

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

**The Church of England on Walmersley Road**



**September 2023**



**THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD**



# Thank You!

**Keith, for your ministry here  
and in the deanery of Bury**

marked on 6 August with a joint service, led  
by Keith and Margaret, followed by tea and  
cakes and the presentation of a cheque

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I have recently had the experience of being flung into space! 'Velocity' at Penrhryn Slate Quarry in Wales is the longest zip wire in the Northern Hemisphere and the fastest in the world! 0-60 in 3 seconds with a top speed beyond 100mph.



*library photo*

I travelled with three friends so we had a feeling of mutual support between us. There was the support of the organisation that provided all the engineering and the equipment that made the event possible. Then the care and expertise of those who made sure our harnesses were correctly fitted and who attached us to the zip wire and then released us. It is humbling to think of all the work and effort that made the experience possible.

The quarry has been in operation for over 400 years. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was the largest slate quarry in the world – 1 mile long and 370 metres deep with 3000 workers. It was the site of the longest dispute in British industrial history. The workers were on strike demanding better wages and working conditions from 1900 until 1903.

Looking back at the moment I 'flew' over the edge of the quarry, over the water at the bottom, over the roadway, the buildings, and the people watching our descent, I contemplate the enormity of faith. We often talk about 'stepping out of the boat' or 'stepping out in faith', but rarely do we have the opportunity to feel faith in a physical way. I trusted the young people working there and in the strength of the harness, but it was the anticipation, the thought, that possibility, that stomach-churning feeling just before the step was taken and the safety catch was released that something could go wrong even though I knew deep down that I would be safe because the checks had all been done and many had gone before me. With God we know that He is there for us at every moment and that all things are possible with Him so we can be confident to step out but is our faith strong enough?

Another outing was the first of two Mission Community Prayer Walks led by Paul Sanderson. I have lived in the Bury area all my life but was taken to pastures new through residential areas, farmland and places where there has been industry in the past. It was a delightful walk with opportunities to talk, make new friends, pray and take refreshment both physically and spiritually.

Both experiences highlighted the ever-changing world and the constants that are required for fulfilment. Everything changes but God is constant.

There were the common themes of companionship, trust, and faith.



This Creation season is a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — nature, and the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society affect the world around us.

It is increasingly important for us to treasure our heritage but change our attitudes and actions and make peace with Earth to preserve the bio diversity of God’s creation and stop the ways of life that threaten the future.

This is a month of fresh starts. It is a time to renew our relationship with God, the creator and sustainer of all life. As we see the flowers and fruits around us, we find that they are now preparing for new beginnings. Seeds are developing. They will tumble to the earth or be flung there and are ready to restart the cycle of growth. Young people are completing stages of their education and are progressing to the next level. As one situation ends, another begins. God’s creation is forever being renewed.

Catherine Hilton

*See page 13 for details of the second Mission Community Pilgrimage Walk.*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

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### BAPTISMS

Jul 23 Florence Hawthorne  
Aug 6 Hannah Atlas Hemingway  
Aug 19 Noah-Jack Greenaway  
Aug 20 Reuben Brennan



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

### MARRIAGE

Jul 29 Dale Rawlinson and Sylvia Warburton

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

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

Jul 3 Hilda Chadwick



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



*Thank You*

Thank you to all for the prayers, love and concern  
shown to us since Stuart's death in May.

It has been much appreciated

June, Ian & family

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### At Christ Church

Sep 3	In memory of Emily Nuttall
Sep 10	In memory of Phyllis Magnall
Sep 17	Mrs Barbara Murray, in memory of her parents
Sep 24	Barbara and Bob Taylor in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary

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).



## ***BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER***

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Sep 3	<b>13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-end	Matthew 16.21-end
Sep 10	<b>14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
Sep 17	<b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18: 21-35
Sep 24	<b>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Jonah 3.10 – 4:11	Philippians 1: 21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
Oct 1	<b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>		
	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32

# *Interregnum Notes*

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\* A huge thank you to everyone who set up, baked cakes, served drinks, cleared up, both for the Mission Community evening with Bishop Matthew and for the Celebration of Keith's ministry.

\* Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gift for Keith, who received a cheque to spend in whatever way seems best to him.

It was good too that some who knew Keith through his work with the Muslim Christian Jewish Forum joined us at the service of celebration.

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

\* 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 the current financial situation. A box is available at the back of both churches and there are lists of the items most needed. Also welcome are any 'bags for life' you can spare as the charity gives out around 80 bags each week. Thanks to those who support local families 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 26 for details.

\* Contributions for the magazine are always welcome. Please send to [wrub@live.co.uk](mailto:wrub@live.co.uk) or contact Barbara Taylor or David Robinson. The deadline for the October issue is **Thursday 14th September**.

### **Summary of St John with St Mark PCC meeting - 4th July 2023**

- The meeting was attended by Victoria Cook, Foundation Governor at St. John with St. Mark day school to talk about that role, as there is a vacancy there. There was an opportunity to ask Victoria questions and it was agreed to advertise this role on the weekly sheet to the wider congregation. The guidance from the Board of Education policy was looked at.
- Focal Leaders: Following a discussion and review of the role, it was decided not to appoint a focal leader role at the present time. A lot of the work required of a Focal Leader is currently being undertaken by various different people.
- Mission Community: The latest various activities were discussed, including the meeting with Bishop Matthew of Bolton on 19th July. The More Than Sunday course has now concluded.
- Seedfield Housing: The proposal to build the new housing development has now been passed.
- Parish Profile: This has now been completed and will be approved at a joint meeting of both PCCs on 11th July along with the appointment of the representatives.
- The Pantomime finances and accounts have now been forwarded to the Treasurer and PCC and approved.
- 100 Club – This is now up and running again and the first draw will take place at the beginning of July. There are expected to be two winners each month.
- Finance: The Summer Fair raised £1168; the card reader is now being used regularly; the fire extinguishers have been serviced and some work has been carried out in the toilets.
- Interregnum: The garden at the Vicarage has been tidied up and trees cut back, which has made a huge difference to the surrounds. The alarm and light timers have also been reset there; the Sunday reading and intercession rotas are becoming difficult to fill as people have recently stood down. Several members of PCC have volunteered to be involved in those duties going forward; it was noted that we have 5 Baptisms over the summer; Reverend Keith Trivasse is to stand down from taking services due to ill health and a celebration service will take place at Christ Church on Sunday 6th August.
- The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm.

*Combined notes from the Christ Church PCC meetings held on 5 July and 3 August 2023.*

It was decided that we would start again to take the collection starting with Family Service on 9 July.

The copper collection in church was discussed and it was proposed that this be stopped. There are few children to take a collection plus it sends out the signal that the Church is happy to receive just one's loose change rather than a committed level of giving. At the next meeting it will be decided which charity should receive the amount currently held.

Discussions were held regarding the visit of the new Bishop of Bolton to the Mission Community meeting in the church hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. It was hoped that there would be a good attendance and refreshments will be available.

The faculty submission for the extension of the garden of remembrance is still being worked on.

The two new Christ Church Trustees, Geoffrey Hamilton and Pamela Hoyle, have been added to the Diocesan Patronage register.

The sale of Christ Church field is still with Bury Planning department.

The Baldingstone Trustees still need to be amended, both at the Charities Commission and Barclays Bank.

Safeguarding officer Cath Hilton outlined the results from a diocesan safeguarding meeting. She again encouraged all PCC members who have not yet done so to take at least the basic level training.

An email had been circulated regarding the Pilgrimage Walks, led by Paul Sanderson, which will take in all the churches in the Mission Community (a variation on Beating the Bounds). *See page 13 for details of the second walk.*

The Church Hall committee had raised a question regarding issues with woodworm and this matter is being dealt with by the Property committee.

It was decided to go ahead with the quote from Oak Tree services to have the tree in the tower removed. The possible removal of an Ash tree (on School Lane) and the associated issues with its removal were discussed.

It was reported that 58 people attended the very successful Coronation Picnic.

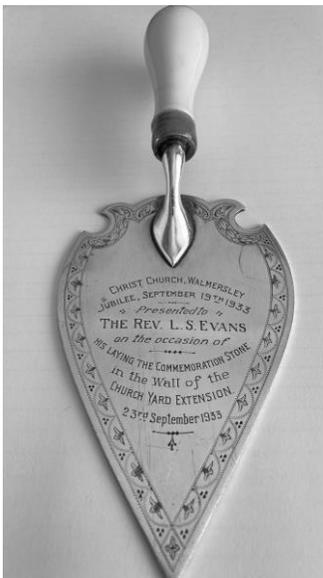
The Fundraising committee is proposing a Christmas Tree Festival be held in church in December and were asked to advise the PCC of further details. A Scarecrow Festival at Harvest time was proposed. It was agreed to go ahead and passed to the fund-raising/social committee for further discussion. A quiz is planned for October 7<sup>th</sup>. It was noted by the lay chair that helpers were needed to assist the fund-raising and social committee in their efforts. Anyone from church can be co-opted onto one of the PCC committees.

The circulated notes from the recent 'Stepping Stones for Growth' event were discussed and the lay chair asked that everyone consider ways in which we use the suggestions here.

The school leavers' service from Springside School went well, and the pens presented to the leavers by Church were well received. Refreshments were organised at the end of the service. Whilst only a few stayed this was much appreciated.

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## ***Lost and found!***



A most timely find.

This trowel was found recently in the church cellar by Geoff Hamilton.

It was presented 90 years ago this month, to the Revd L. S. Evans who was the son of the late Canon Evans, vicar of Christ Church from 1873 to 1912.

Does anyone know just where the commemoration stone he laid is to be found?

There was a good audience at Christ Church for a Concert given by the KS1 and KS2 choirs from school, who had clearly been practising hard. Once again we were delighted to welcome the whole school for the Y6 Leavers' Service. The pupils leaving, mostly wearing their special sweatshirts, spoke enthusiastically about their memories of life at Springside (it has to be said that football featured strongly) and then used the story of the Billy Goats Gruff to consider how it felt to move into the next stage of their lives. Miss Thornicroft presented each with an autograph album from school and for the first time we gave a gift from church, of a bamboo pen.

We served tea, coffee and biscuits to parents, grandparents and carers after the service which was much appreciated although many were off to work.

We look forward to welcoming staff and pupils for their Harvest Festival in October.

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Emma King invites Mums and Babies to join her for sessions at Christ Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons, where she will create calm for parent and child in her relaxation sessions.

Having recently moved to the area, Emma is bringing her years of expertise to this locality.

For more details or to book a place ring Emma on 07913 708419



## ***Bury Mission Community***

Most churches in the Mission Community were represented in the around 70 who came to hear Bishop Matthew share something of his story with us. Ian Banks led our opening worship and the 'MC' for the evening was our MC Leader, Julian Heaton.



We enjoyed wine, juice and cakes whilst sharing fellowship and being encouraged to talk to someone we hadn't known before. Questions were asked of the Bishop and churches shared some stories of good things happening.

Paul Sanderson has organised two Pilgimage Walks to link all our churches. The first was on August 19<sup>th</sup> and the second will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> with details below. Please feel free to join just a section of the walk or to join walkers as they rest and pray at one of the stops.

*Paul has written:*

The walk is an opportunity to pray for the parishes which make up our mission community. The fellowship, an appreciation of nature and the environment in which our churches are located will give us a focus. We will use this to hold the individual parts, which make the whole, in prayer.

The route is mainly on roads and tracks so there is little (note little not no) potential mud. Stout shoes, drinks and packed lunch are a must and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions. There will be plenty of rests and an opportunity for a loo stop at the lunch point.

If you are walking the whole route you will need to arrange transport to the start and from the end. If you are planning to join us at any point, remember the timings for arrival are approximate. You can contact me to check where we are up to on the day.

Let's pray for good weather.

Yours in Christ, Paul

## Pilgrimage Walk - 2

### 9th September

9.50 for 10am St John with St Mark's Sending Out Prayers (10min)

*2 miles*

11.15am All Saints' rest and prayer (15min)

*1.5 miles*

12.30pm St James' Lunch & Midday Prayer (1hr)

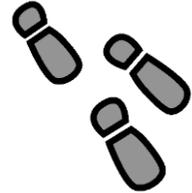
*0.75 miles*

1.50 pm St Stephen's prayer (5min)

*1 mile*

2.30pm Bury Parish Church Final Prayers (10min)

Total **5.25 miles**



On 18th September at 7.30pm, at a venue yet to be confirmed, there is a meeting to which everyone is invited. The speaker will be Beverley Angier talking about Focal Leadership. Our diocesan website says, "*The model of ministry we have inherited of 'one parish, one church, one vicar' is no longer sustainable as most of our parishes move to sharing their incumbent. Focal ministry is a complementary pastoral ministry, rooted in a specific community and affirming the local and wider church.*" Something we need to think about, so it will be helpful to have our diocesan Focal Ministry Officer to speak to us.

The leaders of the various churches in Bury Mission Community are meeting on Zoom on Thursday each week around 9.00pm to say the evening service of Compline together and plan to meet face to face monthly for lunch and a time of prayer. It is good to see these plans emerging.

There is also an intention to circulate updates by newsletter, probably each quarter so everyone will be able to see what events are planned for us to share in – whether these are spiritual, study groups, activities or invited speakers.

## ***Quiet Moments for September***

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This is the time marked in the church calendar as the **Season of Creation** so our prayers this month reflect this.

Creation proclaims the glory of God  
Let our lips not stay silent.

Nature sings its praise to God  
Let our praise rise in harmony

The heavens declare the splendour of God  
Let our lives reflect his beauty.

May we, who alone of all his creation,  
know the joy of God's salvation,  
let our mouths, hearts and lives be filled  
with praise and thanksgiving  
above all in heaven and earth.

Amen

*from 'Praying in Every Season', Mothers' Union*



Heavenly Father,  
You have taught us, through your servant St Francis,  
That all creation is your handiwork.  
Grant us your grace that we may  
Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;  
Tread lightly upon it;  
And cherish its resources;  
That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations,  
And your name be glorified through all that you have made.  
Amen.

*Rt Revd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester  
for World Environment Day*

Blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord;  
Such a person is like a tree by the waterside,  
that thrusts its roots into the stream.

When the heat comes it has nothing to fear,  
its foliage stays green;  
Untroubled in a year of drought,  
it never stops bearing fruit.

Lord, deepen our trust,  
that in you we may grow strong and bear much fruit.



*from Psalm 1, ChurchofEngland.org*

In the beginning God created all things,  
**and God saw that they were good.**

At our beginning, God created us  
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new  
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colours of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.**

Lord God, King of Creation,  
**open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
ever here in your creation,  
and ever beyond it in eternity.**  
**Amen.**

*based on Genesis 1 and adapted from  
'Liturgy of Creation' - wellsprings.org.uk*

Since our last report members have listened to a talk on Midwifery by Larisa Heath, and learnt about our Mission Community from its leader, Julian Heaton. An interesting evening too, when members brought a selection of headgear about which to talk. We heard about various holidays home and abroad, and of a number of interests – such as cricket, opera, Bury FC, cycling. There were wedding hats too, including a very useful collapsible one.

Many missed an excellent Archdeaconry service, led by Elizabeth Binns but those who were able to attend probably all learnt something, even if it were of the four named Mary who were to be found in Bunty!

In September we look forward to a visit from our Archdeaconry President, Ruth Taylor, on September 6<sup>th</sup> and our Birthday Party on 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join us, at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Bob Taylor,  
Branch Leader

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## 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: 21 September, 19 October, 16 November



## *Men of the Benefice*

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Our two events in the summer both took place outdoors. On 26th June we had an evening walk, setting off from the The Towler and then walking through the Burrs. A good number of us attended and the weather was favourable for us, with of course daylight until late. Our walk continued into the town centre past the fire station and we met others in the Trackside at the East Lancs Railway. Unfortunately we only had time for one drink before last orders were called, however that did not stop us making our way to the Art Picture House for a final couple of drinks. Thanks to Geoff Hamilton for organising this event.

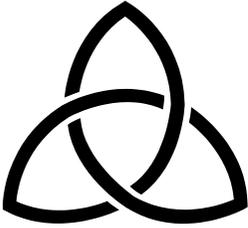
On 24th July we had a crown green bowling evening at Walmersley Conservative club. This was the first time we had done such an event so thank you to Walmersley for lending us their facilities for the night. It was new to a lot of people, with some having to be shown the bias and the difference between finger and thumb peg. One set of bowls had also not left their bag for almost 50 years. However after people got into it, we had a little competition between twelve of us. It was quite well fought in the end and there were a couple of dark horses. Well done to Benjamin Ashworth though for being the overall winner of a well competed final with Robert Peters, almost as it was going dark! If this becomes an annual event, we will have to think about sorting a trophy. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The MOB were meeting on Bank Holiday Monday at 8.00pm for a talk by Nigel Silvester on the Isles of Scilly. This is at Christ Church Hall. The next meeting is expected to be on Monday 25th September.

David Robinson

### ***An appropriate Bible verse:***

“Moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil”. Ecclesiastes 3.13



Our latest meeting of the Open Group took place on 12th July and we were pleased to welcome Nigel Silvester, who this year presented a talk on shipwrecks, particularly around the Isles of Scilly.

The Men of the Benefice have previously received this talk. We began the meeting with the reading of Jesus calming the storm and some prayer time thinking about our own storms of life.

There are many hundreds of wrecks in the area but this meeting focussed on just a small number, although the ones with the most interesting stories were told. The journey took us way back many centuries, to the most recent history, and was told with the aid of Nigel's ever reliable knowledge of the Islands, and of course his detailed map, which has now made many an appearance at different meetings across the Benefice.

Each wreck told their own story, through the eyes of those on board, those who survived, and the cargo and nationality of the ships. Despite the tragedies which unfolded, a few of us did sit up with some surprise when we discovered that, centuries ago, shipwrecks were a source of riches and treasure for local looters. Including the bodies that washed up, which had jewellery, clothing and valuable items removed from them.

The most recent disaster which Nigel included was the Torrey Canyon oil tanker in 1967. It was the environmental impact of this shipwreck that became the most reported piece and one or two of the group commented on their recollections of the reporting. For those that did not remember, there were of course some newspaper articles.

As is usually the case for a Nigel presentation, there was plenty of light-hearted moments as well with some water-based pictures from the family archives.

This was a fascinating talk on a subject which could have covered more, if time would have allowed us. Thanks to Nigel for putting this together and keeping us entertained.

Apologies for a busy schedule meaning an August meeting did not take place. However, the next two meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday 13th September – An open evening for people to bring an item they possess (clothing, ornament, book etc) which means something to them and talk briefly about it if you wish. There is no pressure to bring anything, so you can just sit and listen to others. The evening is meant to be humorous or light-hearted, but if your item has a poignant meaning then that is fine.

Wednesday 11th October – Jim Metcalf, who presented a talk on Nepal a few years back will join us to talk about cycling in Tanzania and Kenya.

All are welcome to both at 7.30pm in the Barritt Room.

David Robinson

## ***Churches Together in Bury***

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Several needs were identified at the recent meeting and members of all our churches are asked to pray, and to consider whether they can help in any way.

- Musicians for an ad hoc group for the annual Carol Singing in the Millgate.
  - More funding for the Bury Project, which pays for CAP work locally.
  - Volunteers to help Gordon Clark deliver a money management course.
  - A new chairperson for the Inter Faith Forum.
  - A new chairperson for the Bible Society Action Group.
  - Volunteers to plan an event around the time of Pentecost
- Please ask Barbara Taylor if you would like more information.

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>: The Bible Society Action Group will be hosting a celebration event including a worship time and a presentation by the Open the Book team. More details on our weekly sheets.

## *Called to be a pebble?*

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*This was written by the Revd Anne Marr, Mothers' Union Chaplain of Newcastle Diocese, following last year's event in Belfast, but it expresses something everyone one of us could well consider.*



As a Deacon I was accustomed to being invisible. I asked my vicar, "What's it like for you to have a deacon in the team?" He thought a bit then said, "It's like having a pebble in my shoe." I wondered: 'Is this a compliment or a criticism?' Afraid of the answer, I didn't ask the question! I settled for accepting it as a 'spirit-gift', which I could unwrap some other time.

The next day, I had a pebble in my shoe. I was in a hurry, but the grit was sharp and forced me to stop. As I bent to unfasten my shoe, I saw an earthworm stranded on the paving, its skin beginning to dry. I picked it up and placed it on the soil. Without a word of thanks, it wriggled instinctively into the earth. I took off my shoe and shook out the offending stone...so tiny, I could barely see it. My spirit-gift was unwrapped.

25 years later at a MU Gathering in Belfast a bishop spoke about Mothers' Union being a 'pebble' in the church's shoes ... an irritant when things are not as they should be.

**If we are pebbles** that make walkers stop ... then we are enabling people to see what they would otherwise miss ... their personal 'earthworm' - perhaps a casualty in life, an issue to be addressed, an opportunity to be a good neighbour.

**If we are pebbles**, we don't have to be very big to make our point sharply — we simply have to be at the right place at the right time.

Ever wondered how a pebble gets into your shoe? Who puts it there? And why just then?

**If we are pebbles**, we are readily discarded as mere irritants. The secret of being an effective pebble is not to complain, but to shed light on an overlooked issue and be prepared to be a partner in resolving it.

As pebbles go, I don't profess to be a very effective one. I'm often too round and smooth and happy to nestle between the toes of those who carry me. Now and then, my sharp edges dig in, but I don't always see the result. But I am encouraged by the incisive qualities and achievements of many of the pebbles I have met in life.

Across the world there are godly pebbles working in situations of great need. Some of them are Mothers' Union members, working within teams to challenge despair and bring hope. You may never hear of them but they are there: pebbles challenging injustice and abuse; setting up literacy projects; visiting prisons and hospitals...

So be prepared to be a godly pebble in someone's shoe — whether shy or sharp - and leave the rest up to God. And be thankful for the pebble in your own shoe!

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## ***ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK 100 CLUB***

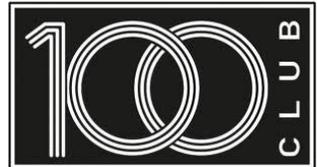
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Thank you to everyone that has joined the 100 club.

We have made 2 draws and the winners are:

July 2023:      1st Prize £15.00 – Kelly Watson  
                         2nd Prize £10.00 – Ruth Keir

August 2023: 1st Prize £15.00 – John Brennan  
                         2nd Prize £10.00 – Lisa Wood

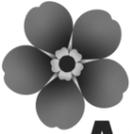


We will do our best to post the winners in the magazine every month.

If anyone would like to join, we have a few numbers spare. If we could get more people to join then we would be able to either give a third prize or increase the amount for 1st & 2nd prizes, and it will also mean that we will make more for the church.

If you are interested, please speak to Joan Wild or Kelly Watson.

## September Events



# Alzheimer's Society

The **Knit and Natter Group** ask you to keep September 25<sup>th</sup> free to support their fundraiser.

This is to raise awareness of Alzheimers.

Not all details are yet finalised so please watch the weekly sheets.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families  
Diocese of Manchester

*Guest Speaker: Jaquie Sorfleet*

*President Bury Lions Club*

Contributions welcomed:

unwanted prescription glasses  
old keys

## Bury & Rossendale Deanery Gathering

Saturday 30 September at 3pm  
Christ Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

£2

tea, coffee and cakes  
non-members welcome  
raffle

if you are able, please bring  
non perishable food items for local outreach



# Quiz Night!

**A** 7th October

**B** 7 pm

**C** £2 entrance

Proceeds to Church Funds

for a donation: tea, coffee, ham or cheese bap & crisps or bring your own drinks

Will the Stanley Parkinson Trophy be yours in 2023?

With Quizmaster TIM



Christ Church Walmersley  
Church Hall, School Lane, BL9 5LP

## *Harvest Festival*

Both Churches will celebrate God's great goodness to us at our Harvest services on 8 October. This gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a practical way for the generosity of our Father.

At **Christ Church** 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 work of Tearfund.

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.

## FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

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Sun 3		<b>13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (both)
Wed 6	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 7	2.00pm	PCC (CC Hall)
Sat 9	9.50am	Mission Community Pilgrimage Walk (from SJM)
Sun 10		<b>14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Family and Parade Service (CC)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (SJM)
Tue 12	7.30pm	PCC (SJM)
Wed 13	7.30pm	Open Group (Barritt Room)
Sun 17		<b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	8.30am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Service (SJM)
		Parish Communion (CC)
Mon 18	7.30pm	Mission Community meeting
Wed 20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union (CC Hall)
Thu 21	12 noon	Third Thursday Lunch (CC Hall)
Sun 24		<b>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (CC)
		Parish Communion (SJM)
	7.00pm	Sunday@Seven (Barritt Room)
Mon 25		Knit and Natter fundraiser
	8.00pm	Men of the Benefice – <i>venue to be confirmed</i>
Wed 27	7.30pm	Deanery Synod at All Saints, Elton
Sat 30	3.00pm	Deanery Mothers' Union Gathering (CC Hall)

## **REGULAR SERVICES**

<b>Sunday</b>			
8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00am	All	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
10.30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Joint (venue tba)
7.00 p.m.	Final, Sunday @ Seven		Venue tba
<b>Wednesday</b>			
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion		St John w St Mark
<b>Thursday</b>			
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, Parkinson Street 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  
Twitter @cofewalmersley  
Instagram cofewalmersley  
and YouTube CofE Walmersley



# Sunday @ Seven

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

**September 24th at 7pm**



## *Creation Praise*

**We will be at St John with St Mark hall. You can also join in via Zoom. Please contact Nigel Silvester or Ian Banks for more details.**

# Scarecrow Festival

October 5th onwards  
Christ Church Walmersley

we are inviting community groups, local businesses,  
families and individuals  
to make a Scarecrow and bring it to meet with others  
in the churchyard from October 5th

and to take part in the Harvest Festival  
on October 8th at 10.30 am

which will be followed by a harvest lunch  
in the Church Hall

More details at  
[ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/scarecrows](http://ccwalmersleybury.org.uk/scarecrows)

