

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



Remembrance – a WW1 soldier

November 2022

50p

Thank you

to all who came, and gave, and shared



We distributed fruit and flowering plants to the sick and elderly,

collected food for those in need, to be distributed through Porch and Caritas,



gave financially to the work of Christian Aid

while Harvey the harvest scarecrow kept a careful eye on proceedings

St John with St Mark School and Springside School came to church to give thanks also.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Stand on the shoulders of giants

Remember

Within four months of the outbreak of World War I, one million men had volunteered to join the British Army. In January 1916, when volunteers were running short, conscription came in for single men between the ages of 18 and 40. By June 1916 that was extended to married men of the same age. Later it increased to those up to the age of 51.

Men aged 18-51, plus some who were younger and lied about their age, volunteered or were called up for war. It's sobering that it's also that age group that are mostly missing from our churches now - but today it's through choice or inclination.

Fred and Robert

St John with St Mark's has just one church building now. But there were two at the time of World War I. We don't know how many volunteered, but in total 123 men across the two churches lost their lives during the conflict. There were 44 more at Christ Church. So, 167 in total! 167 brothers, sons, uncles, husbands, fathers, lovers. 167 gaps in the pews.

At the older end was Fred Calderbank, aged 45. Fred was a machine fitter and worked in the mills in Bolton and Bury. He lived with wife Lilly and their children on Raven Street in Bury. I have a photo of Fred, looking very smart in his civvies.

One of the youngest was Robert Austin and he was just 18 years old. Robert lived with his auntie Salome and uncle Thomas in Freetown, Bury. I have no photo of Robert.

Fred and Robert served in the 1st/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. They were both Privates and they were both killed in action. The 1st/5th landed at Gallipoli on 5th May 1915. Fred died on the 7th May.

And young Robert, a month later. They weren't conscripted; they both volunteered. One older, one younger. Both answering the call.

Because of people like Fred and Robert, we're here today. They volunteered not knowing what would happen next, not knowing the consequences. And we **should** remember them and those that have followed in World War II and the conflicts since.

No plaque

But if 167 died, then how many more were wounded? Twice that many? Three or four times perhaps? There's no plaque to them – or to their families. No memorial to the survivors, to the people who had to get on with life and living when the war was over.

And from 1918 to 1920 the world then had to cope with the Spanish flu pandemic. It's said to have infected 500 million people, about a third of the world's population at the time. Estimates range from anything between 17 million to 100 million people dying.

Heroes and heroines today

November 13th is Remembrance Sunday this year. And we will remember those great sacrifices of the past. But we should also bring to mind what's been happening over the last few years with Covid and with all the ongoing conflicts around the world. We should be reminded of all the heroes and heroines of today. Some are wearing military uniforms, or nurses' uniforms - but many aren't. You may have family members or neighbours who every day are showing courage and bravery and selflessness. It's not that long since we were going outside to applaud them – but that seems a distant memory now.

And think of the ordinary people, people just like you and me, caught up in countries like Ukraine.

The Gospel reading for Remembrance Sunday this year tells us to trust God during difficult times. And that could be in economic difficulties as well as wars and disasters. Bad things *will* happen – but we should be

assured of God's faithfulness when they do. Should we blame anyone – no, we shouldn't, says Jesus. Instead, it's an opportunity for us to get out there and live our lives for others in the way that God intended. And we'll be given the strength and the wisdom to do that.

Just passing through

I think it's appropriate to remember the Queen too. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. During the TV coverage of her funeral, one of the guests that they were interviewing recalled a speech given by the Queen to Commonwealth leaders in 2011. Quoting from an old native Australian proverb, she said: "We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home."

Perhaps, when all is said and done, that's the best way to remember those from the past. To stand on the shoulders of those giants and every day make the choice to observe, to learn, to grow and to love. And, in time, we too will return home.

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ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 13 November

10.30 am

in both churches

Everyone is welcome



Lest we forget



BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 6 **3rd before Advent**

Job 19.23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, Luke 20: 27-38
13-end

Nov 13 **2nd before Advent – REMEMBRANCE SUDAY**

Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19

Nov 20 **Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

Nov 27 **Advent Sunday**

Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-end Matthew 24.36-44

Dec 4 **2nd of Advent**

Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12



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

- Nov 6 Vacant
- Nov 13 In memory of past Mothers' Union members
- Nov 20 In memory of Aston Mitchell-Male
- Nov 27 In memory of Jack Grindrod

BAPTISMS

Oct 8 Charlie Roberts
"In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit....."

CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICE

Oct 12 Joyce Hopkinson

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Sep 25 Kathleen May Connell
 Annie Dando

Oct 2 Donald Jones
"I am the resurrection and the life....."



#MoreThanSunday

You probably spend at least 90% of your life outside of church.

#MoreThanSunday is a learning journey - exploring what it means to follow Christ Monday to Saturday beyond church in our work, education, community and family contexts.

Currently there is an opportunity to join this journey, meeting monthly at St John with St Mark. There are seven 'Shifts' in the journey, which began in September with "This Time Tomorrow" – a simple concept you can quickly take on board and share with others. This was followed by Shift 2 in October which encouraged us to look at prayer and intercessions and how we can more openly involve our wider Church and communities in our prayer life.

If you missed these first two shifts, it is not too late to go along on Saturday, 19 November at 9.30am in the Barritt Room at St. John with St. Mark, to the next Shift, "Faith at Home". We meet in a hybrid environment with other Mission Communities joining us on Zoom.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to feel more confident about their faith. Why not 'give it a go'?

Report of Christ Church PCC meeting 28th September 2022

1. The 26th July minutes of the PCC meeting were proposed and accepted as a true record.
2. The meeting agreed the purchase of a memorial plaque for Arthur Hoyle Smith to be placed on a panel of the Organ loft. The wording on the plaque will be: - In Memory of Arthur Hoyle Smith BEM 1915-2021 Organist and Choir Master 1935-2015. A faculty has been submitted to the diocese.
3. It was agreed that there was to be a carol service at both churches on December 18th 2022.
4. Attendance checks and income survey will be carried out during October.
5. It was agreed to send £50 from the church copper collection to Solidarity.
6. It was also agreed to send £20 to the Poppy appeal.
7. The Baldingstone School fund finances were discussed and no change to the arrangements was passed.
8. The drawing for the new Garden of Remembrance extension was passed and the faculty will be applied for when the quotes for the new wall have been received.
9. It was noted that the church is short of two trustees. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
10. The potential government cap on heating and electricity costs for churches was discussed but no information is available on this at the moment.
11. The heater in the ladies' choir stall needs attention or a new one. The property committee will look into this.
12. The Fundraising committee noted that there was to be an afternoon tea with entertainment on the 25th October, tickets available from Jennifer Wood or Patricia Stokes.
13. The Church Hall booking secretary noted that there were several parties booked in the church hall in the next few months.
14. The vicar moves from the Benefice on 21st October to take up a new position at Christ Church Heaton and St Margaret Halliwell. He will be at our Joint benefice service at St John with St Mark on 30th October.
15. The vicar noted that during the interregnum the services at Christ Church are filled with a few exceptions up to Christmas.
16. The next PCC meeting will be on 26th October. *(Now a joint PCC meeting with the next PCC on 3rd November.)*

Summary of the St. John with St. Mark PCC meeting of 20th September 2022

- DBS Latest – We are awaiting on some DBS’s to be processed.
- Faculty for removing pews at back of church – There is currently no update. A list of plans is at the back of Church.
- Interregnum – Feedback from the joint PCC of 8th September with the Rector, Julian Heaton, was discussed. The Vicar will officially leave on 9th November however his last service will be a joint service on Sunday 30th October. A separate meeting will take place with wardens to discuss service arrangements and things such as printing of service sheets.
- Finance – We were advised that October is the month for income and attendance surveys. Forms for the income survey will be placed at the back of Church during the Sundays in October; there was an update on the Parish Share; heating bills and the concerns over the costs during the winter months were discussed; the coffee morning on 10th September raised £300.00.
- Vicar’s report – A #More Than Sunday course will begin in the Barritt Room on 24th September and monthly thereafter. This is a Bury Deanery Mission Community event and open to all; we are being asked to consider appointing a schools mission officer; Judith Duckworth, the longest serving staff member at St. John with St. Mark School, is to retire on 30th September after over 40 years; the book of condolence which was set up following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II we are asked to retain in our safe; as this was the Vicar’s final meeting he gave us an overview of his new Benefice and offered his thanks to the PCC for the last nine years.
- Seedfield development – No further update, however the possibility of traffic calming measures on Parkinson Street are being considered.
- Health & Safety – A further appeal for First Aiders has been put out and this will be publicised on the weekly sheet.
- Other Business – The possibility of resuming the 100 Club has been suggested. Over the next few weeks, we will put out notices to see whether others are interested. There would need to be sufficient numbers to make this feasible.
- Next PCC Meeting is on Thursday 3rd November at 8.00pm.

Interregnum Notes

* Everyone is welcome to attend the Induction of Dave as Incumbent of Christ Church Heaton and St Margaret's Halliwell on Wednesday, 9 November at 7.30pm at Christ Church Heaton. If you need transport do please ask the Wardens (and likewise if you have space to offer a lift). Please pray for Dave and Linda during this period of transition.

* Please support our Wardens and Ministry team during the time of interregnum and we give thanks to all those who have agreed to help in leading services. We are grateful also to Archdeacon Jean, Area Dean Rachel and our Mission Community Leader, Julian Heaton, who are all available for guidance if for any reason the 'home' team can't help you.

* Bury and Rossendale Deanery now has a Facebook group for all members of the deanery. This is the place to find out about deanery events but also about the things which are happening in other churches. If you use Facebook please join the group.

* We still await a decision from 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. The outcome will be announced as soon as a decision is made.

* 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.

* Would you be willing to volunteer for the monthly distribution of the church magazine?

Number of magazines: 15

Location: Walton Drive, School Lane, and nearby Walmersley Road

Payment: Collect annual subscription

Contact: Val McDermott

Matthew's Gospel

An exploration

In preparation for the next
Liturgical Year

**WEDNESDAY
EVENING
7.00PM**

- 2 Nov. The New Torah
- 9 Nov Jesus in Matthew
- 16 Nov Being a Matthean Disciple
- 23 Nov The Sermon on the Mount

ALL WELCOME

for more information
burypcoffice@gmail.com



A series of studies to which all are welcome. They will take place at Bury Parish Church, with access via the vestry door at the rear of church.

Autumn Camp: September 2022



This camp was unusual in several ways: it was the first official camp since covid and the first camp that we have taken Beavers away at the same time as the rest of the Troop. It was also the day after the death of the Queen. We seriously questioned whether we should cancel the camp but decided that the Queen above all others would want the children to be happy. On the Friday morning after the skies had cried buckets of tears a sign appeared. A double rainbow – it's meaning?



A double rainbow is said to denote spiritual transformation, signifying new beginnings and good changes. Sad as we were, the camp went

ahead and when we opened we talked to the children about the Queen and how she had been the most remarkable Monarch. Then we renewed our Scout promise, to God and King - Scout history in the making. The youngest children (Beavers) probably won't remember or realise the significance of the event, but the older children and Leaders won't forget it.

After the initial rain on Friday morning, we were blessed with dry weather which always makes life that much better. We managed to do a huge range of activities such as archery, angel throwing, crate stacking, go-karting, rifle/pistol shooting, crossbow shooting, campfire songs and even got some crocodile wrestling in down in the river on the valley bottom.





The camp was a huge success with all 8 Scouts and Koda sleeping in hammocks for both nights, Cubs and Explorers slept in tents and the Beavers with their leaders slept in the ranch house. As any leader will tell you it was hard work but I'm so very glad that we continued with the camp through those first days of mourning, because whenever the children think on what they were doing at that sorrowful time their memories will be filled with laughter, friendship and the knowledge that they were involved in history making whilst making the promise to their new sovereign.

Koda
Group Scout Leader



THANK YOU to all who continue to place loose change in the basket at the back of Christ Church. From May to September this amounted to just over £50 and at PCC it was suggested donating this to Eagles Wing.

This is a mutual befriending and support group for asylum seekers and refugees in our community. They rent space at Bury United Reformed Church on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning and welcome anyone who would like to drop in and find out more.

Come as strangers, stay as friends

Quiet Moments in November

The Collect for **All Saints' Day** (November 1) from the Book of Common Prayer

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At this time of **Remembrance** a prayer ©John Birch

For those involved in conflicts -
The innocent
The guilty
The injured
Orphaned
Widowed
Politicians
Peacemakers
Relief workers

For those involved in conflicts -
Bring comfort
Compassion
Sustenance
Repentance
Forgiveness
Healing
Tears
Love

And a peace that can endure

Amen

The United Nations' **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** and abuse is an annual international campaign, beginning on 25 November. It is a rallying call to members of the Anglican Communion to take action against gender-based violence (GBV).

Join in a three-minute silence at 1.03pm on 26th November to focus on the shocking statistic that 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their life time.

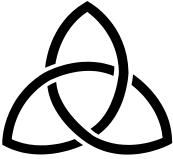
Lord of justice and mercy,
who has called us to be the body of Christ,
use us as his hands and feet in the world;
to raise awareness of what must be challenged,
and to address the plight of the vulnerable.
We unite together across the world
to champion the cause of justice
and to offer up our prayers for all who
are affected by gender-based violence.
Amen

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The **Advent** season begins on 27 November

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves —
you know my being and my doing.
In this time of Advent preparation,
help me to spring clean my life.
Help me to deepen and strengthen my relationships:
to you, to others, and to myself.
Take my hand and lead me on a journey.
Amen

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Unfortunately, the second Wednesdays of October and November have been taken by a Deanery Synod meeting and the licensing of Reverend Dave Thompson. However, as I was also struggling to find a subject and the dark nights are now back upon us, I thought it may be best to have a break. I am though going to organise a Christmas get together on Wednesday 30th November in the Barritt Room. It may only be November, but we will be in Advent, so I think we can get away with a few bits of tinsel and mince pies!! I will speak to people over the next few weeks regarding arrangements but it is likely we may commence earlier around 6.00pm.

David Robinson



ADVENT SUNDAY

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a new Church year and also a new Liturgical cycle (year A for those who want to know).

Although we will still be over a month away from the official global New Year, it seems somewhat appropriate that on Advent Sunday we light the first of our Advent candles, which is the candle of Hope. Despite difficult and uncertain times, it is always good to hold onto the hope that a new era brings. To quote Romans 5 verse 5; 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us'.

So, as you watch that first candle being lit on Sunday 27th November, please reflect on the hope that this new Church year brings and observe the light from the flame as it overcomes the darkness.



In September members enjoyed the 113th birthday of the branch here at Christ Church, with an enjoyable and varied bring and share supper. Dave, at his last branch meeting thanked us for welcoming him to Mothers' Union and for the fellowship he had enjoyed.

He presented long service certificates to three members who joined 40 years ago (*see p28*) before cutting a cake to be shared by everyone.

In October, Rachel Mann, our Area Dean, spoke on the theme "Can the Church learn to live in Love and Faith?", sharing her thoughts on possible ways in which General Synod may consider the issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Members spoke of their experiences and some were challenged by the topic in new ways. *If you would like to read more about this subject a good place to start would be [www.church of England.org/resources/living-love-and-faith](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith)*

On November 2nd we warmly anticipate a return visit by Peter Leonard who will talk about Blood Bikes.

On 16th November we will welcome Elizabeth Binns to preside at a Holy Communion service, in the Hall. This will be followed by a supper of pie and peas.



25th November sees the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and 26th will be a Global Day when we are asked to raise awareness. See www.mothersunion.org/global-day-2022 for ideas and see page 15 for a prayer.

Our Christmas meal will be held on 14th December – 12 for 12.30pm in the Peel Suite at the Red Hall. Menus have been circulated but please ask for more details.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings but why not ask how to be involved in other ways too?

Bob Taylor, Branch Leader

Men of the Benefice



On Monday 26th September, the MOB met at Waterfold Carvery for a meal to say thank you and farewell to Reverend Dave Thompson. This was the Vicar's final Men of the Benefice meeting. Around 20 of us met to enjoy fellowship, social time

together and of course a carvery meal.

Thanks to the staff at the restaurant for looking after us and for Barry Evans for organising the evening. It is likely we will consider something similar around Christmas time.

At the end of the meeting Barry remarked that the MOB had been set up by Dave as part of a Mission Action Plan item around 8 years ago and the group seems to continue to grow each month. The Vicar said a few words and it his wish that the group will continue for a long time to come and new people would give it a try. We usually meet on the last Monday of the month at The Towler at 8.00pm. There will be a meeting on Monday 31st October and then on Monday 28th November. Anybody is welcome and if you have a suggestion for a theme then please speak to me, or Barry Evans at Christ Church.

David Robinson

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY APPEAL



Copper Up for the Society

If you have any loose change / coins over the next few weeks, then please take a box or envelope, which will be at the back of both Churches. These should be returned for the Christingle Services on Monday 28th November at 6.30pm. All proceeds will go to the Children's Society. Thank you for any support you can give.



Sunday @ Seven



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

November 27th at 7pm

Coming - ready or not!



Advent is upon us.

Is Jesus about to come looking for us?

It's no good trying to hide!

Come and join with us for an hour of relaxed worship and reflection. We will meet in the Barritt Room at St John & St Mark's Hall. Or you can join in via Zoom.

Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.

Events this month



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: 17th November, 15th December

BURY MISSION COMMUNITY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Bury Parish Church
Advent Sunday, 27th November at 4.30pm

Open to anyone from our Mission Community
Followed by wine and nibbles.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES will hold Christingle Services on
MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER
beginning at 6.30pm
supporting the work of the Children's Society



FORTHCOMING DATES



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

Sunday 18 December
at 6.30pm



Cash for Bury Christians Against Poverty

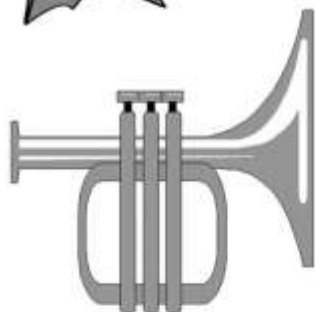
If you or your family or friends take the Bury Times, Bolton Evening News, Oldham Times or Lancashire Evening Telegraph, there is still an opportunity to make use of the tokens inside to support a grant towards C.A.P. The printed tokens are in the Bury Times editions for the following dates: **27th October, 3rd, 10th & 17th November** (i.e. 4 tokens).

Newsquest is giving out £16,000 to ten selected charities of which The Bury Project (Bury CAP) is one. The percentage of tokens submitted for each charity will determine how much each charity will receive. Please bring them to church and we will forward them.



St James' Tower Street Heywood OL10 3AB

Invite you to



Beer & Carols

with Blackley Brass

**Sing Along to your favourite Christmas Carols
& Christmas Songs with a licensed bar
& Banktop Brewery real ale.**

The Christmas story with chocolate. Christmas jumper competition.
Teddy Tombola. Raffle, Refreshments on sale.

**Santa will be calling in for the Children of all Ages
Light Refreshments will be available**



**Family fun and surprises.
Friday 16th December at 7pm
Its free no tickets needed just come along**

REGULAR SERVICES

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 Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 th	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
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.			

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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FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY

Wed 2	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 3	7.30pm	PCC (CC)
	8.00pm	PCC (SJM)
Sun 6		3rd before Advent
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 9	7.30pm	Induction of Dave Thompson (Christ Church Heaton)
Sun 13		2nd before Advent – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Remembrance Service (CC)
		Parish Communion, with Act of Remembrance (SJM)
Wed 16	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 17	12noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (Castle Buildings)
Sat 19	9.30am	#MoreThanSunday (Barritt Room)
Sun 20		Christ the King
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Sat 26	11.00am	Christmas Fair (SJM Hall)
Sun 27		Advent Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	4.30pm	Mission Community Advent Service (Bury Parish Church)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Barritt Room, SJM Hall)
Mon 28	6.30pm	Christingle Service (both)
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice (Towler)
Wed 30	6.00pm	Open Group (Barritt Room) – time to be confirmed



ST JOHN WITH ST MARK CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 26th November
11.00am to 1.30pm
in the Church Hall

In aid of Church funds

BOOKS ~ TOMBOLAS ~ TOYS ~
JIGSAWS ~ CARDS & GIFTS

OTHER STALLS ~ LUNCHES /
REFRESHMENTS



Any donations for stalls can be brought to the Church or Church Hall any time and anyone who would like to offer help on the day, please speak to the wardens.

JIGSAWS



We are in need of jigsaws for the stall on the fair. If you are able to provide any, then please bring to Church over the coming weeks or contact Joan Pearson. The jigsaws do not have to be new as long as they are complete.

Thank You

Congratulations



to **Vera Blackburn**
who was presented
with a certificate
(signed by World-
wide President
Sheran Harper)
by deanery
leader, Tricia
Stokes, to mark
an amazing

70

years' membership of Mothers' Union



Earlier the Vicar presented fellow members with certificates to mark **40** years service in Mothers' Union - **Claire Altham, Barbara Silvester and Barbara Taylor**