

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

The Church of England on Walmersley Road



Ascension Day
Thursday 18th May

May 2023



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



Sunday @ Seven

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

May 28th at 7pm

Power to the People!



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

We celebrate Pentecost and reflect on the image of the promised kingdom.

We will meet at the Barritt Room in St. John & St Mark Hall. Or you can join in via Zoom.

Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.

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For our diamond wedding anniversary sixteen months ago, our daughters produced a set of photos of Alan and I taken during the course of sixty years. I showed them to someone who has only known us for the last ten years and she said, "Oh I would recognise Alan anywhere but you have changed so much Margery!"

Yes, I know my hair can no longer be described as brunette, I possess many more wrinkles and my joints are decidedly less flexible but I think the 23 year old version of me is still recognisable. Change in our appearance as we age is inevitable, change in our attitudes likely and even changes in our beliefs may arise with advancing years. The absolute certainty of youth may be tempered with the experience of age, but the basics remain.

And if I have changed in the last 60 years so has the world in which we live. Fashion, transport, medicine and education have been revolutionised. Probably the greatest change has been brought about by technology. What a difference mobile phones, and computers have made to peoples' lives. Little did we think when we were first married that we could order goods, book tickets, consult our GP and manage our bank accounts from a small gadget in the comfort of our home or even in the street.

Covid has brought its own adaptations to life. Who knew four years ago what a "Zoom" meeting was or what "social distancing" meant?

We could never have envisaged the whole population walking round with their faces covered by surgical masks.

And we have another big change nationally. A new monarch will be crowned this month. Seventy years of the Elizabethan age are replaced by the Carolean age.

Two thousand years ago the disciples experienced a mammoth change. They had seen their beloved leader arrested, crucified, and they had finally met the risen Jesus. But they knew that they would not have his physical presence with them in the future. It is little wonder that they were afraid, and uncertain of the way ahead.



Yet from a group of ordinary men, extraordinary things came about. Without them the message of God's love through Jesus would never have reached us.

In a world where there is unceasing change, what does remain the same?

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he tells us of the constancy of God's love,

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything in the whole of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In today's hectic world, may we find reassurance and comfort in the unfailing love of God.

Yours in Christ,

Margery

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Apr 2 Jack Edward Ives
Apr 5 Dorothy Wain
Apr 21 June Houghton



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

"We could do ourselves and those around us a great favour
if we owned up to the failures we really are
and admired people, not because they are very good or very holy,
but because they are people God loves, warts and all."

Failure by Bishop Emma Ineson

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The deadline for APCMs is 31 May
St John with St Mark's meeting was held in April

**At Christ Church the meeting will be
at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 24 May**

Forms to elect new Churchwardens and PCC members
will be available in church prior to the meetings.

COME ALONG & INFLUENCE THE WAY
YOUR CHURCH OPERATES

*Please note: Only those on the Church's Electoral Roll
may vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.*

THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION WILL BE HELD
ON MONDAY, 19 JUNE AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BURY



BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

May 7 **5th of Easter**

Acts 7: 55-60

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

May 14 **6th of Easter**

Acts 17: 22-31

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

May 21 **7th of Easter**

Acts 1: 6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17: 1-11

May 28 **Pentecost**

Acts 2: 1-21

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 20: 19-23

Jun 4 **Trinity**

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31

2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

Matthew 28: 16-20



Flowers in church

At Christ Church

May 7	Vacant
May 14	Vacant
May 21	In memory of Mrs Marjory Chester
May 28	Vacant

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the flowers in church for a specific week, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please speak to Hazel Bamford (Christ Church) or Rosemarie Ashworth (St John with St Mark).

Interregnum Notes

* The Revd Dr Matthew Porter will be consecrated as Bishop of Bolton on Thursday, 22 June. Watch out for details if you would like a ticket.

On 19 July at 7.30pm there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop, here in Bury Mission Community, at Christ Church Walmersley. Further details will be available shortly.

* Our prayers for Archdeacon Jean and Graham as they prepare to move to the Diocese of Winchester.

* Please see page 13 for the latest information from the Bury Mission Community and its leader, Julian Heaton.

* Many thanks to our own ministry team and to visiting ministers who are currently ensuring that the vast majority of our usual services are continuing.

* The Ministry Team (Clergy, Licensed Readers and our Authorised Lay Minister) meets every month – normally on the second Tuesday evening. If you have an issue that you would like them 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.

* Both churches now have the facility to accept donations and giving by bank card. Please ask for guidance.

* 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 others in need.

* There is so much happening within the Benefice. If you use social media that is a great way to keep up to date with everything. See page 25 for details.

Summary of St John with St Mark meeting on 28th March 2023

- The Diocesan DBS & safeguarding statement has now changed to amalgamate both the policies for young people and vulnerable adults. This will be discussed and approved at the APCM. In the absence of an Incumbent, we need to appoint a registered officer.
- Mission Community: Please refer to the page in the magazine for updates on the Bury Mission Community.
- Seedfield proposed building work: Meetings are due to take place between residents and representatives.
- Finance: The DEC appeal for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria has raised £430.00; It was noted that the magazine has now had the price removed from the front cover and a notice inside concerning a suggested cost, as the previous 50p asking price is no longer covering the printing costs; We are shortly due to receive a card reading machine for offertory and other donations.
- Warden's report: Thanks to Ray Smith and John Brennan, who have recently re-laid the floor tiles at the back of Church to remove the bump which had appeared.
- The service rota has been compiled for April to June, however it was noted that the Wednesday and Thursday services have been the difficult ones to cover, as opposed to Sunday mornings.
- Future dates: The coffee morning and book fair has been moved to Saturday 15th April. There will not be one on the 29th.
- The APCM is on Sunday 16th April at 12noon. Some members' terms of office are up and they will need to be re-elected at the APCM if willing to stand.

Summary of Christ Church meeting on 12 April 2023

1. Opening prayers were led by the Lay Chair.
2. Minutes for the 6th March 2023 were approved.
3. A letter was received from the Area Dean and the Deanery Budget Secretary to thank us for payment of the diocesan parish share in full.
4. A concern was expressed by members at the reduction in the amount of giving in the communion plate.
5. The audited accounts were approved by the PCC. The accounts were signed by the treasurer and one of the church wardens.
6. The bill for £1,764.00 for the repair of the heating and improvement of the heating controls had been paid.
7. Regarding the mission community, it was decided that the secretary would offer the use of church hall at Christ Church during the visit of the new Bishop of Bolton to the Mission Community on the 19th July 2023.
8. Thanks were given to Geoff Stokes and Jennifer Wood for their attendance at the training course for the new contactless giving device in church. A discussion was held regarding the security and location of the device. It was decided to keep the earlier device for use when paying fees for weddings or funerals.
9. The secretary confirmed that he was still working on the answers to the questions raised by the diocese on the faculty application for the new garden of remembrance.
10. The safeguarding officer confirmed there was nothing to report.
11. We are still awaiting a response from the diocese regarding the appointment of two new trustees for Christ Church Walmersley.
12. The property committee had not reported back on the woodworm issue in the church hall main room; the secretary will contact the property committee to find out their decision.
13. Easter cards and a flyer had been distributed around the parish.
14. The fund-raising committee gave an update on the forthcoming Coronation event in the church hall on 7th May 2023
15. A request had been received from Barclays bank regarding the Baldingstone trust, a form was required to be filled in by the trustees.

The meeting closed with prayer.

ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK APCM

The meeting took place on Sunday 16th April at 12noon and began with the election of Church Wardens.

- The approval of the new amalgamated policy for the safeguarding of young people and also vulnerable adults was discussed and then formally approved. In the absence of an Incumbent, our safeguarding officer is the person of responsibility.
- Ian presented the accounts in the usual detailed manner however this time there was an opportunity to look at the changes in the finances over the last 10 years. There were some notable changes, particularly with the reduction of people in the planned giving scheme, but also of the increase in hall rentals. The independent examiner's report was approved.
- The usual reports from Church life were in the booklets ahead of the meeting for people to read beforehand.
- Thanks were made to all those who have covered services from across the Mission Community, and beyond, since the Interregnum began.

There was the election of representatives to the Deanery Synod, PCC and Deputy wardens. The following are now members of the PCC at St. John with St. Mark, who should be contacted if you have an issue which you would like raised:

Wardens: Rosemarie Ashworth and June Banks

Deputy Wardens: Keith & Margaret Duckworth

Deanery Synod: Ian & June Banks and David Robinson

PCC members: John Brennan, Debbie Cooper, Marjorie Evans, Julian Hartley, Sue Law, Kelly Watson and Joan Wild.

The PCC will meet for the first time on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm.



#MoreThanSunday

The Bury Mission Community #MTS group met on Saturday 22nd April at St. John with St. Mark for a discussion on the seventh shift of the course, focussing on 'Communication and Information'.

Before this, there was an opportunity to hear from the Church of the Resurrection and St. Barnabas, in Beswick, about how they have considered further action from the last session on 'Commissioning'. A suggestion has been shared as to how the set Gospel readings for certain Sundays could be the basis for commissioning different groups of people. This month's session began with a look at the different ways we share our information around the wider Church. There is a need to cater for different groups of people. Our regular worshippers, who may not be as used to electronic communications on offer, are still very reliant on a weekly pew sheet, monthly magazine or notice boards to update them on goings on. But, how do we get this information out to the wider community? It is important that our Churches now have an attractive website, which is kept updated and refreshed, and Churches can also be found on the 'A Church Near You' site. Social media feeds are increasingly important, not just to tell us what happens on a Sunday, but also for sharing events and news from our groups which meet during the week. As a Benefice, we are currently very good at using all the methods of communication available to us, both electronic and paper. It is also important to ensure that our communications do not just contain information, but to spread the word about Jesus and our faith. Jesus himself did not have a Church building, but spread the good news of his Kingdom through the people in the wider community. There was also some guidance as to how we can make our online tools safe places, and do not become a source of confrontation. It was concluded though that the most important form of communicating our Church life is through ourselves as its members.

As this was the last Saturday Diocesan session, thanks were given to everybody who has been involved across the Deaneries, and for giving up their precious Saturday morning to share a part of this journey. There is one final session, when we will take a look at next steps, further action and an opportunity to meet members of the #MoreThanSunday team. This will be on Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed, although this is likely to be the new Diocesan offices at St. John's House on The Rock.

A recent meeting, led by Archdeacon Jean, was lively and different as we learnt a little about Sacred Pathways, based on the book of that name by Gary Thomas. Jean gave examples of various ways to connect with God before inviting everyone to complete a questionnaire. This gave an indication of our individual profiles, highlighting areas on which we may choose to focus our attention going forward. Is your pathway Activist, Ascetic, Caregiver, Contemplative, Enthusiast, Intellectual, Naturalist, Sensate, Traditionalist, or most likely a combination? Some members were happy to share their scores with friends over a cuppa, whilst others took the opportunity to ask Jean questions. We thank her for giving this time to us, away from sorting and packing before moving to Winchester, and we assured her of our prayers.

At our meeting on 3 May Barbara Taylor will speak about the Royal Maundy and share her recent experience as a recipient.

Julia Rowlands will be our speaker on 17 May, telling us about the work of Porch Boxes, a local charity supported by both our churches. We shall have a collection at this meeting or you may prefer to bring an item you know is needed by the families they support.

Both these meetings begin at 7.30pm in the Hall.

On Thursday, 11 May at 7pm we shall join with members from across Bury and Rossendale for our annual Deanery Festival, being held at Bury Parish Church. Our deanery leader, Tricia Stokes, has invited Revd Paul Sanderson to preach at this service.

Especially in the first few years, the worldwide Mothers' Union has played a vital part in the success of Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer movement from Ascension to Pentecost. See page 20 for more information and please get involved.

My thanks to those members who have recently cleaned, refreshed, replaced the items we provide, in bags and cases, for children to use during our services. Also thank you to those members who undertake to check these each month. This is just a small way in which we can make it easier for families in church.

Please don't forget the "New Neighbour" cards – a project instigated by us – to welcome anyone moving into your locality and these are available in church.

There is still time to get tickets for our Annual Gathering, "Transformation in Action" on Friday September 22nd at York Barbican. Tickets are available from the main Mothers' Union website £23.50. There will be a keynote address by Sheran Harper, our Worldwide President, prayer and reflections with Bishop Emma, our Central Chaplain, and inspiring member stories from here and overseas. This will be followed by Evensong at York Minster with the Archbishop of York. Please have a word with me if you would like more details.

We welcome everyone at our meetings, so do come along.

Bob Taylor,
Branch Leader

Bury Mission Community

The Bury Mission Community joined together in a joyful Easter Vigil service on Saturday 8th April. It was a lovely way to begin the Easter celebration and to bless Paschal candles together. Although it was a challenge to keep them lit during the procession, beginning outdoors in the breeze! Wine, cakes and nibbles finished the service off a treat.

The Mission Community met for a full meeting on Monday 17th April at St. John with St. Mark. Items for discussion included the introduction of an e-bulletin around the Churches to keep congregations informed of wider news and events. There was a discussion as to how this may work. We also focussed on the meeting with the new Bishop of Bolton, Reverend Doctor Matthew Porter, at Christ Church on Wednesday 19th July. Congregations will be encouraged to attend this meeting.

A further Bury Mission Community meeting has been scheduled for Monday 18th September, 7.30pm, at a venue to be confirmed.



As we approach the Coronation on Saturday 6th May, from the Church of England website:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and King of Kings,
to you be glory and praise forever!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

You gave the Christ as a light to the nations,

and through the anointing of his Spirit

you established us as a royal priesthood.

As Charles our King prepares for his coronation,

enlighten his heart and strengthen his spirit,

so that we, with him, may bear witness to your truth

and proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For Christian Aid week ~ 14th to 20th May

God of wholeness, God of Grace,

to you we bring our thanks and praise.

To a world that searches you are a lamp that shines,

to a world that is hungry you are food that sustains,

to a world that suffers you are hope of release,

to a world that's broken you are one who restores,

to a world full of hate you are love that forgives,

to a world that denies you are truth that endures.

To you we bring our thanks and praise,

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More Quiet Moments for May

A reflective poem from Mothers' Union "Dear Lord..."



Be with me, Lord, throughout this day,
When sunshine streams or skies are grey.
Be with me Lord in joy or ill;
Choose thou my path, be with me still.
Be with me Lord, when all else fails;
Thy precious blood for me avails.
Be with me Lord when life slows down;
thy steadfast love shall be my crown.

*Margaret Lawrence, Mohill/Ballinamore Branch, Diocese of Kilmore,
Elphin & Ardagh, Province of All-Ireland*

On Pentecost Sunday ~ 28th May

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Lord, and take over my life
you are true love, love divine.
Flowing and glowing,
brightness in my darkness,
power in my weakness,
peace in my troubled life.
What beauty and purity,
sweet fragrance and harmony,
what splendour and wonder,
such joy and glory, Lord.
You are so brilliant and illuminating
so caring and comforting,
so gentle and renewing,
so patient and liberating,
so motherly and wise.
You are true love, divine Lord,
come and take possession of my soul.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Amen.



Diana Ng-Sutherland (cafod.org.uk)



The Men of the Benefice met on Monday 27th March at The Towler for a talk that was probably unexpected for our group, and that was on the theme of midwifery. The meeting was led by Larissa Heath. We were not quite sure how we would find this one, but it was a pleasant surprise to see how

the group interacted and how informative we found the talk.

Larissa, who qualified as a midwife in 2013, opened with an introduction of herself and then on the origins and history of midwifery. It dates back further than what you would think.

The talk then continued with the development of the practice and how it became a full profession, and there was also a link to witchcraft.

Larissa told us about some of the history of midwifery across other countries of the world.

Later we focussed on midwifery in this country since the 1900's, which have seen some big scientific and medical advances, including the introduction of the NHS. You will have seen some of these developments if you are a fan of 'Call The Midwife'.

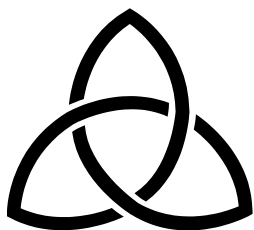
Larissa then went on to tell us how a baby is developed during the course of a pregnancy, something I have to confess I had not given much thought to previously, but it was quite informative to see. The various types of birthing options were also explained.

Finally, we ended with a quiz. How did we get on? Surprisingly, quite well, and it did get competitive between the two tables.

Thank you to Larissa for an extremely interesting evening and for educating us on a subject that some of us had possibly not previously given much consideration to.

The MOB next met on Monday 24th April. The last Monday of May is a Bank Holiday, so we will confirm nearer the time whether we meet.

David Robinson



The Open Group

The Open Group resumed for their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 22nd March. As it was Lent, I thought it would be a good idea to have a look at the Stations of the Cross posters we have

hanging in Church. Our poster images were designed by the Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey. We took an old-style theme of looking at each of the 15 posters individually, with their various designs and images, from Jesus' condemnation to death to his burial in the tomb. Then we reflected on each one with a bible verse, the stage of Jesus' journey to the cross and how we could relate that stage to our own lives. Thank you to everybody who attended that, as it was another 'first' for me to lead a session of that nature.

Our meeting on 12th April was led by Ian and the theme was a lady who was very much a part of our lives for a good number of years, the Reverend Doctor Una Kroll. Una was a regular face in our congregation from 2003 after retiring here, and it was good to hear a bit about her history, as possibly not many of us knew as much about Una as we should.

Ian's talk began with the early days of Una's life and her family, before going on to focus on her journey of faith and ministry. Una was a key voice in the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. We were reminded of the passionate life that Una had with the Church and of course the moment in 1978 when she called down from the gallery at General Synod, "we asked for bread, and you gave us a stone". Una was eventually ordained by the then Bishop of Monmouth, Rowan Williams.

Una's life spent with us was always memorable, including her visits to study group, leading worship and support to lay people. At the end of

the meeting the floor was then opened to those present to offer their own memories of Una.

Una was also an author of several books and Ian brought a selection to the meeting, along with various pictures and newspaper cuttings. If you are interested in reading any of Una's books, including her autobiography 'Bread not Stones' then please see Ian.

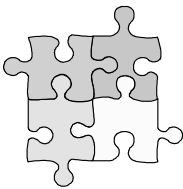
The next Open Group meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May and led by Julian Hartley, focussing on his life as funeral director. All are welcome at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

The King's Coronation

It is intended to screen the Coronation of King Charles III and Camilla in the Church Hall at St. John with St. Mark on Saturday 6th May. We will aim to be open from 10.00am on the day and light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending then there is a list at the back of Church, or please get in touch with Joan Wild or Kelly Watson.

Jigsaws



Do you have any completed jigsaw puzzles for our stall at the Summer Fair at St. John with St. Mark in June? They do not have to be brand new; second hand ones are fine, as long as complete. If you can help, please contact Joan Pearson or drop off at

Church.

Thank You

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SUBJECTS ON A DAILY BASIS.

- SUNDAY:** For all our worship services.
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.
Those who read, lead intercessions and serve in our churches.
- MONDAY:** Our music ministry. The Study Groups.
Those interested in offering themselves for lay or ordained ministry.
Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- TUESDAY:** All the educational establishments in the parish.
School Governors. Nurseries, Pre-schools, Primary Schools, St.John with St.Mark CE School.
Our pastoral care to all the community, especially to those bereaved.
- WEDNESDAY:** Ecumenical Links within the community. Mothers' Union.
Our care of the church buildings. Mission Action Planning.
- THURSDAY:** Our ministry with young people. Our baptism ministry.
Those preparing to be married in church.
- FRIDAY:** Community involvement. The PCCs and their committees.
Those who provide and arrange church flowers.
Those who use our church halls.
- SATURDAY:** Our retired clergy and all leading worship.
The Licensed Readers and ALM.
Future ministry in the benefice.



Thy Kingdom Come

These ideas are taken from the Thy Kingdom Come website. Different suggestions will appeal to different people, or fit better into your family life. All have been tried and tested in the years since 2016 when the

Archbishops encouraged us to pray at this time. So, from Ascension Day to Pentecost (18th to 28th May) let's each find ways to pray for each other. There would still be time to organise one or two of these ideas but many only need you to focus for a few minutes each day for just 11 days.

Let's pray together, for our friends, neighbours and communities to know the love of Christ. Why not simply commit to praying for 5 people during Thy Kingdom Come? They could be members of your family, neighbours on your street, or colleagues at work.



There are so many creative ways to do this. You could write down the names of the 5 people you're praying for on your phone, on your mirror or on a little card as a reminder to pray for them throughout the day. You could use a band and tie 5 knots, each one representing one of your 5 or maybe each time you drink a cup of tea or coffee you could remember to pray for them. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking – holding one person each day in prayer then praying for them all collectively on the last day.

If two or three could spare a little time to get together beforehand, why not set up a trail in the churchyard or garden? Go to cheekypandas.com for resources.

'Say One for Me' is simply asking people "If you could pray today, what would you pray for?" Then taking those requests and lifting them to God.

At some point could we find the opportunity to open our churches for continuous prayer? It doesn't need to be 24/7 – any time we spent focussing on people's needs would be valuable.



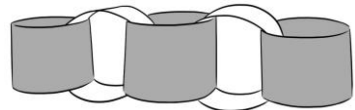
'Pray On The Hills' - standing physically above a village or town can be a great spur to prayer. It could be a small or larger group,

it could be you on your own, but to look down to pray for, pray over and bless the community, then to pray in the opposite direction reminding ourselves we are part of something bigger and are interconnected as the family of God.

Morning, Evening and Night Prayers – some people have a commitment to praying in this way. Could we stream them on social media, bringing people together in spirit if not in body? Would anyone be willing to go live on Facebook for example – very easy to do.

Could we gather to pray around a map of our benefice?

A great prayer activity for all ages is to make paper chain prayers, where each chain represents somebody being prayed for – this interactive idea is a brilliant way to demonstrate that we are connected in our communities and how connected we are, from young to old.



Write names of people on a fish and hang on a fishing net as you pray for them.

Do you like to walk? If so why not use that time to pray for all those whose houses you pass. Or stop to pray at key points – pubs? nurseries? shops? You will have your own ideas.

We could, with a minimum of organisation, commit to praying for each of our schools at specific times or on certain days.

Connect with the local community by posting a 'prayer postcard' into nearby homes and encouraging them to send in prayer requests and visit one of our churches.

We could make great use of our social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

We could even upload some videos to our YouTube channel.

Let's share ideas!

And if there is nothing here to suit you, either use your imagination or visit the Thy Kingdom Come website where there are more ideas than we could possibly entertain.

Events this Month



LIGHT LUNCH

Come and join us on the third Thursday of every month for a light lunch. A chance to enjoy a chat in the company of friends.

Lunch is served 12 noon - 1pm.

Christ Church Walmersley Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

There is no charge – though, if you can, a donation toward costs would be appreciated. Any profit will go to charity or church funds.

It would be great to see you! Upcoming Dates: 18th May, 15th June

ASCENSION DAY

*40 days after Easter Sunday,
we celebrate the day Jesus left this earth
and returned to His Father in heaven.*

On this very important day in our church calendar
there are services at St John with St Mark
and Christ Church Walmersley

Thursday 18 May at 7.30pm

"So we in heart and mind may also ascend...."

CAFÉ CHURCH

Sunday 28 May

10.30 am

at Christ Church, in the Hall

Everyone is welcome



May 14 – 20 is **Christian Aid Week**

Once again, Churches Together in Bury is organising a street collection on Saturday 20th.



Could you spare an hour to help – by collecting, serving refreshments, counting money – or maybe beforehand by baking?

Please have a word with our co-ordinator John Brennan

Christian Aid Afternoon Tea Boxes

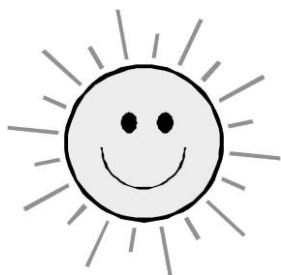
We are planning to do some tea boxes to raise funds for Christian Aid on Sunday 21st May. Cost will be £6.00 per box.

There will be lists at the back of St. John with St. Mark Church for you fill in with your order.

The box can be collected after the 10.30am service or you may stay behind and eat with others in the Church Hall.

For further information,
please contact Margaret Duckworth or June Banks.

Thank you, John Brennan



St. John with St. Mark Summer Fair

Saturday 3rd June from 11.00am in the Hall

Usual stalls, refreshments and more.

If you can bring any items to Church
before this will be great
and if you can help on the day,
please see the wardens.

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 Holy Communion 2 nd Family Service 3 rd Holy Communion 4 th Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 st Holy Communion 2 nd Holy Communion 3 rd Morning Worship 4 th 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
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



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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>

Check out Facebook @christchurchwalmersley
 @stjohnstmark

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and YouTube CofE Walmersley

FOR YOUR MAY DIARY

Wed 3	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Sat 6		Coronation on the large screen (SJM Hall)
Sun 7		5th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
	2.00pm	Community Coronation Celebration (CC Hall)
Tue 9	2.00pm	PCC (CC Hall)
Wed 10	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Thu 11	7.00pm	Bury & Rossendale Deanery MU Festival (BPC)
Sun 14		6th Sunday of Easter
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family and Parade Service (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion & Church Parade (SJM)
	12noon	Scouts Bacon Butty Morning (CC Hall)
Tue 16	7.30pm	PCC (SJM)
Wed 17	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury (Bury URC)
Thu 18	12 noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion (both churches)
Sat 20	10.00-16.00	Christian Aid collection (town centre)
Sun 21		Sunday after Ascension
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Service (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
		Christian Aid Take Away after service at SJM
Wed 24	7.30pm	APCM (CC)
Thu 25	7.30pm	#More Than Sunday (venue TBA)
Sun 28		Pentecost
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Café Church (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Barritt Room)
Mon 29	8.00pm	<i>Men of the Benefice (Towler) to be confirmed</i>

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Community Coronation Celebration



Sunday 7th May 2023

2pm – 6pm

**come and share in this
community celebration
with family, friends and neighbours**

**Christ Church Hall,
School Lane, BL9 5LP
(and if fine the field and yard)**

Book a table £10 and bring a picnic

Unlimited tea, coffee and cordial available

Cake stall with proceeds to Porch Boxes

If you are on your own please just book a place (£2)
and we will make sure you have company.



Please call Lillian on 07746 784820 or e-mail coronation2023@outlook.com

TIMETABLE

- 2.00pm Arrive**
- 3.00pm Royal Bingo**
- 4.00pm Coronation Dice game**
- 5.15pm Prizegiving,**
followed by singalong
- 6.00pm National Anthem**



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**Throughout the afternoon there will be
table quiz, activity sheets, scavenger hunt, etc.**

We hope to have some live music

Let's celebrate together