



CHRIST CHURCH, WALSHAW

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What do points make?

Of course we all know that “Points make Prizes!” don’t we?

We can live our life based on this mantra can’t we, looking to gain points with our eye on the prizes? This might even include doing good, helping others, saying prayers and even going to church: all to get the points we might need to be right with God, to receive his blessings and even to get into heaven one day.

But how would we feel if, on that day, we get to the pearly gates and St Peter checks the Book of Life before he lets us in and he says, “I’m really sorry but you are just one church attendance short of having enough points to come in.”

The reality is that this would never happen. Why? Because there is nothing at all we can do - even attending church - to be assured of eternal life except put our trust in Jesus Christ and what he did on the cross two thousand years ago. On that day Jesus did all that was needed to give us access to God and to approach His throne in heaven. On that day he paid the price for all our sins so that we could be forgiven, so that we could be adopted into his family, so that we could have life in all its fullness and life into eternity. He paid the price “... once for all.” (Romans 6:10).

We can try to collect as many points as possible by attending church, for example, but we could never in a million years collect enough. The good news is that the points are in the bag already for each and every one of us: Jesus has collected them for us. All we have to do is ask God’s forgiveness for the wrongs we have done, turn from our old ways and with the help of the Holy Spirit be more like Jesus. All we have to do is accept God’s gift of life and put our trust in Jesus.

This said, I would encourage you to come to church coming up to and, at Easter. Details of “What’s On?” are shown on the following pages; so do come along, not to get the points but to come and remember how much God loves you, to celebrate and to say, “Thank you!”

Rather than being busy trying to collect points and worrying whether we have enough or not, let’s ‘be still’ this Lent and Easter, confident in the knowledge that the points are already in the bag: ours if we want to receive them.

Every blessing for Lent and Easter

Steve



Weekend of Celebration, 18-19 January 2020

Over 200 people visited Christ Church, Walshaw during its Weekend of Celebration, 18-19 January, held to mark the wholesale re-ordering of the church interior. Gone is the old and inefficient heating system, gone are the bulky and uncomfortable pews. In their place is modern heating, carpeting, comfortable chairs and a new kitchen and WCs.

The work would not have been possible without generous grants received from the James Nuttall Bequest, Viridor Credits, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, the Duchy of Lancaster (Greater Manchester Lieutenancy) and the Lee and Bakirgian Family Trust. The architect was Mr Ian Lucas of Byrom Clark Roberts of Manchester and the contractor was Paul Smith & Co of Rochdale.

On the Saturday, Christ Church held a community open day for those interested to see for themselves how much the interior has been re-modelled to make the space more versatile, suited to a variety of different uses. Visitors were entertained by the Walshaw Community Choir (Picture 1) and enjoyed refreshments served from the new kitchen (Picture 2).

On the Sunday, there was a Service of Celebration at which the preacher was Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester (Picture 3). Other distinguished guests included Mr Ian Sandiford, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and his wife Janet, Cllr Trevor and Mrs Evelyn Holt, Mayor and Mayoress of Bury (Picture 4), and Cllr Roy Walker. Also in attendance were Mrs Elaine Shirt representing Viridor Credits (Picture 3) which helped Christ Church's project with a substantial grant, and the church architect Mr Ian Lucas of the Byrom Clark Roberts practice based in Trafford (Picture 5).

Taking as his text John 1, 29-42 in which John the Baptist encounters Jesus, the bishop urged those attending to spread the word: "Come and see". Later in the service, Bishop David re-dedicated the church building, including the new facilities. In so doing, he echoed his predecessor Bishop Woodhouse who consecrated the original building in February 1893. On this occasion, unlike the event held 127 years ago, there was no snow!

Christ Church already opens its doors to the community through its Baby & Toddler Group, Walshaw Community Choir, and the monthly Drop-In. There are plans for monthly afternoon teas to begin in March.

"The flexible space we now have is one which community groups and others will be welcome to use," says the Revd Steve Openshaw, priest-in-charge at Christ Church. "We hope to help re-energise the sense of community which our existing outreach has shown exists." Reiterating Bishop David's message Steve added, "Come and see!"

18 January 2020 - Open House



1, Walshaw Community Choir entertains



2, Visitors enjoyed their refreshments

19 January 2020 – Service of Celebration



3, Elaine Shirt with Bishop David



4, The Mayoress, Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant with the Revd Steve Openshaw



5, Ian Lucas, church architect, with the Mayoress



6, l-r the Deputy Lord Lieutenant with Mrs Janet Sandiford, the Mayor and Pat White, churchwarden



7, l-r the Deputy Lord Lieutenant with Diane Jones and Pat White



8, l-r Mavis Glenholme, Janice Lewis, Sue Yung and Diane Jones (the Social Committee) with Jane Jackson (former member of Christ Church, now resident in Yorkshire).

Flipping marvellous!

On Sunday, 23 February, just a few days before Shrove Tuesday aka Pancake Day, we enjoyed a smashing time in church; we had a Pancake Party! We had a quiz, ate pancakes and the toddlers loved playing with balloons. We all learned something of the work of the local, national and international agency called Christians Against Poverty (CAP) too. CAP helps people struggling with debt as well as helping people to manage their money better. Not only did we have lots of fun spending time with one another at the Pancake Party but the most recent addition to our church family came along to meet us for the first time ... at just two days old! Thanks to everyone who came along and thanks for giving so generously to support the work of CAP.



Did you know

... that the church family of Christ Church Walshaw is busy not only in our little community spanning Walshaw, Lowercroft and parts of Tottington but is also involved in trying to make a difference in our town, nation and around the world? We do this by partnering with - and supporting in various ways - a variety agencies and charities.

These include our local food bank Porch Boxes; along with other churches in Bury our local Christians Against Poverty project; Christian relief agency Tearfund; Musalaha, a ministry of peace and reconciliation working in Israel and Palestine; and the national and international ministry of the Bible Society.

We also support children and their families living in very difficult circumstances through the Christian agency Compassion and, in various ways, we support the work of Street Pastors who help people in Bury town centre on a Friday and Saturday evening.



Services at Christ Church Walshaw

We have a great range of services at Christ Church Walshaw. Let's begin with our regulars:

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| 1 st Sunday of the month | Morning Worship in the morning at 11am
Engage service in the evening at 6.30pm (café style & contemporary worship) |
| 2 nd Sunday of the month | Children's Church and Holy Communion service at 11am |
| 3 rd Sunday of the month | All Age Worship at 11am
Evening Prayer at 6.30pm (quiet and reflective service) |
| 4 th Sunday of the month | Children's Church and Holy Communion service at 11am |
| 5 th Sunday of the month | Family Holy Communion service at 11am |

Holy Week at / with Christ Church Walshaw



Prayer during Holy Week at Christ Church Walshaw

Sun 5th April: Palm Sunday

11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Engage Service

Mon 6th April:

8.15am Morning Prayer / Reflection
7.30pm Lent Night Prayer (at Christ Church Ainsworth)

Tues 7th April:

8.15am Morning Prayer / Reflection
7.30pm Lent Night Prayer (at Christ Church Ainsworth)

Weds 8th April

8.15am Morning Prayer / Reflection
7.30pm Lent Night Prayer (at Christ Church Ainsworth)

Thurs 9th April:

8.15am Morning Prayer / Reflection

Fri 10th April: Good Friday

10.30am Hour at the Cross

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... once for all ...
(Romans 6:10)

Christ Church Walshaw GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am Friday 10th April

All welcome to join us as
we spend an hour
reflecting on what Jesus
did for us on the cross



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Walshaw Village Easter Family Fun Saturday 11th April 2020

Limited places so please
contact the Victoria Walshaw
0161 762 5255 to let us
know that you want to come



10.30am Easter
Hat Making,
& Easter Video
in Christ Church

... and
then ...

11.30am Village Easter Egg
Hunt starting in church
& ending at
the Victoria Walshaw

On Sunday we will have an Easter hat parade during our Easter Day
family service, 11am, in Christ Church.



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The Victoria Walshaw & Christ Church Walshaw working in partnership

HE IS RISEN!



**Come and celebrate
Easter Sunday at
Christ Church
Walshaw**


11am, Sunday 12th April
with refreshments
from 10.30am

**All welcome to join us
as we celebrate
the Risen Jesus
with a Family Service of Holy
Communion**

including
**'Magic & a Message' from Keith Wills
& singing from
Walshaw Community Choir**



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... and something very different, also to look forward to....

**Christ Church Walshaw
7.30pm, Friday 17th April 2020**



**The British Army Music Spring Academy
& British Army Band Catterick**

will be performing a short brass band concert for our community
Admission Free

(voluntary retirement collection to support the work of Christ Church Walshaw in our community)



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The Revd John Gorrell Haworth

JGH and his aunt Nancy were the joint donors who contributed to the building of The Jesse Haworth Memorial Church, now known as Christ Church.

Compiled by Tom Holt and written by Charles Lord, what follows is taken from a manuscript, some of which was published in the church magazine from 1972 onwards. It is reproduced here, unedited.

John Gorrell Haworth at Tunstead (undated)

When I wrote a series of articles for the Parish Magazine relating to Walshaw Church I mentioned some of the people whose lives were closely associated with the Church in the early days. Two articles chiefly concerned the Rev. John Gorrell Haworth joint donor of the Church whose dedication tablet reads:-

“This Church is intended for the diffusion of Evangelical Doctrine according to the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer and the 39 Articles of the Church of England as by law established.”

On occasions when I have visited Tunstead, I have learned more about him, especially from the Brochure “Tunstead 1840-1940”. This is a short history by the Rev. L D Griffith, which was given to me by one of the Day School teachers.



**The Revd John Gorrell Haworth,
Vicar of Tunstead, 1851-1878**

John Wesley, in his journal wrote “Today I preached to the wild men of Rossendale and was thankful to get away with my life”, or words to that effect. The inhabitants still retain their direct down to earth attitude to life, and the “Valley” is known as a place where young clergy of all denominations get the corners knocked off, and as they say, are trimmed to size.

J G H was inducted to Tunstead his first and only living in 1851. His two predecessors had served eleven years between them, he remained 38 years, and left his impression on the parish. The vicarage was built by him, and the Parish was formed in 1859. The greatest event in J G H’s

time was the building of the New Schools at a cost of £4,000 and that in today’s money would exceed £100 Thousand. They were accounted the best and most complete schools in the Valley.



Holy Trinity, Tunstall, Stacksteads

From his writings we learn that though he fed his flock like a Good Shepherd he ruled them with an iron hand. To be a teacher in the Day School meant being a teacher in the “Sabbath School” also. Of the two, Sabbath School teaching was considered the more important. He said, “The reason why the School should be under the supervision of the Church, is that if the teachers are not elected by the Church and if they organize themselves, there is danger lest they feel they have distinct interests and lay their plans without consulting the Church and her Interests”. He lamented the day when teachers would be found acting independently of the Churches. One could argue whether this revealed prophetic insight or was a carry over from his former business experiences.

In J G H’s Church, services were held each Sunday at 10.30 am, 30 pm, and 6.30 pm. If a neighbouring Chapel Anniversary Sermons came along he disposed with the 6.30 service, and together with the congregation went to their Sermons, this was quite possible because Evening Prayer had already been observed at the regular afternoon service. Holy Communion was held mid-day the First Sunday of the month, and in the evening the third, and fifth Sunday if there was one. The Scholars assembled for Sunday School at 9.0 am and later marched to Church for Morning Service. At the end of his Ministry J G H claimed that he had preached the same gospel as in 1851. When he retired in 1889 he went to Crumpsall, and shortly afterwards made his home in Colwyn Bay at “Walshaw House”, Walshaw Avenue.



St Aidan’s Theological College, demolished in 1969

Dr Guy Warman late Bishop of Manchester on one of his visits to Walshaw during the war told me of the high regard in which he held Mr Haworth. He recounted that whilst he was head of St Aidan’s College Birkenhead when J G H trained for the Ministry, JG had given generous support financially to the College. At the death of Mr Haworth the patronage of Walshaw Church passed to his daughter Mary, who was married to one of her father’s curates, the Rev J A Hibbert, and about the outbreak of war, she gave the patronage to the Simeon’s Trustees.

Quiz: How well do you know the Biblical Easter story?

- 1 Palm Sunday is the week before Easter. What does it mark?
 - a) When Jesus was put on the cross
 - b) Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey
 - c) Jesus going on trial

- 2 Why was Jesus coming to Jerusalem?
 - a) He was being put on trial
 - b) He was visiting his home town
 - c) To celebrate Passover

- 3 On what day was the Last Supper?
 - a) Maundy Thursday
 - b) Good Friday
 - c) Easter Sunday

- 4 How did Judas betray Jesus?
 - a) He marked out Jesus to the Roman soldiers by kissing his cheek
 - b) He disclosed where Jesus was eating his Passover meal
 - c) He stabbed him in the back

- 5 Who was Pontius Pilate?
 - a) One of Jesus's disciples
 - b) The Roman Emperor
 - c) Roman governor who oversaw the death of Jesus

- 6 Who was the criminal who set free so that Jesus could be crucified?
 - a) Barrack
 - b) Barbosa
 - c) Barabbas

- 7 Who else was crucified alongside Jesus?
 - a) No one. He was on his own
 - b) Two thieves
 - c) Two murderers

- 8 What words did Jesus according to the Bible cry out while on the cross?
 - a) 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me'
 - b) 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die'
 - c) 'He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces'

- 9 Who came to visit Jesus at his burial site only to discover he'd been resurrected?
- a) Mary Magdalene
 - b) His mother, Mary
 - c) The Bible doesn't specify
- 10 When did Jesus leave Earth to join God in heaven?
- a) Immediately
 - b) After he appeared to his disciples
 - c) After he'd spoken to the women who visited his grave



The Ascension: Hans Süss von Kulmbach, c513 (Metropolitan Museum of Art)