

Newsletter

Walmsley Parish News on Friday 5 August 2022
Keeping you connected with your parish and community

**Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven**



May our lives be in tune with you, O God

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A free phonenumber of hymns,
reflections and prayers
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SERVICES in WALMSLEY PARISH

Sunday 7 August: Eighth Sunday of Trinity

8.00am: Spoken Holy Communion at Christ Church Walmsley

9.30am: FAMILY Service at Christ Church Walmsley, with music led by River of Life and children's percussion accompaniment during the service! (BYO if you can!)

[NO Junior Church in school holidays]

11am: Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's, BX - with **Sunday School in adjacent room**

Wednesday 10 August: 11am: Service of the Word at Christ Church Walmsley

Thursday 11 August: NO Interactive Family Worship during School Holidays



Sunday 14 August: Ninth Sunday of Trinity

9.30am Service of the Word at Christ Church Walmsley

[NO Junior Church in school holidays]

11am: Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's, BX ~ with **Sunday School in adjacent room**

6pm: EVENSONG at Christ Church Walmsley:

A quiet, reflective service using the sacred words of the Book of Common Prayer.

Wednesday 17 August: 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley



Sunday 21 August: Tenth Sunday of Trinity

- Reverend Carol Hayden's last services with us -

9.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church Walmsley

[NO Junior Church in school holidays]

11am: Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's, BX ~ with **Sunday School in adjacent room**



'BRING & SHARE' lunch at Walmsley Parish Community Hall to celebrate Reverend Carol's wonderful ministry here with us since December 2017.

We hope you will be able to join us from 12.30 that day.

(Please see information below)

If you feel unable to join us yet in church, the wealth of wonderful resources produced from across the Turton Moorland Team will continue.

Stay well – stay safe.

Contact the team

- Reverend Carol Hayden: 01204 587150 or revcarol@walmsleyparish.org
- Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss: 07935 395040 or turtonteamrector@gmail.com
- Hilary Dunn, Church Warden: 07858 070668 or hilaryd@walmsleyparish.org
- Dawn Hitchen: Authorised Lay Minister for Pastoral Care: 01204 304142 or dawn@walmsleyparish.org



We include here the list from our Parish for those in our prayers:
If you know of others to be included, please contact us. Dawn H

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us dear Lord, as we pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in need. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Our prayers and thoughts at this time are especially for: **Brian & Sheila Fairclough; John Lewer; Yvonne Ashmore; David Lord; Charles Hill; Paul Duckworth; Rosemary Clegg; Penelope Booth; Chris & Jerry Foster; Elizabeth O'Grady; Margaret Manley; David Spencer; Ken Holt; Roy Shipperbottom; Mrs. Shakouri; Alan; Kathy B;**

For our community: **Staff and workers of Fortalice and Urban Outreach;
The teachers, ancillary staff and children in our schools;
NHS staff and volunteers.**

*We remember too those who mourn, that You may provide comfort and help in their loss and sustain them through their grief. We remember the recently departed: **Eddie Hampson***

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

w/c 24 July: **Henry Brown; Daniel Mark Lucas; Thomas Isherwood; John Walter Woods; Barbara Ann Marsh; Eleanor Page; Beryl Anne Browning; Marjorie Fletcher; Nora Wood;**

w/c 31 July: **Andrew Coleman; Ven. David Brierley; Barbara Haslam; Simon David Clegg; Kathleen Ashmore;**

w/c 7 August: **Eleanor Brown; Annita Jacqueline Border; Jane Tonge; Jack Fairclough; Marion Bentham; Kenneth Gregory; Fred Jackson; Patricia Marland;**

w/c 14 August: **Esther Kay; W Donald Howcroft; Bryan Moss; Mary Liptrott; Very Newby; Joyce Irene Holloway; George Bailey; Dorothy Stuttard; Philip Martin; William Payne; Ian Raymond Martin; Ruby Smethurst; John Walters; Peter James;**

w/c 21 August: **Hilda Isherwood; Wayne Anthony Power; Sylvia Cheesebrough; Mary Isabella Hopwood; Harriet Susannah Stephens; Dennis Fletcher Melling; Ethel Twemlow;**

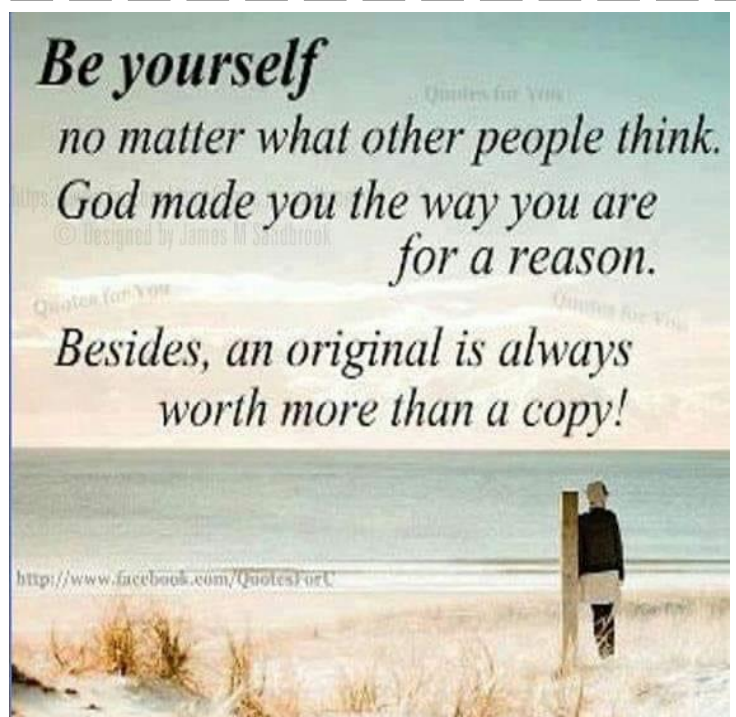
w/c 28 August: **Christopher O'Grady; Mildred Heathcock; Malcolm Bromelow; Kay Ainsworth;**

You are the Alpha and the Omega; may we one day rejoice with you in heaven.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all the human family to your unflinching love. Amen.

Sharing a daily prayer from Bill Braviner, that we may be guided and strengthened by God's love:

***Guide and strengthen us,
Lord, as we travel the path of
discipleship;
inspire us to build our lives on
the solid foundation of faith in
you;
prompt us to share in your
work, to harness our will to
yours,
and to allow your love to flow
through us to every
neighbour. Amen***



WISHING A VERY HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY TO ONE OF OUR AMAZING CHURCH FRIENDS: DR ALLISTER CRANNA

Recently, we have not shared birthdays in the Walmsley Parish News for fear of leaving someone out, but we feel this is an exception...

Many of you will remember Dr. Cranna - Allister - either as your GP or as a fellow worshipper at the Sunday 8am and Evening Prayer services at Christ Church Walmsley, when he rang the church bell, calling people to worship, until well into his nineties!!

Allister is 103 years old on Friday 5 August and Reverend Carol & Dawn Hitchen paid him a visit, taking chocolates and a birthday card signed by church friends. He was delighted to see us, was in excellent spirits, enjoyed hearing about life in Walmsley Parish and wanted to ensure that we took his good wishes back to everyone. It was a joy to be with him and we all wish him a fabulous celebration.



We invite you to join us at
REVEREND CAROL HAYDEN'S LEAVING LUNCH



SUNDAY 21 AUGUST FROM 12.30PM



A joint celebration hosted by St Andrews and Christ Church Walmsley at



WALMSLEY PARISH COMMUNITY HALL, BLACKBURN RD, EGERTON, BL7 9SA

We will enjoy a 'bring and share' lunch so please bring some food to add to our buffet

savoury or sweet



Please let us know you are coming on the lists at the back of either church or email parish-hall@walmsleyparish.org

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday 6th August:

St. Andrew's Afternoon Tea
'Bring your mother or any other': 2 - 4pm; £8 All proceeds to the church extension

PLEASE BE AWARE: This event is now fully booked.

{There will be NO COFFEE MORNING that day.}

Please note: There will be NO COFFEE MORNING at Walmsley in August.



The next meeting of Christ Church Walmsley MU will be on Tuesday 9 August in the home of Marjorie Isherwood at 2pm, when Reverend Carol will share communion with us. For more information about Mothers' Union, please contact Kath Grieve on 01204 450088.





Newsletter for 7 July 2022 from our Team Rector, Peter Reiss:

Turton Moorland Team Ministry

Belmont, Bradshaw, Turton & Walmsley

Six Churches, Four Parishes, One Vision



August 6th is one of those double “anniversaries” – in the church calendar it is the Feast of the Transfiguration – when we remember Jesus, going up on the mountain and being transfigured with his whole face and body transformed with glory. The light shines out from him revealing something of the glory of God

here in this world.

August 6th is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima – where the glow of light was a widening pall of destruction and death. A second bomb was dropped a few days later on Nagasaki and then Japan surrendered, but the threat of atomic weapons being used to destroy civilian cities has remained ever since. If you like the shadow of Hiroshima still hangs over us.

In our local community August 6th may be a family birthday, maybe for a child in our family or grandchild, maybe a grandparent or aunt, or maybe a loved one who had died in recent years. It may be a wedding anniversary, or a date we remember for a family or sporting success. This is so often the way of life – family events and local celebrations, moments in history that are remembered, and dates that are set aside for us to remember key spiritual milestones, whether in the life of God’s people – Passover, Yom Kippur, in the life of the Church – Easter, Transfiguration, Advent, or to remember particular saints historic or more recent. And we know that others may well celebrate or mourn a date for reasons important to them. We do not all travel the same journey at the same speed.

Our faith should help us navigate in the great tides and currents and torrents of history – even though we may feel swept along; our faith should also give us reasons to be grateful for our own journey through life with its markers and our faith should encourage us to share in the marker-points of our community and others, even if they are not our own particular favourites, so we can all feel encouraged and supported.

What happens in the world may be “above our pay-grade” – tensions between China and the United States over Taiwan / government decisions, but in a democracy we can comment. If we take the example of Jesus, which can be risky given he was unique in his being and calling, he was someone who spoke against what was wrong, he was someone who was known to be at parties, probably quite “good” ones at that. He was moved to tears at grief and he was torn up at the suffering he saw. The Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus was both God and man, for that brief 30 years or so God shared human life for real, and showed us glimpses of God’s life, invited all who would hear and respond to find salvation, life, peace, hope, wholeness in him.

This week we might dare to pray that we will have a transfiguration moment – not that we will be transfigured but, like the disciples, we might be granted a sense of the glory of God and his promises and, although it will pass, may we remember it and have faith. Our world needs us to bring the soft loving light of God’s love into its dark and shadowy places. That we can do, even if it is just to bring cheer and hope to one other in the community.



The reflection this month from Angie Foster, Authorised Lay Minister for Prayer and Spirituality, explores the 'VIRTUE' of PATIENCE...

If you hear the word patience, what do you think? Is it the Take That song, the film, “The English Patient”, the card game, a girl’s name or the phrase, “patience is a virtue”? On a recent visit to my family, I read an article in the local parish magazine and thought it was worth sharing with you. So, my thanks to Revd. Harvey Lloyd Gibbons for writing this thought-provoking letter.

“Would you describe yourself as a patient person? The phrase, “patience is a virtue”, has been around for centuries; in his Canterbury Tales, Chaucer considered patience to be a “high virtue”. But in our on-demand world, is it still necessary to be able to wait

patiently? After all, there are so few things for which we really must wait for these days, that patience can seem an out-dated idea, a quaint throwback to a world long gone; a world defined by the story that “far from football being the English national sport, it is waiting cheerfully in a queue!”

Patience is the ability to wait calmly for, or through something, to endure without complaint, to smile when it feels like everything is conspiring against you. It requires an element of self-control and a level of humility in accepting that you are no more important than anyone else, that there is no particular reason why you should not wait. For it to be a virtue, it seems probable that it should contain, or at least expose us to the possibility of containing, some element of suffering in the waiting. It need not necessarily be physical pain or a threat to our well-being, it might simply be boredom.

Exactly fifty years ago, in 1972, Walter Mischel, a professor at Stanford University began a study on delayed gratification. The study continues to this day at numerous universities and has become more sophisticated in its scope. However, its original form referred to as the Stanford Marshmallow Experiment, children were given a small treat, either a marshmallow or a pretzel, depending on the child’s preference. They were told they could eat it immediately, but if they waited to eat it until the researcher returned, they would get two treats instead of one. The researcher left the room for ten or fifteen minutes, before returning. As you might expect, some of the children ate the treat immediately, whilst others waited for the researcher to return and claimed their greater reward.

“So what?” you might ask..... Follow-up studies on the participants found that the children who waited and claimed the double reward, generally had better outcomes later in life. For example, ten years later in comparison to the children who refused to wait, the patient children were more competent, their educational attainment was higher and despite the “double reward”, they had lower body mass indexes compared to their impatient counterparts. The Stanford experiments show that patience does matter. That being able to accept a delay in receiving a reward and understanding that the reward for the delay can be greater, can lead to an improved life. In other words, patience is good for you.

Again, you might be tempted to say: “So what?” Patience may no longer be considered virtuous or economic. Amazon is introducing drones to reduce delivery times because next day is deemed commercially unattractive. You can now get your car valued online in thirty seconds, when before it took sixty, as if sixty seconds was not fast enough. Going on your holidays? Don’t bother with a postcard, take a selfie and text or WhatsApp it. Still not convinced? Next time you are in a queue, have a look to see how many people are looking at their mobile phones whilst they wait.....

Technology can be wonderful, and the last two years have demonstrated the value of it. However, our increasing demand for instant gratification, responses and validation, has created a way of life which for some is harmful to their well-being and quite possibly ours as well. Scripture might not literally say that patience is a virtue, but it does consider it to be a “fruit of the spirit”, (Gal: 5:22). Elsewhere it is portrayed as perseverance, endurance and trusting in God. Centuries before the Stanford study, the story of Saul’s lack of patience meant, like those children who couldn’t wait, he missed out later, (1 Sam:13: 8-14), unlike Abraham who, “having patiently endured obtained the promise”, (Heb: 6: 15).

The pace of life is ever-increasing and we need to cultivate patience, the ability to wait, to remain calm in the face of adversity, both in ourselves and in others. As Christians we are in a perfect place to do so because being patient is a vital part of trusting in God whose timing and plan for our lives may not always be what we would prefer.

Patience might be a virtue, but even if we fail to be paragons of virtue ourselves, being patient means we will be better placed to live a happier and more fulfilling life; after all scripture says so, literature says so and science says so as well.” Much to ponder and reflect, I hope it perhaps strikes a chime or a chord with you like it did me. Maybe, it could be added to our prayers in the future?

Please contact Angie on angie@walmsleyparish.org if you would like any further information that could help you in your prayer life.

A letter from our newly ordained Team Curate, Reverend Hannah Lane

“I am now a Priest” feels like a strange and complicated sentence to say despite its short nature. Nevertheless, after a long journey, one which I can assure you is not yet over, it is now a statement of truth. It feels like a peculiar thing to say and responses vary. Some ask why that wasn't the case when I was ordained Deacon in 2021, others want to know the difference between a Priest and a Vicar, and some just want to know more. In the last weeks since July 2nd I have been asked if I feel different, and I can honestly say, “Yes I do”. It has been a surprise to me, I thought that being ordained Deacon last year might have had more of an impact upon me personally but I'm now really pleased to dwell in this new phase and enjoy the slight tingling feeling I get if I concentrate too hard on the word ‘Priest’.



Revd Peter explains the nuances of the threefold order much better than I: “The Church of England has three stages of ordination – or three orders of ministry – deacons, priests and bishops; in practice the newly ordained have a sort-of probationary year in which they preach and lead and do, but they do not preside at Communion and there are some other things they are not able to do. After a year as a deacon they are usually ordained as priests. Last year Hannah was ordained as a deacon and she does not stop being a deacon but she takes on the added roles of a priest.” Although this is true and an accurate explanation, there are further subtleties that I have come to appreciate.

Last year, I was surrounded by a small number of family and my Godparents at the cathedral. These were people who have supported me throughout my journey from the beginning, and indeed my entire life. I had only met Revd Peter on a few occasions and I was essentially stepping into a whole new life: new home, new ‘job’ and new people to meet. However this year, I was surrounded by representatives from each of the parishes in our team. Surrounded by faces that now all know me, that have contributed to my formation over the last 12 months, people who have prayed for me, helped me learn about each of our parishes, new colleagues, new friends. People who recognise me as being one of their own. It was like having a hugely extended set of family with me and I think this is what contributed to the different feelings. I didn't head into ordination as a Deacon last year alone by any means, but this year it felt like it wasn't just about me and the point I'd reached on the journey; rather it was about all of you in the parishes that I serve, about having those additional priestly elements added to what I am able to offer to the churches and people of our team.

So when it came to presiding at the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 3rd July just what that ‘serving’ means came into a much sharper focus. Being a Priest is not about me, although it now forms part of who I am, rather it is about being able to more fully serve the people in the places where I have been called. The three actions that are reserved for a priest (the pronouncing of the absolution, the pronouncing of blessing and presiding at the Eucharist) are all actions that draw us together as a community of worshippers and it is such a privilege to be one of the people able to do this for our congregations.

What this occasion represents overall is a waypoint on the journey. It marks the beginning of a new season, it marks an ending to some parts, it signifies a next step, it opens up new horizons and it leaves some things behind. This new added priestly ‘sparkle’ that I have will take some time to grow into and become more familiar as a part of who I am. But as I continue to grow I'll be formed and changed and encouraged and learn new things and it won't ever be just me doing the work. “I am now a Priest” is true, but a better one is “I am now a Priest in the Turton Moorland Team”. It does a better job of filling out the reality. I am a Priest in, for, learning from, being formed by, and serving the parishes and people in our team.

Thank you for all your continued prayers, kind words (and cards and cake!).

Rev'd Hannah Lane

Edgworth & District Horticultural Society
THE GARDEN CLUB

Annual Show 2022

on
Saturday 20 August 2022

at
The Barlow, Edgworth
from
2.00 to 4.30 pm

Lots of classes for all ages including Juniors

- Vibrant vegetables
- Fabulous flowers & floral art
- Bakes, cakes, jams & preserves
- Creative crafts, photos and much much more!

IT'S OUR VILLAGE SHOW
ANYONE CAN ENTER AN EXHIBIT- IT'S FUN!

Plant stall & cafe with homemade cakes
Café opens at 2:00pm

VISIT TO ENJOY THE SCENTS, COLOURS & ART
ON DISPLAY

Admission - £2.00
Children - free

PRIZE PRESENTATION - 4.30 PM

For entry details or to find out more information, pick up a
schedule from most Edgworth shops or visit our website:
www.edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk

Irene Spencer, Secretary of the Edgworth Horticultural Society, has asked for news of their Annual Show to be shared...

It is back this year after a 3-year break due to Covid.

The earliest show the society can trace is 1903 and - apart from a break from WW2 until it was restarted in 1973 - it has been an annual event. It is so nice to be back again to maintain the tradition. Thank you so much. Hope to see you there on Saturday 20th August.

Walmsley School News & Tributes



On Thursday 14 July, a very special celebration service was held in Christ Church Walmsley, with tributes paid to very special people who will be leaving our CHURCH FAMILY very soon: Head Teacher Mrs Debra Carr and Reverend Carol.

Our own special party to celebrate Rev Carol's Ministry here with us will be on

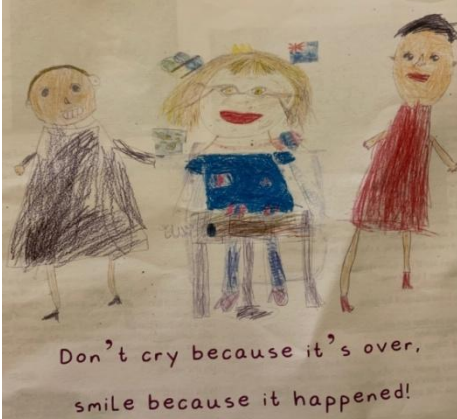
Sunday 21 August, so the focus that day was on Deb Carr. The event began with her daughter Francesca - who assists at Walmsley School - beautifully singing an incredibly powerful and very appropriate song from the musical 'Wicked' - 'For Good' ... whose lyrics end:

***'I do believe I have been changed for the better.
And because I knew you ... I have been changed For Good.'***

A particularly moving tribute was given by Alastair Catterall, Deputy Head Teacher, likening Deb to Dorothy - with the sparkly red magic shoes - from Wizard of Oz (our first Musical Show back in 2012), leading us all along the Yellow Brick Road through challenging but exciting times. His message ended with the quote 'Home is where the heart is', knowing that everyone from

Thank You and Goodbye!

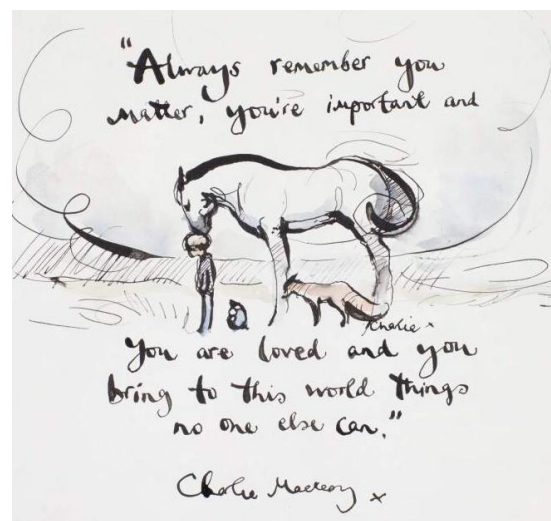
Rev. Carol, Mrs. Howarth and Mrs. Carr



Walmsley will always have a very special place in Deb's heart ... and that the magic was really *inside* this very special lady, (and not in her shoes, spectacular though they are). Mrs Debra Carr has helped us all to see our dreams beyond the rainbow. And to conclude:

***"So from all the scarecrows, tinmen and lions;
From the Fairy Godmothers and the Munchkins; Thank
you for the magic."***

It was a truly wonderful celebration for a Head Teacher like no other. Her stilettos will indeed be very hard to fill!! - DH x



An announcement on Friday 8 July from the Chair of Governors:



Mrs Joanna Atherton will be joining the Walmsley family to take up the role of Head Teacher in January 2023. Mrs Atherton will join us from her current role as Principal at Essa Primary, which she has held for 9 years and brings with her extensive school leadership experience, a great passion for learning and an exciting vision for the future. She already has close links to the community being a parent at our school and part of the Christ Church Walmsley congregation.

The Governing Body will support the Senior Leadership Team, led by Mr Catterall, through the Autumn Term to ensure stability and continuity for pupils and staff, until Mrs Atherton's arrival. I hope you will join us in giving Mrs Atherton the warmest of Walmsley welcomes as we embark on a very exciting new chapter for our School.

Russell Dyson and the Governing Body.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Walmsley Parish Community Hall

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER EVERYTHING CHANGES - TAKE THAT

A Take That tribute act that is so popular, this was the only Saturday available to book them this year! Grab your girlfriends and get ready for a fantastic night to remember.

£20 per ticket.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER LADIES' GIFT EVENING & PARTY NIGHT

Following the incredible feedback from our last ladies' night we are running this again, with live music from Zackoustic. We will again have a wide range of unique stalls, music and dancing.

£15 per ticket or £110 per table of 8.

To book contact Gemma Gardiner on 07598998315 or email parish-hall@walmsleyparish.org

All tickets include a pasty and peas supper.



A reminder about the opportunity to get involved to help your local COMMUNITY HALL

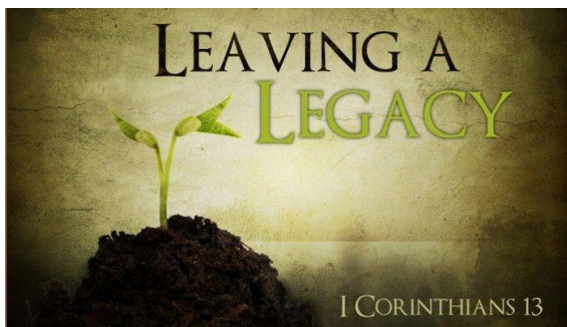
We're fundraising for the toilets refurbishment next. Do you know of any local companies or trades people who might be willing to donate materials or offer their services to keep our costs down? If you have contacts who might help, please message Hall Manager, Gemma Gardiner. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you can help us in any capacity, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to reach this point.

We want our Hall to be **VALUED, VITAL, VIBRANT ...and VIABLE** for many years to come. **Please support our Hall – or risk losing it !!**

**WE ARE ALWAYS KEEN TO HEAR IDEAS FOR KEEPING
OUR COMMUNITY HALL OPEN IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY ... ☺ !!!**





Leaving a gift in your Will is an amazing opportunity to make a final gift to God. This will make a lasting difference to the future of Walmsley Parish and its ministry and mission in our local community. No matter how big or small, every gift in every Will can make a significant impact. Gifts in Wills are an important part of Christian giving, and leaving a gift to your church is a way to thank God for all the blessings you have received in your lifetime.

Our Legacy Policy

At Christ Church Walmsley with St. Andrew's, we welcome all legacy gifts, and we promise to use them to make a difference in our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is **to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff.** Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to **our future mission and ministry.** We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact Allan Hopkins, Team Council Lay Chair, on 01204 305807 or email allanhopkins9@gmail.com

If you would like to make a gift to church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.



GRUB TUB: Please do continue to remember those who rely on food donations. As a church we have supported Urban Outreach in a number of ways, including donating to the Grub Tubs in each church. **URBAN OUTREACH** rely on the generosity of food donors to provide food parcels to those in need across the borough. Thank you to those who have given recently.

Thank you for reading

Please know that you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Stay safe and keep well. Love and blessings from the 'TEAM' at Walmsley Parish.

As always, our heart-felt message to you is one of FAITH, HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. If we can help you in any way, please contact a member of the 'Parish Team'. Stay well – stay safe – Dawn H x

Please share your feedback with us: Which resources do you access?

What have you enjoyed and found useful? It would be great to know, please

email us: Dawn Hitchen: dawn@walmsleyparish.org

or Nikki Barlow: stanneswithstjames@gmail.com

Here is the link to share to sign up for the Walmsley Parish News:

<https://mailchi.mp/.../join-our-walmsley-parish-newsletter>



CAN WE PLEASE ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT YOUR GIVING ?!
We don't charge an admission fee – we depend entirely on donations to keep our churches heated, repaired and open ... all with the help of volunteers. Even an extra £1 a week would make a difference ...or more if you can.

*Two years ago, it was calculated that it cost about **£2,500 PER WEEK** to keep Christ Church Walmsley open ...since then, giving*

has dropped but costs have risen. We desperately need your support.

The most helpful way for you to contribute to the running of our churches is by committing to a regular standing order which, with Gift Aid - as we are a registered charity - then provides another 25% on top of your donation at no cost to you.

Thank you to those who have set up your offertory giving by standing order. Thank you for your contribution to the running of our churches and for making a difference.

PAYING FOR THE CHURCH YOU LOVE

Please note that we do not pass around the collection plate or charge admission, but we have a serious shortfall towards our running costs.

Can you please help us with a donation?

Committing to regular giving by **STANDING ORDER** is very easy and, if you pay tax, Gift Aid adds an extra 25%:

Christ Church Walmsley:

Acc no.10251161 - Sort code: 16 – 00 – 06
Payable to Walmsley Parochial Church

St. Andrew's, BX:

Acc no. 91505262 - Sort code: 40 - 12 – 41
Payable to St. Andrew's

Gift Aid forms are at the back of church. Thank you.

This QR code can also be scanned on a smart phone for a one-off donation



Contact the team

- Reverend Carol Hayden: 01204 587150 or revcarol@walmsleyparish.org
- Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss: 07935 395040 or turtonteamrector@gmail.com
- Reverend Hannah Lane (Curate): 07480 065268 or lane.hk8@gmail.com
- To arrange a baptism, wedding or funeral at any of the churches in the Turton Moorland Team, please contact Team Administrator, Chris Sutcliffe: 07458 332893 or turtonteamoffice@gmail.com [*Please note that this is staffed only part time, so leave a message and Chris will get back to you.*]
- Hilary Dunn, Church Warden: 07858 070668 or hilaryd@walmsleyparish.org
- Keith Lewis, Assistant Church Warden: keith@walmsleyparish.org
- Angie Foster, Assistant Church Warden: angie@walmsleyparish.org
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READINGS & REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY 7 AUGUST – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12: 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Reflection by Turton Moorland Ministry Team rector, Peter Reiss

***"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen"***

We don't know much about who wrote the letter to the Hebrews, but we presume it was written to Christians with a Jewish heritage, who had questions and concerns - not least because if God has brought salvation in Jesus, if Jesus has overcome sin and death on the cross, then why is the world still not right, and why in particular for the first readers, were they undergoing tribulation and hardship?

We probably feel the same - why is the world not a better place given Christ has conquered on the cross.

The answer that the writer gives may or may not be encouraging but he points us to the centrality of faith - that we can be assured of what we hope for, and we can have a conviction about things we do not yet see.

He then lists a whole group of faithful people in the Old Testament, who had faith but did not see the fruits or the end of what they strived for.

St Paul brings together faith, hope and love at the end of that well-known passage in 1 Corinthians 13, and he says the greatest of the three is love, Love is the reality - God loves us and calls us to discover this and then live for eternity in that love; faith is believing we are loved and hope is in the future fulfilment, even though it is as yet unseen. Earlier in his letter Paul says:

***"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"***

Jesus, in our gospel passage asks of us that we are eager and waiting for this final time when God will return - an unknown time, maybe in our life-times maybe not. We are like servants who should be excited and expectant for the master's return, protecting the property from burglars, alert. If that all feels a bit energetic, then we may want to consider to what extent we have an inner peace in our own lives, knowing we are loved by God, an inner security knowing that God holds our future, and so an inner assurance, an anchor for our soul.

St Augustine says our hearts are restless till they find their rest in God. We will only have that rest in God if we know his love for us, if we have that assurance of things hoped for, that conviction of things not seen. That assurance, that conviction, that restedness of our heart is not because we have earned it but because God has given it to us, a gift, signed and sealed in baptism, and offered afresh as it were in the Sacrament of Communion.

Yes life can be a real challenge, we can feel we are struggling in the darkness, but like those Old Testament characters may we find faith and assurance and hope in God. May this passage be an encouragement to us each and all.