

The Parish of Walmsley comprising the churches of Christ Church Walmsley and St Andrew, Bromley Cross. Part of the Turton Moorland Team Ministry and the North-East Bolton Mission Community.

"Building partnership in Christ, church and community"

Newsletter

Walmsley Parish News on Friday 30 September 2022 Keeping you connected with your parish and community





SERVICES in WALMSLEY PARISH

Sunday 2 October: 16th Sunday of Trinity

8.00am: Spoken Holy Communion using the BCP at Christ Church Walmsley

9.30am: HARVEST FAMILY Service at Walmsley, with music led by River of Life and

children's percussion during the service! (BYO if you can!) NO Sunday School

11am: Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's, BX ~ with Sunday School in adjacent room ~ Wednesday 5 October 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley

Thursday 6 October 6pm: Interactive Family Worship at Christ Church Walmsley

Sunday 9 October: 17th Sunday of Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church Walmsley Junior Church in Hideaway & Hall
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.

<u>Wednesday 12 October</u> 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley Thursday 13 October 6pm: Interactive Family Worship at Christ Church Walmsley

Sunday 16 October: 18th Sunday of Trinity

9.30am Service of the Word at Christ Church Walmsley Junior Church in Hideaway & Hall

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

Wednesday 19 October 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley

<u>Thursday 20 October</u> 6pm: Interactive Family Worship at Christ Church Walmsley

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.

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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: Kathryn Browning & baby; Charlie Birch; Brian Porter; Sheila Fairclough; John Lewer; David Lord; Rosemary Clegg; Ken Holt; Penelope Booth; Chris Foster; Reuben Baker; Anne Wright; David Spencer; Yvonne Ashmore; Mrs. Shakouri; Alwyn; Sheila Downey; John Wallington;

For our community: NHS staff and volunteers;

Teachers, ancillary staff and children at our local and church schools; Staff and workers of Fortalice and Urban Outreach;

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:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Elizabeth O'Grady; Charles Hill; Paul Duckworth; Alan;

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 2 October: Ernest Latchford; Irene Holding; William Herd; Eleanor Page; Harold Gleaves; Florence Jones; Christopher Paul Davies;

w/c 9 October: Charles Ennion; Alex Crawford; Harold Warburton; Paul Stephen Webster; Alice Tobutt; Elsie Langley; Freda Halliwell; Annie Brown; Irene May Monk;

w/c 16 October: Jack Nelson; Vera Hunt; Susan Berry;

w/c 23 October: Allan Wilson; Cameron Duxbury; John Wallwork; Stuart Scott; Evelyn Smith;

w/c 30 October: Florence Ethel Davies; Alan Sharples; Frances Kay; Bert Sykes; William Gibson; Edith Fairclough; Mary Elizabeth Briggs; Bernie Nary;

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 unfailing love. Amen.

Sharing a daily #MorningPrayer from Bill Braviner:

Captivate us, Lord, with your vision for your world; for the life of communities and nations, for their people and relationships:
 a vision that inspires our life together, and enthuses us to build peace, to pursue the common good, to seek the healing of brokenness.

Amen

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One tree can give life to a forest,
One smile can start a friendship,
One hand can uplift a soul,
One idea can shape the future,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom,
One ray of hope can lift your spirits,
One touch can show that you care,
One life can make a difference,
Be that 'one' today.



We are saddened by the passing of Her Majesty, The Queen. We offer up our prayers of condolence to her family, the Nation and the Commonwealth. May she rest in peace with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the light of the Queen's passing and the ascent of Charles as King, the Union flag was hoisted to half mast on the tower at Christ Church Walmsley

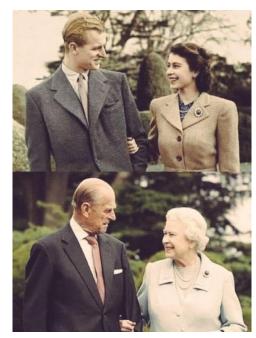


and the church bell tolled for one hour from midday on Friday 9 September. Following our morning services at Christ Church Walmsley on Sunday 11 and Wednesday 14, church remained open an extra hour for those who wished to come along for a quiet time of

personal prayer and reflection and to sign the Book of

Condolence in the Dimple Chapel.







Sharing the #MorningPrayer from Bill Braviner given following the passing of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

We pause, Lord, and we reflect, as we lay a Queen to rest; commending her, with all who have died, to your keeping, O King of Kings.

May the example of loving devotion to duty and calling, be an inspiration to us, as daily we seek to serve one another in your love.

Amen

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY FVENTS

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30 September 11 am to 1 pm at Walmsley Parish Community Hall.

Come and join us for refreshments, tombola, raffle, games, books and CAKES! Please note: This is a CASH EVENT. See you there! All offers of help and donations gratefully received.

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The next COFFEE MORNING hosted by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church will be on Saturday 1 October 10am til midday.

The next COFFEE MORNING hosted by the volunteers from Christ Church Walmsley will be on Saturday 15 October 10am til midday at Walmsley Parish Community Hall.

Please support these social & community fund-raising events; thank you.

Thank you to Rev Hannah Lane who came to talk to us at the September meeting. It was really interesting and we were delighted to hear of her faith journey - and musical exploits with images projected on to the TV screen ©! Heart-warming Diocese of Manchester



indeed to see her Godparents with her every step: beautiful photos of their support from baptism, to confirmation, her wedding day and her ordination in July this year.

The next meeting of Christ Church Walmsley MU will be at 2pm on Tuesday 14 October in the home of Marjorie Isherwood, when our Church Warden Hilary Dunn will join us to tell a little about herself.

For more information about Mothers' Union, please contact Kath Grieve on 01204 450088.





On the afternoon of Sunday 25 September, a Service of Celebration was held at Manchester Cathedral to commission and re-commission Authorised Lay Ministers. We are delighted to share that FIVE from the Turton Moorland Team were re-commissioned to continue their Ministry here: Angie Foster & Dawn Hitchen from Christ Church Walmsley, Valerie Skinner from St. Peter's. Belmont and Jan Bennett & Jo Haslam from St. Maxentius. We wish them well in their voluntary roles as they continue to support the clergy in this Team.

Top photo: Bishop Mark Ashcroft, Bolton + all the newly & re- commissioned ALMs from across the Diocese.



Lower photos: with Rev Hannah Lane, Team Curate and Bishop Mark Davies, Middleton. Thank you for your support, too.

Newsletter for 2 October 2022

from our Team Rector, Peter Reiss:

Last week I was taught by Ukrainian friends to find mushrooms in our local woods, and more importantly to know which are good to eat, which are not great and which are poisonous. I learnt a lot, first how many different types of mushroom there are locally, second where maybe to find them and third which











are which. I then learnt how to prepare them, keep them and cook them.

Maybe next year we should include local mushrooms in our Harvest celebrations; it is good to decorate our churches with flowers and with fresh fruit and veg, a reminder of the beauty and variety of our wonderful world, of the richness that God has given. It is also good, in our current circumstances to bring tinned or dried foods which can be shared with those who will need it.

Tins of food do not look as "attractive" as fresh fruit but how good that we can store foods, transport foods, in a way that the people of the time of Jesus or even my great-grandparents never knew.

But with our knowledge of tinning and freezing and shrink-wrapping as a gain, we have lost the knowledge of local food sources, of how to enjoy the bounty of nature. Rose-hips, sorrel, nettles, blackberries, mushrooms, just some of the food sources around us that most of us ignore. There is a greater complexity and richness to our world than we realise – interesting foods on our door-steps which do not take air-miles to get to us, nor expensive transportation.

For some the news this week, accumulated crises, financial, political, hurricanes, growing threats from Russia make the idea of celebrating Harvest a bit strange. For others the personal challenges of ill-health, of concern for family members, of grief, make coming together to celebrate hard. For some the fear of poverty, hunger, cold even housing is becoming terror.

As we celebrate God's bountiful goodness, those of us who can, can donate to Urban Outreach and to other charities, and please don't forget the hungry in other parts of the world where hunger is more immediate and far greater than here. We who have more than enough can give to those who have far less than enough.

Celebrating, caring, working, witnessing, supporting, journeying together – that is what we are called to do. May we be people of faith, hope and especially love (for it is the greatest of the three!) May God guide us, May God guard us, May God bless us. Peter Reiss



A reflection by one of our parishioners...

Many folk have been amazed at the number of people who have taken their time and made the effort to pay their respects to the Queen at various places <u>all over the nation</u>. Astonished also with the sense of love and dignity which has been tangibly felt by those taking part. Might I humbly

suggest that this is largely due to the 'Spirit of God' moving over the face of the nation.

Holy Scripture rightly declares: 'God's Word'. (2 Samuel ch.2 v.30)

"I will honour only those who honour me". Over these past days, we have been witness to God fulfilling His promise! As the Queen has honoured God over the course of her life; so now has God honoured the Queen. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter now into the joy of Your Master. (Matthew 25 v.21)

Prayers in our churches...

On Wednesday 28 September, Kath Grieve gave the Intercessions at Christ Church Walmsley in the mid-week Communion service:



Father of all, we bring before you the universal church, all of those brought together through faith in your Son. Help your church be the place of love and unity that you had planned. May your people be united in love for one another. Help us to put our difference aside for your glory. When disharmony arises, show us to look back to the cross and what you have done for us. Help us to always place you at the centre and keep our eyes on what is to come. We lift to you all those around the world who are persecuted for their faith; those for whom life is dangerous for simply following the path you have set before them. Lord in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER

God of creation, we bring to you thanks for this amazing world you have given us, but which we have neglected. May the warnings we are receiving be heeded and all your people work together to reverse the damage that has been done. We pray for the people of Pakistan and all those who are affected by current adverse weather. We give thanks for the international agencies working hard to support and provide aid to those who need it most. Lord in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER

In our own land, we give thanks for the life of our late Queen and we pray for King Charles as he succeeds her. We pray for all the Royal Family as they support him in this challenging role. We pray for our government and Prime Minister Liz Truss, who has faced such challenges within her first few weeks as leader. Be with all those suffering hardship as a result of the current financial crisis. We give thanks for the work of Urban Outreach. At this Harvest time, may we who have enough give generously to those who are in need. Lord in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Loving Father, we all have people, places and situations that lie heavy on our hearts. In a moment of silence, we bring our thoughts and prayers to your loving care, in the knowledge that, through you, all things are possible.

Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

(If anyone has a favourite prayer, please let us know so that it can be shared...)



On Sunday 18 September at 9.30am in Christ Church Walmsley, Angie Foster - Authorised Lay Minister for Prayer and Spirituality - led a beautiful Service of the Word as a tribute to the Queen: Prayer and Reflection remembering her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

In it, Angie quoted the reflection given by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell: The news of Queen Elizabeth II's death has reverberated around the world. The deep sadness felt in the United Kingdom is shared across the globe, not least in the Commonwealth which meant so much to her. Her grace and dependability – what seemed a rocklike permanence – impressed everyone.

We pray in great thanksgiving for her life and service, for the life of a nation, for all who mourn and especially her family and for our new King Charles. In times of danger, uncertainty and personal grief, Her Majesty consistently exemplified a courage and a confidence that flowed from her faith in Jesus Christ. We all need that now.

I am reminded of Christ's words to his disciples on Easter Day: "Do not be afraid... peace be with you... I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Queen Elizabeth II made no secret of the fact that the Christian faith and a disciplined life of duty and devotion were the source of her guidance and a constant solace. "For me," she said,

"the life of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing."

It was Christ's servant leadership which shaped her sovereignty. Jesus confounded the prevailing perceptions of authority. For instance, at the Last Supper he noted that none of his disciples was willing to perform the customary task of a servant by washing the dirt off the feet of the others. So he did it. He gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another and that by this love, people would know that they were his disciples.

He also gave them this astonishing definition of leadership: "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. "For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

On her 21st birthday in 1947, the then Princess Elizabeth was touring South Africa with her parents. She made this personal, Christian commitment that day and she lived by it throughout her reign: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

Indeed, right until the end, when she invited the new Prime Minister to form a government, she was doing her duty. She broke into her summer holiday at Balmoral to give an audience, first with Boris Johnson as the outgoing prime minister, and then with Liz Truss, the 15th premier of her reign. We will treasure the photograph published then, which showed her at the age of 96, looking frail but beaming with warmth and kindness.

Queen Elizabeth II wore her faith in her heart, not on her sleeve. It is the best place for faith. From there it can shape everything.

A message from Angie: Please contact me with feedback, or if would like any prayers said for you, your family, friends, the people in your place of employment or neighbourhood. Also, if you would be willing to participate in the "This Time Tomorrow" slot in the Notices on the 3rd Sunday in the 9.30am service, please do let me know.

With love and blessings and THANK YOU, Angie Foster angie@walmsleyparish.org

Note from editor: It is very disheartening when absolutely NO FEEDBACK is received. We would love to hear from you with your opinions and ideas.

Albert's amazing, 'home-grown' picture of the Queen

(...as explained by his Mum, Lucy.)

At the lively, interactive service on a Thursday evening, a task set - with the theme of CREATION - was to collect leaves and as many different types as we could find. Jo had mentioned during the service that they could do a collage or picture etc and Albert had coloured a picture of the Queen earlier that week at Beavers and had asked if he could also do one at home.

We collected leaves from our garden after watching the Queen's funeral on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, so that was our inspiration as it had been quite an emotional day! Dad Ben printed out a blank outline of the Queen's head, he then cut it out. Albert



then stuck all the different leaves on a piece of paper and then he stuck the cut out head over the top. It turned out quite well in the end and he used 12 different tree leaves.

He really enjoyed the task, from leaf collecting to decorating the Queen's head.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Walmsley Parish Community Hall

Tickets for our next LIVE music night on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm are selling quickly. PJoin us for a gift evening and party night

Following the incredible feedback from last year, we are running this event again, with live music from ZACKoustic. Super talented and with music for everyone, you will not want to miss this live musician. Last year we had such a fun night and we will again have a wide range of unique stalls, music and dancing. £15 per ticket including a pasty and peas supper.

The hall is such a good venue for live music, with great acoustics, a full bar and with professional lighting. For tickets, please contact Gemma on 07598 998315 or e-mail her at parish-hall@walmsleyparish.org Thank you for supporting our fund raising.

So many exciting things go on at Walmsley Parish Community Hall, right in the heart of our local community. But it is showing its age and needs a complete upgrade of the toilet facilities. Having done a huge amount of fundraising, our Hall Manager, Gemma Gardiner, is through to the last round of funding for a grant to replace the toilets with safe, accessible, modern facilities for the hundreds of children and adults that rely on our hall. But its users and the community need to show their support for this.

If you haven't already done so, please <u>SIGN THE PETITION</u> to support the grant. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to reach this point. Your support is appreciated.

You can also **contribute online** towards the upkeep and refurbishment of the Hall for the benefit of the whole community or *use this QR code:*

OTHER MUSICAL EVENTS ACROSS THE TEAM & COMMUNITY:



Friday 7th October 7pm

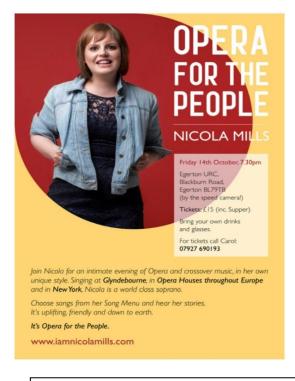
A Concert with Affetside Choir in church Tickets £5 do come and listen to this excellent choir and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER at 7pm: ST. MAXENTIUS CHURCH, BRADSHAW ROAD, BL2 3EU You are warmly invited to a concert on Friday the 7 October with Affetside Choir. Ticket price of £5 includes a glass of wine and nibbles!! ~ just pay on the door ~

Following the success of the musical evening last Saturday, when the EDEN SINGERS entertained a full audience at St. Peter's Church, Belmont, the next event will be held on **Saturday 8 OCTOBER at 7.30pm**, when **MAMMA MANIA** will be performing songs by ABBA.

Tickets £15 (adult) £10 (children up to 16); refreshments included. Tel 07483831289 or 07794186535





FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER at 7.30pm: UNITED REFORM CHURCH, BLACKBURN ROAD, EGERTON BL7 9TB

We have been a long time in isolation. We have missed our friends and family.

Do come and join us for an evening of song, stories, supper and lots of fun.

We've been 'locked up' for long enough.

Think Opera is stuffy? Strait laced? Boring? Think again! This lovely lady with her broad Lanky accent is down to earth and fun.

Choose songs to sing from Nicola's song menu. Book your tickets now.

Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tel. Carol on 079 276 90193

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.

Contact the team

- Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss: 07935 395040 or turtonteamrector@gmail.com
- Reverend Hannah Lane (Curate): 07480 065268 or revhannah@walmsleyparish.org
- Banns, weddings and baptisms can be arranged at any of the churches in the Turton Moorland Team, please contact Team Administrator, Chris Sutcliffe: 07458 332893 or <u>turtonteamoffice@gmail.com</u> [Please note that this is staffed only part time, so leave a message for Chris and she will get back to you.]
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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.

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?
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