bread, the gift of life.

Unclutter our lives, Lord,
give us space, simplicity, thankful hearts.

John Birch

As we approach an Interregnum

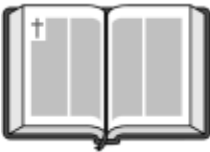


O God,
You know us better than we know ourselves.
Guide us throughout our time of transition.
Empower each one of us to use our unique
gifts to create a beautiful life, to share openly
and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to
encourage humility, patience and joy. Instil in us a vision of the life you
intended for us to lead. Guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in
love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

from beliefnet.com

A Prayer for Bible Sunday – 23 October 2022

We give thanks for all those who have helped us to grow in faith: parents, teachers, priests, friends and sometimes the complete stranger. Help us to pass on the message to those who follow. Especially we give thanks for the word of God contained in the Bible which shows us the path, lights our way and informs our actions. We remember the work of the Bible Society in bringing the good news to people all over the world.



As I read your Scriptures,
inspire my reading that I may learn of you.

As I hear your Word, inspire my hearing
that I may be taught righteousness.

As I listen to your voice, inspire my soul
that I may live under your guidance. Amen

A prayer for each one of us

Lord Jesus Christ, so many people in this world are prevented from reaching their true potential, whether by being oppressed by others, or by lacking confidence in their own abilities.

Reach out to them, Lord, and lift them.
Show them that you love and value them for
who they are, not what they have, or have
not, done.

You were able to use ordinary people like
fishermen and bring out the best in them in
order to spread your word of love, peace, joy
and justice.

Use us, Lord, as you used them. Amen





For our Open Group meeting on Wednesday 14th September, we were pleased to welcome Julian Hartley for his talk entitled 'from PC to FD to I'. The talk actually began in reverse order as Julian explained his current role as 'I' for an 'investigator' for solicitors.

The main focus of the evening was on the 'PC', as Julian gave us an overview of his work as a Police Constable from the early 1980's in Yorkshire, particularly Halifax and Bradford. Julian had a wish from an early age to join the force and we were first given an insight into the rigorous training required and standards which needed to be met. Regular haircuts were quite common by all accounts! If you ever remember the TV show 'Life on Mars', well this was the police force of that time.

As in every job, you have to start at the beginning and get all the good jobs! Cleaning up cells on Friday and Saturday nights was normal for a rookie copper. Julian also briefed us on the first time he had to deal with the deceased.

We were told about some of the difficult situations that Julian had to encounter, including some images that people would find hard to discuss, so I was grateful to him for sharing those experiences with us. Police work sounds like it can be fun as well, and the anecdotes were a welcome distraction from more challenging scenes of death and crime.

The group seemed to enjoy the talk and one or two others shared similar experiences at the end of the evening. We did not actually get to the 'FD' – Funeral Director. However at least that gives us a meeting for next year with the second instalment. Thank you to Julian for giving us a behind the scenes peak into the work of a police officer.

Due to the Deanery Synod meeting and Dave's licensing at his new Benefice on the second Wednesdays of October and November respectively, I will need to look at the schedule for the autumn. I will discuss over the next few weeks and advise on the weekly sheets of a new date.

David Robinson

PS – My apologies for the error in last month's article, following Nigel's meeting, when I referred to the Isles of Scilly as the 'Scilly Isles'. The latter is a road junction in Surrey. I can only put that down to having too many reports to write last month!



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Can you help?

As with previous years, we are aiming to put together and distribute shoeboxes. This time they will not be going overseas, but to a local community scheme.

However we are in need of empty boxes and also some of the items to go in them. These include toiletries such as flannels, soaps, toothbrushes etc.

If you can help with providing boxes, any of the items required, or just need more guidance on what items are needed then please see Margaret Duckworth or Kelly Watson at St. John with St. Mark Scout Group over the next few weeks.

Thank You

swim, singsong, snacks, sleep!

25th Bury (Christ Church) Brownies and Guides spent a weekend at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe for a fun filled adventure camp.

Despite a poor weather forecast we were blessed with better weather than expected and even had a rainbow over our campfire.

The brownies took part in crate challenge, obstacle course, cave, tie dying pillowcases and, of course, visited the shop!

The guides conquered the escape room, built towers of crates and had a competitive archery session. They spent time in the archive room - brass cleaning badges, dressing up in old uniform and hearing about the history of Waddow and the ghost Peg O'Neil, and kayaked up the river Ribble including a swim or 2!

Everyone joined together around the fire for a singsong and plenty of snacks. How many marshmallows can they eat?!

The sign of a good camp.....all the girls asleep in the car going home!

If anyone is interested in joining us, with all the fun, activities and adventures, as a volunteer or member then please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us



Events this month



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Hosted by

Moorside Community Knitting Group

on Monday 3rd October

at 2pm

St John with St Mark Church Hall



3RD THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCHES



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 5JU

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!

Upcoming Dates 2022: 20th October, 17th November



CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE



Christ Church Hall

10.30am

23 October 2022

T@2

Tuesday, 25 October

2pm prompt

at Christ Church Hall

Come and enjoy an afternoon of

Sandwiches

Cakes

Entertainment

Tombola



Tickets £7 from Tricia Stokes and Jennifer Wood



*COFFEE MORNING, BOOKS
& ALSO TOY FAIR*

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

from 10.00am - 12noon

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL

GOOD AS NEW TOYS ~ BOOKS ~ REFRESHMENTS ~ CAKES

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS



Ramsbottom Choral Society and Radcliffe Male Voice Choir

DANCE AWAY THE NIGHT

October 29th 2022

at 7.30pm

in Christ Church

Tickets £10





Sunday @ Seven



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

October 30th at 7pm

*Standing on the
shoulders of giants*



Come and join us for an hour of relaxed worship and reflection.

We remember all those who have gone before us – and particularly we will think about and give thanks for those who have left a personal impression on us.

We will meet at Christ Church Hall.

Or you can join in via Zoom.

Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.

FORTHCOMING DATES



ST JOHN WITH ST MARK CHRISTMAS FAIR

This will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 26th November from 11.00am. Items for stalls can be brought to Church or the wardens and please consider whether you can help on the day. More details soon.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES will hold Christingle Services on
MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER
beginning at 6.30pm



CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE

St. John with St. Mark Church Hall

10.30am
18 December 2022

BENEFICE CAROL SERVICES

In a change to our previous pattern,
BOTH churches will host a Carol Service
this year

On Sunday 18 December
at 6.30pm





THIS MONTH'S FILLER...

I had just returned from a meeting in Manchester on Thursday 15th September to start work on this edition of the magazine and was contemplating what fillers we could include this month, when I received a very welcome 'filler' of my own around 1.00pm.

As I did not get to the lunch on time, Nigel had very kindly delivered me my very own takeaway light lunch, courtesy of the Thursday lunch team; a very appetising jacket potato with a huge helping of chilli, plus dessert.

The Thursday lunch club never fails to disappoint. Thanks to Nigel and the team for giving me the sustenance to get through the day.

David R

WHY WE NEED A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Calendar was created in 2013 following surveys showing that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas.

It is easy for Christ to be removed from the general marketing of Christmas. The Real Advent Calendar exists to place the story of Jesus' birth at the heart of Christmas.

To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar was created with a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 doors and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story and sometimes sets an Advent challenge.

Kids love the Fairtrade chocolate and they love the book. Parents enjoy reading it with their kids and learning more about the Christmas story and traditions. Every year there is a new edition using top children's illustrators.

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way to put Christ back into the hearts of those who no longer know the Christmas story.

REGULAR SERVICES

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| 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 |
| Other services as announced. | | | |
| Services are from Common Worship unless otherwise stated. | | | |
| Morning Prayer is said each day at 9.30 a.m. | | | |
| Evening Prayer is said each day at 5.00 p.m. | | | |

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.

Both churches have Fairtrade status



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>

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Instagram [cofewalmersley](#)

and YouTube [CofE Walmersley](#)

FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

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| Sun 2 | | 16th after Trinity |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion (both) |
| Mon 3 | 2.00pm | MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (SJM Hall) |
| Wed 5 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC Hall) |
| Sun 9 | | 17th after Trinity – HARVEST FESTIVAL |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Family Worship and Church Parade (CC) |
| | | Parish Communion, Church Parade & Lunch (SJM) |
| Wed 12 | 7.30pm | Deanery Synod (SJM) |
| Sat 15 | | Diocesan Synod |
| Sun 16 | | 18th after Trinity |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (SJM) |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship (SJM) |
| | | Parish Communion (CC) |
| Tue 18 | | School Harvest Services (see page 27) |
| Wed 19 | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union (CC Hall) |
| Thu 20 | 12noon | Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall) |
| Sun 23 | | Last after Trinity (Bible Sunday) |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Café Church (CC Hall) |
| | | Parish Communion (SJM) |
| Tue 25 | 2.00pm | Afternoon Tea (CC Hall) |
| Sat 29 | 10.00am | Coffee Morning, Book Sale & Toy Fair (SJM Hall) |
| | 7.30pm | Concert (CC) |
| Sun 30 | | All Saints' Sunday |
| | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP (CC) |
| | 10.30am | Farewell Service and Lunch (SJM) |
| | 7.00pm | Sunday@Seven (CC Hall and Zoom) |
| Mon 31 | 8.00pm | Men of the Benefice (Towler) |

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 9 October at 10.30 am
in both churches
with Parade Services

School Harvest services

on Tuesday 18 October
Springside - 10 am in Christ Church
St John with St Mark - 2pm in St John w St Mark Church

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

HARVEST AFTERNOON TEA TAKEAWAY



Sunday 9th October after the Harvest service
This can be collected after the 10.30am service,
can be delivered, or you may stay behind
and enjoy in the Church Hall with others and a brew!

A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES & CAKES

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In both our churches books of condolence were signed and members of our community spent time in prayer and contemplation

Lord God, grant to His Majesty great wisdom and humility. May he reign with the same integrity and dignity as his mother, sharing the same hope in Christ, in whom there is forgiveness and reconciliation.

Charles III