

Newsletter

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 Bolton Mission Community *"Building partnership in Christ, church and community"*



Walmsley Parish News on Friday 2 September 2022 Keeping you connected with your parish and community



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

SERVICES in WALMSLEY PARISH

Sunday 4 September: Twelfth Sunday of Trinity 8.00am: Spoken Holy Communion using the BCP at Christ Church Walmsley 9.30am: BACK TO SCHOOL 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: **BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY Service** at St. Andrew's, BX <u>Wednesday 7 September</u> **11am**: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley <u>Thursday 8 September</u> 6pm: Interactive Family Worship is BACK at Walmsley! ©

Sunday 11 September: Thirteenth 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.

Wednesday 14 September 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley Thursday 15 September 6pm: Interactive Family Worship at Christ Church Walmsley

Sunday 18 September: Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

9.30am Service of the Word at Christ Church Walmsley *Junior Church in Hideaway & Hall* 11am: Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's, BX ~ with Sunday School in adjacent room ~ <u>Wednesday 14 September</u> 11am: Mid-week Communion service at Christ Church Walmsley <u>Thursday 15 September</u> 6pm: Interactive Family Worship at Christ Church Walmsley

Please note: our HARVEST SERVICES will be celebrated on Sunday 2 October. 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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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: Kathy Browning & baby Duttson; Elizabeth O'Grady; Sheila Fairclough; John Lewer; Yvonne Ashmore; David Lord; Charles Hill; Paul Duckworth; Rosemary Clegg; Ken Holt; Penelope Booth; Chris Foster; Elizabeth O'Grady; Margaret Manley; David Spencer; Mrs. Shakouri; Alan; Alwyn;

For our community: NHS staff and volunteers;

Teachers, ancillary staff and children as they start back to school next week; 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:

Beryl Walne whose funeral took place in Walmsley Church on Thursday 1 September **Brian Fairtclough**

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 4 September: Elizabeth Sarah Moss; Sandra Westwood; Bart Bryce; Harry Wilshaw; Celeste Bates; Daniel Bates; Milo Bates; Keith William Payne;

w/c 11 September: Ian Campbell Derham-Reid; Emily Warburton; David Watcyn Stephens; Maurice Victor Jones, Esmie Gather; Elizabeth Lister; Percy Boothman; Emily Bailey; Robert Seel; John McCutcheon;

w/c 18 September: Albert Roy Eckersley; Gwen Kirby; Norman Philip Cunliffe; Thomas William Gilbert Head; John Walls; James Gordon Roger Alston; Ellen Edson; Brian Pearson; Wesley Duraman Carne; Kenneth Fawcett Rooke; Allan Dover; Iris Sina Jarrett;

w/c 25 September: Nellie Weatherall; Ken Binge; Bill Hill; Herbert Ramsden; Leonard Halliday; Maurice Slack; Thomas Alan Smith;

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: May we show God's love to all as we follow Him more closely each day...

Keep us, Lord, free from the temptation to let preconception and prejudice obscure our vision and dull our responses to your presence in our lives. As you know us completely, help us to know you better and follow you more closely each day, showing your love to all. Amen here is a state of the state of

Sharon K. Brayfield, Life Coach Living Life With Passion™

A FOND FAREWELL TO REVEREND CAROL HAYDEN



It was a perfect send-off for our wonderful Reverend Carol, as she retires from Ministry. She really is one of a kind and we will all miss her friendly, caring presence amongst us. Rev Carol has touched so many lives and we all wish her well on the next stage of her journey. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a special occasion; the Hall looked amazing and hundreds of folk were catered for with a delicious selection of 'bring and share' food.



A message from Reverend Carol Hayden to all in Walmsley Parish:

I just want to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for the wonderful retirement celebration you put together for me on Sunday 21 August. It was AMAZING!!!

Your presence at the church services and at the party, together with your wonderful gifts, cards, cakes, superb 'bring and share' alongside your kind words made me feel so loved and appreciated well beyond anything I have experienced before. I will surely remember that

day with love and joy. Thank you, one and all, for everything.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you now and always.

Carol x





from you from the (new) Churchwarden

Sincere thanks to you all for your support as I learn the role of Church Warden to the Parish of Walmsley. Slowly I am learning the job. I now have a large set of keys any Jailor would be proud of!

We have had 2 big Parish events: the Jubilee celebrations and Rev'd Carol's Retirement Party. Their success was entirely due to TEAMWORK. That



special effort made the events so special and memorable. It was wonderful so many people came to share with us, whether they were old friends or new. Walmsley is an inviting Parish and it is particularly important that we continue to work together, whether we individually go to St. Andrew's or Christ Church on a Sunday, that makes no difference because we are all on the same TEAM.

As we move forward, I do hope that those relationships will continue to develop and blossom.

I look forward to seeing you all, but please forgive if I don't remember your name; just remind me! If you do feel that you could spare an hour occasionally, or would like to do a little bit more in supporting the Parish, don't be shy, let me know and I would be delighted to talk. The more the work is shared, the load becomes lighter! Hilary Dunn



The next meeting of the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Walmsley Parish will be at 7.30pm on Monday 12 September and will be held in the Dimple Chapel at Christ Church Walmsley.



A #MorningPrayer from Bill Braviner: May we live, love and learn in God's harmony...

We know, Lord, that there will be differences of opinion among your people, as we wrestle with discerning your will. You have not made us, in our wonderful diversity, to sing in unison. Keep us open to one another and to your Spirit, that we may learn your harmony. Amen



Newsletter for 4 September 2022

from our Team Rector, Peter Reiss:

Order confirmed!

When we go online to buy something it is always reassuring to receive an email to say "order confirmed!" We can feel more confident that our purchase has been successful, though there is still the delivery to negotiate and it might be that the

wrong goods are sent or the promised "thing" is just not as good as we had hoped.

Many of those reading this newsletter will have been "confirmed" by a bishop, maybe many years ago. Some were confirmed rather as a job-lot when at school or from church – it was the done thing to do; Some will have bravely come forward for confirmation as individuals, wanting to make more certain their relationship with God, maybe as a teenager, maybe a student, maybe later in life. I was confirmed at 14 with a group from school; it was important to me, I did believe the Gospel, and it felt right and I would then be able to receive Communion and have a fuller part in the service, not left out when others went forward to Communion. Since then my faith has not really changed (as in what I believe), but I have to say there have been times when I have more actively tried to live out my faith, and times when I have not wanted to seek God at all. Thankfully confirmation is *not me confirming my faith* or commitment, but the bishop prays that *God would "confirm his servant, ...,* with his Holy Spirit. To bend the image a bit, God puts a Special Delivery stamp on us; it is not us being called to try harder for God.

On November 20th the Bishop of Bolton will be confirming those who have asked for confirmation at our Team Service. If you have not been confirmed, maybe this year would be a good year to explore what this rite means, and more importantly what it might mean for you. It may be at any stage in life: For me it was over 45 years ago, but I have prepared a couple in their late 70s for confirmation. For some faith comes at a crisis point and involves a big and even dramatic change and encounter, but for others the faith journey is a bit vague, a bit twisty, maybe there doesn't seem to be a real path, but somehow we know God is calling us on .. For some faith is primarily an experience, a sense of the presence of God, for others it is a recognition that the world was made by God, that in Jesus we see the fullness of God, and that the Resurrection makes all the difference to how we see life. God's promises are true and trustworthy; for some worship in church and ritual provides us with a stability when life seems to be like shifting sand; for others God's Spirit nudges and prompts; for others we sense the truth of God when engaged in social justice, wanting to make a difference because we know this is what the Kingdom of God is about – faith in action!

Confirmation is a step we can take – it is a commitment on our part, a public decision to align ourselves with God and God's people – we kneel before the bishop as we seek God's Spirit; but it is also God's confirmation to us – a reminder that we are made by God, loved by God, redeemed by God (postage paid!), and we have a Special Delivery notice on us, with "order confirmed", but this time we can trust the delivery service – God will bring us to eternal life; God will keep us in eternal life – both are true. We can know God now and feel secure in God now, but the fullness of the promises is found in God's time.

If you have not been confirmed why not ask your minister about it and we will be running some sessions for us to talk about faith and discuss faith and you would be most welcome to join us – even if at the end you may decide that confirmation is not (yet) for you. There will also be groups for youngsters so they can discuss and learn and journey together.

45 + years on and the journey has gone all over the place (literally) and I may have been all over the place too, but God is faithful, God is merciful, God is patient, and I know my ultimate destination is secure, and I know that God will not drop me on the way. *Peter Reiss*

Prayers in our churches...

Last Sunday, Mark Head gave the Intercessions - the prayers – at Christ Church Walmsley in the 9.30am service. They were beautifully powerful:



Let us pray for the Church and for the world and, particularly at this time of continued and ever worsening concern for shortages, social unrest, spectre of conflict, extended severity and extremes of weather with great hardship for many throughout the globe as a consequence. Help us to be part of the solution to the salvation of our world through living out the life of Christ every day, and by careful working together in mutual respect.

Strengthen our local Bishops and Archdeacons; in our deanery, we pray for the **Turton Moorland Team Ministry**, and particularly for our Team Rector, **Peter Reiss** and for our Team Curate, **Hannah Lane**, our **Local Ministers** and valued **Churchwardens** and **helpers** in all the work they do within our local communities. We pray also for **Carol Hayden** as she seeks to follow You in a new field of ministry following her retirement from our team. Give us all the strength and confidence to trust in God with our whole hearts for the future, and to act with compassion for those beginning to suffer hardship these days. *Lord in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER*

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good. *Lord in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER*

All our attention is still on the outrageous invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops, and our earnest prayers, Father, are for the Ukrainian people and our brothers and sisters in Christ in that country, together with their kin and friends in other countries.

In these times of growing concern over fuel supplies, cost of living and economic stability, we pray, Father, that Your Spirit may guide us into the ways of right living and care for each other. These may seem to us the warnings of the Last Times, and we look to You, our Redeemer, for the path of deliverance. Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

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...)



The Prayer Reflection from Angie Foster, Authorised Lay Minister for Prayer and Spirituality, explores Christ suffering with us ...

One of the most common questions that seems to arise when I am with other people discussing matters of faith is why do people suffer, sometimes through no fault of their own. I have also felt it is a difficult question to answer. However, recently I found an explanation and reasoning that provided a response to this question when asked. I hope it might provide you with an answer too. With thanks to Richard Rohr and his article from his Daily Meditation from the Centre for Action and Contemplation.

Father Richard reminds us that while we are invited to be in solidarity with the pain of others, God carries all pain:

"Many people question how there can be a good God or a just God in the presence of so much evil and suffering in the world—about which God appears to do nothing. Exactly *how* is God loving and sustaining what God created? That is our dilemma.

I believe—if I am to believe Jesus—that God *is* suffering love. If we are created in God's image, and if there is so much suffering in the world, then God must also be suffering. How else can we understand the revelation of the cross and that the central Christian logo is a naked, bleeding, suffering man?

Many of the happiest and most peaceful people I know love a crucified God who walks with crucified people, and thus *reveals and redeems their plight as his own*. For them, Jesus does not observe human suffering from a distance; he is somehow *in* human suffering, with us and for us.

The suffering that we carry is our solidarity with the one, universal longing of all humanity, and thus it can teach us great compassion and patience with both ourselves and others. Some mystics even go so far as to say that there is only one suffering; it is all the same, and it is all the suffering of God (see Colossians 1:24)."

Please do contact me if you have any feedback, or 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 a Sunday, please do let me know.

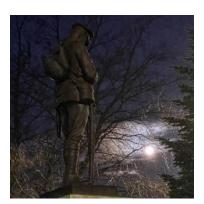
With love and blessings and THANK YOU, Angie Foster angie@walmsleyparish.org



DUNSCAR WAR MEMORIAL

In the midst of our community, despite the noise of traffic and everyday life, is a quiet haven of peace and reflection, so beautifully maintained and cared for. Let's not take for granted the hard work that goes into keeping this





special place of remembrance and tranquility at its best. Many of you will have seen a lone worker there - at all times of the day and night - mowing and watering the grass there, trimming the edges and ensuring the War Memorial is pristine. He's called Stacey Jeffries, a full-time fireman and tireless campaigner for veterans.

Next time you're passing, please remember to say 'thank you' ... #thankyoustaceyjeffries

...Lest we forget

UPCOMING EVENTS at Walmsley Parish Community Hall

So many amazing activities go on at Walmsley Parish Community Hall...!! We'd love you to support our fund raising and help us look forward to a bright future for this amazing venue - used by so many youngsters & other groups - right in the heart of our community. We want our Community Hall to be VALUED, VITAL, VIBRANT ...and VIABLE for many years to

come. (Fully accessible toilets is next on our wish list.)

ONE WEEK TO GO!!!!

Make sure you don't miss out on this amazing TAKE THAT Tribute Act performing there on Saturday 10 September: 'Everything Changes'

Tickets at £20 each include a pasty & peas supper. A Take That tribute act that is so popular, this was the only Saturday available to book them this year! Grab your friends and get ready for a fantastic night to remember. They sound amazing and it's wonderful to be hosting them in Egerton. For tickets, please contact Gemma on 07598 998315

or e-mail her at parish-hall@walmsleyparish.org

Saturday 12 November: LADIES' GIFT EVENING & PARTY NIGHT. Following the success of last year's event, there will again be a wide range of gift stalls + live music and dancing. £15 per ticket of £110 per table of 8. All tickets include a pasty & peas supper ③



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 ... © !!!





Join Nicola for an intimate evening of Opera and crossover music, in her own unique style. Singing at Glyndebourne, in Opera Houses throughout Europe and in New York, Nicola is a world class soprano.

Choose songs from her Song Menu and hear her stories. It's uplifting, friendly and down to earth.

It's Opera for the People.

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

FITNESS and FELLOWSHIP with WALMSLEY WOMBLES:

Wonderful and varied walks on the fourth Saturday of the month are organised by Steve Gregory. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Steve on stevegregory524@gmail.com or 07734 057141



The above picture was taken by Mark Head on our walk last Saturday around Yarrow Country Park ... amazing weather and brilliant walking!! Our next adventure will be the Walmsley Wombles Walking Weekend in Alnmouth Friday 7 - Monday 10 October (now fully booked). Thank you, Steve & Hilary, for organising!!



Items spotted on social media to cheer and inspire...



JUST LOVE EVERYONE I'LL SORT'EM OUT LATER -GOD



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 <u>allanhopkins9@gmail.com</u>

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.

URBAN 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 contact us: Dawn Hitchen: 01204 304142 or <u>dawn@walmsleyparish.org</u> Nikki Barlow: <u>stanneswithstjames@gmail.com</u>



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 £<u>2,500 PER</u> <u>WEEK</u> 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%:

<u>Christ Church Walmsley</u>: Acc no.10251161 - Sort code: 16 – 00 – 06 Payable to Walmsley Parochial Church

<u>St. Andrew's, BX</u>: 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



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- 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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