



**Christ Church Walmersley  
and  
St John with St Mark Bury  
in the United Benefice of Walmersley Road**



**APRIL 2015**



**50p**



## ***REGULAR SERVICES***

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### **Sunday**

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Family and Parade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion 4 <sup>th</sup> Service of the Word 5 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	Christ Church
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parade Service	St John w St Mark

### **Wednesday**

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark
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### **Thursday**

2.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> First Thursday Prayer	Christ Church Hall
7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	St John w St Mark

### **Saturday**

4.00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Messy Church	Christ Church
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Saints days and other services as announced  
Evening Prayer will be said in St John w St Mark's Church  
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m.

If you need transport to church please contact the wardens.



Both churches have the Child Friendly Church award

Both churches have Fairtrade status



## ***Alone, Abandoned***

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Is Easter a bit like Christmas, a time when you can feel more alone than at other times?

Everyone is rushing around, off to the caravan or for a short break, the social whirl of family activities, Easter egg hunts and there are you, the Christian, trying to make sense of it all, being torn apart with mixed loyalties.

I especially felt this with my former husband, when at Easter we had to go and join his parents at their caravan on Good Friday. We used to drive through Skipton main street and there was always a group of Christians re-enacting the Crucifixion of Jesus. On the whole being ignored as it was 'Market Day' and all the shops and stalls were open not closed as in Bury at that time. (In that part of Yorkshire they didn't close on Good Friday but on the Tuesday after Easter Monday instead!)

I felt quite desolate.

It puts me in mind of how the disciples must have been feeling. One minute everyone is clamouring to be with Jesus and them, then overnight they had been thrown into disarray and fear – no contingency plan – they were alone! Are they going to be next to meet a gruesome death? It must have gone through their minds. Would they be leaving their wives and children completely alone, unprotected?

It's hard to imagine what it must have been like for Jesus at the end, alone and abandoned. He was even separated from God his father's love.



The American Pastor C.J. Mahaney wrote:- "The personal desolation Christ is experiencing on the cross is what you and I should be experiencing – but instead Jesus is bearing it, and bearing it alone. Why alone? He's alone so that we might never be alone"

So if you ever feel alone remember that you are not. Jesus is with you. He even came back from the tomb to show you!

"Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia."

Barbara

*Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."*

Pope John Paul 11 (1920-2005)



## **FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

- 5 The Congregation
- 12 In memory of Sarah Melling and Jack Illsley
- 19 Mr & Mrs A Spencer
- 26 Vacant



## ***FROM THE VICARAGE***

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\* Thanks to all those who attended the Chinese New Year buffet in the Church Hall on February 20. Thanks to Lee's Takeaway on Argyle Street for once again providing the food.

\* The Community Knit & Natter group – that meets on a Tuesday afternoon in St.John with St.Mark Church Hall – is in need of wool, any type, size or colour. A lot of their work is prepared for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. If you have any wool, please contact Rosemarie Ashworth or Tricia Stokes.

\* The Booth Centre is a Day Centre for homeless people that used to be based at Manchester Cathedral. They have recently moved to Pimblett Street, just off Cheetham Hill Road. The Centre provides activities, advice and support and is always in need of items such as food and clothing to help those in need. If you have any donations, please have a word with me and I will arrange for them to be taken to the premises.

\* Thanks to all those who supported and arranged the Afternoon Tea at Christ Church on Tuesday 3 March in aid of the church hall decoration. Linked to this, acknowledgment must be made of the great work done by Ian, Geoff, Jason & David in transforming the hall after the removal of the stage.

\* John Lyssejko intends to step down as co-ordinator of the St.John with St.Mark website, after a number of years of service. A volunteer is therefore needed to replace him. If you are at all interested, or would like any further information, please have a word with me or one of the Church Wardens.

\* Anyone wishing to attend a Retreat at St.Joseph's Parish Centre in Formby between 20-23 May should speak to me, or Ian or June Banks, for further details.

\*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 wardens.

\*A Parent & Toddler group meets in the Church Hall at both Christ Church & St.John with St.Mark's every Thursday morning during school term times from 9.30am. All are welcome.

\* Anyone interested in being confirmed this year please have a word with me.

\* Both parishes hold their Annual Parochial Church meetings this month (please see below). In preparation for the APCMs each group or organisation should contribute a report for the meeting. Please contact the PCC secretaries – Ian Riddick at Christ Church and June Banks at St.John with St.Mark.

### ***Annual Parochial Church Meetings***

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**St.John with St.Mark:** Sunday 19 April 12 noon

**Christ Church:** Wednesday 29 April 7.30pm

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.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please have a word with one of the Church Wardens to obtain an application form.

## ***FROM THE COUNCILS***

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ST JOHN WITH ST MARK PCC MEETING OF 19 FEBRUARY 2015

We have received an update from the DAC following the design we have submitted to them for our West Window. Unfortunately they are unhappy with the ideas we have proposed. Although it is recognised that there is a problem, the DAC state that the window is an architectural feature of our building and must be replaced as like-for-like. This will undoubtedly lead to greater costs. Further discussion must now take place with the architect in due course to decide our next course of action.

The chapel heater cannot be repaired, therefore 2 stand-alone heaters will now be used and work will be required to disable the old heater.

It was agreed to submit a faculty to allow us to remove the unused pews from the back of Church and some items of furniture from the old St. Mark's Church, which are currently stored at the side of the organ pipes, and also unused.

Pam Kojder has now stepped down as child protection co-ordinator. Therefore the Vicar will take over this role until another person can be sought. Bob Keir has also informed the PCC of his intention to retire as governor at St. John with St. Mark School and a new representative to run the Website is needed as John Lyssekjo wishes to step down.

At the last PCC Meeting the idea was put forward to ask the uniformed organisations to contribute the cost of hall rent. A meeting is to take place with the group leaders after the Parade service on 8th March to discuss their feelings.



The treasurer produced his annual draft accounts prior to the APCM. As usual this was represented to the PCC in an informative way and included a breakdown of our income and expenditure for 2014. Ian also reported on his budget for 2015, particularly highlighting any potential areas of expenditure for the year. The PCC were asked for questions and comments on the accounts and a brief discussion followed.

Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March at 8.00pm and the APCM will be on Sunday 19th April after the 10.30am service. It has also been confirmed that the Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 13th June.

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

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### **Baptisms**

Jan 18	Maisie Joan Clarke
Feb 22	Aoife May Topping

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

### **Funerals**

Feb 24	Roy Lees
Mar 3	Mona Haworth

### **Interment Of Ashes In The Garden Of Remembrance**

Feb 15	Arnold Stalker
Mar 4	Dorothy Weaver
Mar 6	Jennifer Jones

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

## FOR QUIET MOMENTS

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### Week 1

Pilate asked what crime Jesus had committed. It was a good question. Jesus had annoyed the religious leaders, of that there was no doubt. He had been critical of social and religious structures; he had healed the villagers; he had told stories to the crowds; he was probably a threat to public law and order; but was that enough to condemn him, to end his life? But he would not defend himself – the story teller was silent now and the crowd was noisy, and Pilate handed him over to be crucified.



As we remember the death of Jesus, we give thanks for his life, for all that he gave during his earthly life and all that he gives us today. Especially we give thanks for his sacrifice on the cross for each of us. Grant that we may live our lives as worthy of that great gift. Amen

### Week 2

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive?"



We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.  
Amen.

## Week 3

Into perspective

Take your troubles to the sea  
And write them in the sand.  
The tide will come and smooth  
them out  
as if at God's command.  
Walk back up to the cliff top,  
Look down and you will learn,  
How small your problem really is.  
The tide will always turn.



Sonia Forster

- from the Mothers' Union anthology "Even angels tread softly"

## Week 4

We remember all those who are sick and give thanks for all those who work to bring healing; doctors, nurses, therapists, administrators, and clergy. Give them the skills they need and the experience to bring compassion to those in their care. We remember the work of the hospices, especially the one in our town, which enable the end of life to be met with peace and dignity.



We ask your blessing on all those who care for someone at home when the days are often long and the nights even longer. May they feel your presence surrounding them, encouraging and supporting.

Show us Lord how to reach out to them in love and service.

Our meetings in March have coincided with Lent and we were given much to reflect on by Rev Paul Sanderson's visit to us on 4th March. Paul writes:

The Lenten reflection followed the traditional Stations of the Cross with a twist. The projected pictures of the 14 stations were from the chapel of THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY NAME, Derby. The community began in the latter half of the 19th century in the London Parish of St Peter's Vauxhall, where the first Sisters helped the parish priest in an area of great social deprivation. The stations reflect this path of community service.

The words used were taken from part one of Frank Topping's 'An Impossible God'. Frank is perhaps best known for his 'Pause For Thought' appearances on the BBC Radio2 Terry Wogan breakfast show. He is a retired Methodist minister whose spiritual journey began in a devoutly Roman Catholic family on Merseyside.

'An Impossible God' is an imaginative series of dramatic reflections on the key events of the first Good Friday and Easter. Part one follows the traditional pattern of the Stations of the Cross and part two Jesus' resurrection appearances. Palestine AD32 is brought to life in a stirring, dramatic and innovative look at the Passion of Christ as it might have been experienced by some of the people who took part or merely witnessed the event. It takes the listener inside the minds and hearts of the characters involved as they witness a turning point in human history; and it is not only informative but also deeply moving.

Our meetings in April also provide opportunities to pause and reflect. April 1st falls in Holy week so our normal Branch meeting is suspended to allow time to attend the special church services during the week. Each service has its own emphasis and points us towards the Cross: Seder meal, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday.

April 1st we share a Seder meal with St John with St Mark. Numbers are needed so do contact the Vicar if you haven't signed in for this already.

April 15th - Our Branch AGM - where we look back on the past year and forward to a new year of Branch activities. It is an opportunity to take on new responsibilities so do think and pray about whether you are able to help our branch in a new role.

April 22nd - Deanery AGM at Bury Parish Church halls at **7.00pm** There will be a raffle, bring and buy and the speaker will be Mr Dwyer on the subject of 'Homelessness'

April 25th Spring Council at St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ Please note that coffee will be served from 9.30 a.m. The meeting will commence at 10.00am, with a break for refreshments and there will also be a lunch break (please bring your lunch, drinks will be available) and the meeting will finish at approx. 2.30p.m. The lunch break is an opportunity to meet friends, make new ones, buy MUE merchandise and circulate ideas. Council meetings are open to ALL members.

We extend a warm invitation to join us at any of our Branch meetings. Come and find out who we are and what we do!

Kathryn Bailey  
Branch leader

## ***IN MEMORIAM: Mona Haworth***

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Mona Haworth died in Fairfield Hospital on 22 February at the age of 90 – one of the oldest members of St.John with St.Mark's Church.

Mona had attended church in recent months, even as her health was failing. When she was unable to be in church, she would receive the sacrament at home.

She had celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the same weekend as the Golden Jubilee celebrations of St.John with St.Mark in June last year - her 40th birthday coinciding with the move into the new building. Mona and her husband Roy were married at the former St.John's.

Born in Walshaw, Mona first attended church at Walshaw Mission. A former pupil at Elton High School she served with the Women's Land Army during World War Two. A prolific cooker, she was for a number of years the school-meals supervisor at Chesham Primary School. This love of cooking also extended into her church life where she was renowned for providing cakes at our fairs and social events.

Mona was a playing member of the Seedfield Bowling Club and loved watching sport on television. A smart and distinguished lady, she was a very organised and meticulous person with a place for everything and everything in its place. Not surprisingly, she had carefully planned her funeral service and it was a fitting tribute to her that so many people attended.

We pray for Diane her daughter, grandson Richard and his wife Colette and great-grandchildren Maisie and Elliott and all who mourn her loss.

We give thanks to God for the life of Mona Haworth.

**May She Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**For the benefice of Walmersley Road**

- Sunday** For all our worship services.  
All who receive Holy Communion in their own homes.  
Those who read, lead the intercessions and serve in our church services
- Monday** Links with our local communities.  
Sixtown Housing. Bury Library Service.  
The PCCs and their committees.  
Those who provide and arrange church flowers.
- Tuesday** All the educational establishments in the parish.  
School Governors. Nurseries, Pre-schools,  
Primary Schools, Bury CE High School.  
Our pastoral care to all the community.
- Wednesday** The Vicar and Assistant Priests.  
The Licensed Readers and ALM. Our Study Groups.  
Ecumenical Links within the benefice.  
Our ministry to those who are bereaved.
- Thursday** The Sunday School /Junior Church, Messy Church  
Our work with young people. Those preparing to be married in church. Our baptism ministry.
- Friday** Our music ministry. The retired clergy.  
Those interested in offering themselves for lay or ordained ministry. Links with the other faith communities in the benefice.
- Saturday** Links with other church communities across the world. Mothers' Union.  
Our care of the church buildings. Mission Action Planning



## ***THE OPEN GROUP***

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The Open Group began events for 2015 on 11th March, welcoming the Revd Dave Thompson to speak about his life's journey from a very young boy in Fleetwood to his present role as Vicar of this Benefice.

Dave recalled early incidents as a teenager that had a marked effect on his vocational journey towards ordained ministry, from first reading a Gideon's bible to becoming very interested in working with a wide range of church community groups in various locations in Lancashire. During this time he was employed in the Civil Service working with people on a face to face basis rather than being stuck behind a desk. Collectively these interactive experiences, which he enjoyed immensely, made him seriously question further "Do I have a vocational calling?" – "Is God calling me to be ordained into the ministry?"

After serious self-questioning and in discussion with others, Dave was encouraged to apply for selection and training for ordained ministry. After an initial setback, Dave was invited to train as a candidate at Durham. Dave describes this time as a wonderful experience, meeting and working with many students, some of whom have become influential leaders in the Anglican ministry. On being ordained, Dave took up numerous incumbencies in Preston, Stoneclough, Farnworth and presently at St. John with St. Mark and Christ Church Walmersley. Dave described the different types of parishes and communities these churches served, and the very different problems and difficulties experienced.

In conclusion Dave took questions from the group in regard to his work and the present day issues involving this parish. The group thanked Dave for his interesting and enlightening presentation into his life in Anglican ministry, a vocation which the ordinary parishioner knows very little about. Whilst all Christians in their Baptism are called to the ministry, only a few are called to the ordained ministry.



Open Group next meeting ~ Wednesday 8th April  
at 7.30pm in the Library

**'Kings & Queens of England – An Interrupted History'**  
Led by Ian Banks

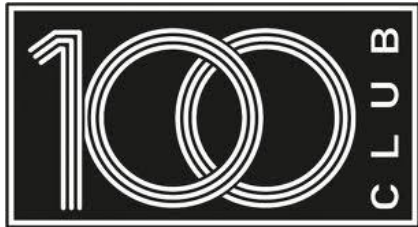
Please remember, the Open Group is just that, open to all.  
We would love you to join us for our meetings.

**MARCH 2015 WINNERS**

1st Prize ~ 51 Margaret Hall

2nd Prize ~ 12 Nick Anderton

3rd Prize ~ 43 Pat Coote



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

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Messy Church is taking a break. If you would be interested in coming to future sessions, helping in any way or simply would like to know more about why Messy Church is so popular in many denominations, across many countries, please have a word with us.



Meanwhile our very grateful thanks to everyone who has helped: with welcomes, drinks, food, games, crafts – we could not have done it without you.

Barbara, Cath, Dave, Kathryn, Linda & Rosemary

## ***BENEFICE QUIZ (PART 2)***

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1. Why is Baldingstone so named?
2. The old St. Mark's parish is now the south easterly part of the benefice. Near the old church was a mill surrounded by worker's housing. What was the mill and the area called?
3. When Walmersley Old was replaced by the new Walmersley Rd turnpike, tolls were charged. Which present day building was the toll house?
4. Around the borders of the Tetrosyl land you can see stones with the letters KMPC stamped into them. What do they stand for?
5. At one time, during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century there were two places of worship between Moorgate and Chesham on the western side of Walmersley Road. What were they?
6. Which farm withstood a siege by Cromwell's army in the civil war ?
7. Where did the sundial used to stand which gave its name to the Sundial Hotel?
8. Where was St. John's vicarage during the period which included the 1939-1945 Second World War?
9. What is the present name of the house on the hillside (formerly the Children's Holiday Home) where Victoria Wood lived as a schoolgirl?
10. What service, essential in days gone by, was provided by a workshop at Bevis Green?

We hope that you enjoy this second part of the quiz. Please feel free to let us have comments on the second part. Thanks to Alison for compiling the quiz.

## NEWS FROM ST.JOHN with ST.MARK CE SCHOOL

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*Rodney Ndukongo, a Year 6 Pupil, wrote the following verse which is very appropriate at this time in the church calendar.*

### WHO IS JESUS

Women say that I (Jesus) am a door  
because I open the way to heaven.  
Children say that I (Jesus) am the teacher  
because I teach them the right thing.  
The Pharisees say that I (Jesus) am a squirrel  
because I have the brain of a nut  
and I do not know what I am saying.  
Peter says that I (Jesus) am the light of the world  
because I shine the way in the dark.  
Zacchaeus says that I (Jesus) am a toolkit  
because I changed his ways.  
The Samaritans say that I (Jesus) am a dove  
because I show where there are problems.  
I (Jesus) say that I am a shepherd  
because I guide people the right way.

\* DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Thursday 2 April	Easter Assembly
Thursday 2 April	End of Term
Monday 20 April	Summer Term starts

PLEASE PRAY FOR MRS MOORE  
AND ALL THE CHILDREN,  
FAMILIES, STAFF & GOVERNORS  
CONNECTED WITH THE SCHOOL



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*A collection at the Benefice Carol Service at Christ Church last December donated half of the proceeds to EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST – the organisation that publishes the Bethlehem Carol Sheets. A letter was recently received to thank us, part of which is reprinted below:*

“We are enormously grateful for your contribution of £172.06 to our work through an Embrace Christmas collection. This year, funds raised through Christmas donations like yours will enable us to reach even more vulnerable people through the inspiring projects being run by our partners.

Thank you for joining us in tackling poverty and injustice in the birthplace of our Christmas story. We couldn't do it without you!

Your gift will enable our partners to offer practical help to those who cannot pay, providing vital drugs and vaccines for and teaching tolerance and understanding to young people.”

*EMBRACE has been the recipient of our copper collections in recent months and we are looking at the possibility of funding specific educational projects. Thank you to everyone for your support.*

**“EMBRACE the people of the MIDDLE EAST and help our Christian partners tackle poverty and injustice.”**

www.embraceme.org  
@FollowEmbrace

### **Membership of Diocesan Synod**

The members of the new Diocesan Synod will be elected in the early summer. Bury Deanery has an allocation of 4 lay and 3 clergy members. This is based on 1983 people on the electoral roll (1 member for every 500) and 20 clergy (1 member for every 7). In respect of the number of lay members, this is one fewer than we currently have.

Anyone who is a who is on the electoral roll of a parish in the Deanery, including those who are currently members of the Diocesan Synod, is eligible to be nominated. If there are more nominations than places, then the lay members of the Deanery Synod will be eligible to vote for their choice of nomination.

Candidates must be proposed and seconded by members of their own deanery synod. Candidates cannot nominate themselves. If you are considering asking someone to nominate you but are unsure as to what is involved, please feel free to speak to any of the current members of Diocesan Synod –

Alan Thew (0161 763 9024) from St Peters,  
Barbara Taylor (0161 764 0483) from Christ Church Walmersley,  
Sam Coker (0161 797 3826) from St John the Baptist Bircle,  
Sue Nuttall (01204 885794) from St Anne Tottington, or  
Steve Clark (01204 405446) from Bury Parish Church.

All Deanery Synod members will be formally notified of the election on Friday 1st May 2015, and invited to nominate candidates. The last day for the nomination of candidates will be Friday 29th May 2015. If there are more candidates than vacancies, then a vote will be held during June. In this case, candidates will be invited to provide a brief personal statement to accompany election papers. This is to be no longer than 100 words in length.

Steve Clark  
Lay Chair, Bury Deanery Synod

## ***CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10TH – 16TH MAY 2015***

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For thousands of people throughout the nation, Christian Aid Week is a way of answering Jesus' call to help people in need across the world.

If you would like to support Christian Aid Week this year and help them in their work of bringing poverty to an end around the world and tackling its root causes, as well as its effects, then there are various ways in which you can get involved in Christian Aid Week.



**Lunch:** Why not join us for a 3 course lunch and fellowship on 10th May (see menu and full details opposite).



**Donations:** Envelopes are at the back of Church if you would like to make a donation towards Christian Aid Week along with the Small Change/Big Difference boxes, which are a good way of using any coins you may wish to dispose of, and are also a way of supporting Christian Aid throughout the year.



**Street Collections** have been for many years a major source of income for Christian Aid, but in recent years it has become increasingly difficult, not just for us but for many churches and groups to find volunteers to do collection. However as long as we do have a few dedicated volunteers we will continue with the collection, as it still has a valued income for Christian Aid and the work that they do. If you do feel that you would like to help with collections then please have a word with John Brennan on the number below.



**Please pray** for Christian Aid Week and the work of Christian Aid.

For further details about Christian Week, please contact John Brennan.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH ~ SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015  
at St. John with St. Mark Church Hall Parkinson Street  
at 12.15pm

STARTERS

Pâté or Melon with Grapes

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MAIN COURSE

Turkey

Served with Roast & Boiled Potatoes, three Veg

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DESSERT

Trifle or Profiteroles

Followed by Tea or Coffee

Option to purchase a glass of red or white wine

Raffle also on the Day

Tickets, £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children up to  
the age of 12 available from  
John Brennan or Rosemarie Ashworth



## ***CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING EVENT***

Are you involved or interested in children's ministry. To find out more speak to one of the clergy or visit the Events page at [www.manchester.anglican.org](http://www.manchester.anglican.org) Booking is essential.

### **CERTIFICATE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TASTER**

Free day to give a flavour of each of the three modules of the Certificate in Children's Ministry course and of the teaching style.

9 May at St George's Church, Altrincham

## COLLECTING COPPER

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Our Junior Church / Sunday School members have been busy collecting and our adults have been busy contributing. The weekly copper collection during the last hymn of our Sunday morning services has helped a number of charitable organisations in recent months.



Across the two churches, we have been supporting various organisations. These include Embrace the Middle East, Bury Hospice, Save the Children Fund, Children's Relief Bethlehem and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Bury Hospice sent a card acknowledging the donation and thanking all those who contributed.

In their letter of acknowledgement the Children's Hospital wrote: *"{The RMCH} raises funds to ensure continued excellence in treatment, care and research at the largest single site children's hospital in the UK. We support projects such as Giggle Doctors and Therapeutic Play Services. We also fundraise for specialised equipment, which help to make life easier for their children and families who use the hospital. Thanks to your support, and others like you, we can ensure that the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital is not only the largest children's hospital in the UK but the very best."*

Thank you to all who contribute. Little do we realise that when the children are collecting our coppers we are making a real difference to someone's life.

If anyone has information about a suitable charity that we can support, please have a word with one of the church officials.





ST JOHN WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH  
INVITE YOU TO

***A BUFFET DINNER DANCE***

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC & DANCE,  
WITH DELICIOUS BUFFET

IN ST. JOHN WITH ST. MARK CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 17 APRIL ~ 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH  
£7.50 EACH

*ALL WELCOME*

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***RACE NIGHT***

Thank You to the people who attended our fundraising Race Night in the Church Hall on Friday 13th March, and also to those who sponsored a race or bought a horse.

Congratulations to the following 'owners' who won their respective races and each win a bottle of wine.



Joan Birch  
Archie Wardle  
Ruth Warwick  
Audrey Sadler  
Ian Banks  
Julie Peat

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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1		<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (SJM)
	7.30 pm	Seder Meal (SJM)
2		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion (SJM & CC)
3		<b>Good Friday</b>
	10.00 am	Morning Service (CC)
	12 noon	Bury Churches together Walk of Witness
	2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (SJM)
4		<b>Easter Eve</b>
	8.00 pm	Service of Light (SJM)
5		<b>Easter Day</b>
		Services as usual
8	7.30 pm	Open Group (SJM) with Ian Banks Kings & Queens of England
12		<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
		Services as usual
15	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union AGM (CC)
17	7.30 pm	Buffet Dance (SJM)
19		<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
		Services as usual
	12 noon	APCM (SJM)
26		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
		Services as usual
29	7.30 pm	APCM (CC)
30	8.00 pm	PCC (SJM)



The Stanley Parkinson  
trophy winners 2015