

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



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Serving the Community

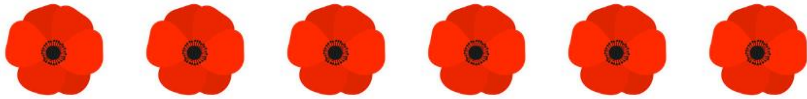
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Christ Church Ainsworth Season Of Remembrance



Thursday 2nd November 6.30pm

All Souls Day Service To Commemorate The Departed

A quiet, reflective service with traditional hymns & prayers



Sunday 12th November 10.30am

Service Of Remembrance

A traditional Service with presentation of poppy wreaths & act of remembrance



Sunday 12th November 6.30pm

Candlelit Vigil For The Departed

An opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection & remembrance.

Please join us at any, or all of the
above, as we come together to
remember.



Parish Diary November 2023



Weds 1 st	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise – Creative Church
Thurs 2 nd		ALL SOULS DAY
	6.30pm	Service to Commemorate the Departed
Sun 5 th		THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Weds 8 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sun 12 th		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Service Of Remembrance & Church Parade
	11.45am	Interment of Ashes of Martin Rule
	6.30pm	Candlelit Vigil For The Departed
Weds 15 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 18 th	11.00am	Church Christmas Fair (ACCH)
Sun 19 th		THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 22 nd	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sun 26 th		CHRIST THE KING
	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 29 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
DECEMBER		
Sat 2 nd	7.00pm	Candlelit Christmas Concert (In Church)
Sun 3 rd		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer



Interregnum Update

As I drove past Church earlier today, there were three large vans parked up outside – finally our dream of being warm in Church once more, looks like it is about to become a reality! We have all become so used to putting on extra layers, keeping coats and scarves on (sometimes woolly hats and gloves also), and seeing our breath steaming. After 18 months without a boiler, being warm again is going to be a huge novelty and comes just in the nick of time as the temperature has started to drop once more.

A huge vote of thanks must go to everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen, and also to everyone who has continued to come to Church week after week, despite the temperature being sub-zero at times. It's been a long and arduous journey – but we made it. God is good!!

When our Church moved into interregnum back in March, there was much talk of trying to see this period as an opportunity. An opportunity to take stock, to think about what we do well as a church, an opportunity to think about what we could improve on or do differently. It appears that interregnum is also an opportunity to find out about the various organisations and charities which work within our area and provide support to members of our community; thus far we've heard about the work of 'The Bury Project', Christian Aid, Porch Boxes, Urban Outreach and most recently BRF Ministries; with speakers set to join us in the coming months to talk about the work of the Children's Society and Leprosy Mission – who knew that interregnum would be such an eye opener!

We've also been fortunate to receive support with Service cover, from some really experienced and interesting members of Clergy – both retired and serving – not only does this give Revd Debra a break, it's also interesting to hear different people's views and opinions. Huge thanks to everyone who is supporting our Church throughout this period of vacancy – we really do appreciate it.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the November 2023 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine. As we move towards the end of another year, this month's magazine is crammed with information about the various seasonal events which are planned for the coming weeks.

Alongside our regular reports and articles, you'll find information about our Season of Remembrance Services, Church Christmas Fair, Candlelit Carol Concert and Christingle Service, plus details of the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival and Friends of the Delph Christmas Lights Switch On – all exciting stuff!

Please be aware that some of our seasonal events and Services may be at slightly different times this year - make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary / Pew Sheet to keep up to date.

If you have an article that you'd like to be included in the Parish Magazine, or if your group / organisation is holding an event that you'd like us to publicise, please get in touch via ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

Enjoy this month's magazine and do your best to support the many things that are going on within our Church and wider community in the coming month - *Alison*

From The Registers

BAPTISMS
September 24th

We welcome into the family of God:
Oscar Smith

FUNERALS
September 28th

We commend to God's keeping:
Norman Tyson

Flower Rota

12th Nov Mrs. V. Watts
26th Nov Mr. B. White

There are currently a few dates available on the church flower rota; if you would like to join the rota to mark a special date or simply to make sure our Church continues to look bright and welcoming, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378 for further details.

Harvest

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal and donated food and toiletries for local charity, Porch Boxes.

Porch Boxes put together 'crisis packs' for distribution to individuals and families who are in desperate need; sadly, referrals for support from this charity are at an all time high - your support is very much appreciated.

Service For The Departed

This year, in line with many other local Churches, our annual 'Service For The Departed' will be held in Church on All Souls Day, **Thursday 2nd November, at 6.30pm.**

On All Souls Day, the Church remembers all those who have died; not just the rich and famous, but also the 'ordinary people in the street'.

Over the centuries there have been many superstitions and traditions linked to All Souls Day, however in modern times, the day is recognised as The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, stressing Isaiah's prophesy that the heavenly banquet is prepared for all peoples and death is destroyed forever. The emphasis now, is on trusting in God's abiding love and forgiveness; the names of the departed are read out in Church and prayers offered for the repose of their souls as they wait in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Candlelit Vigil

For those who can't make it to the Service For The Departed, we will be holding a candlelit vigil to remember the departed, in Church on Sunday 12th November at 6.30pm.

This will be a time for quiet reflection and remembrance, with the opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one, and to listen to some of the words and music that have been chosen for funerals in Church over the past year.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ainsworth Community Association – Special Meeting

For the past four years, Ainsworth Community Association has been campaigning for traffic calming measures in the village.

The council have sent their latest amendments to the Association and will be consulting with residents about their proposals; please respond to their consultation if you can.

All residents of the village are invited to a special meeting of Ainsworth Community Association on Thursday 9th November at 6.30pm in Ainsworth Unitarian School on Knowsley Road, to discuss the proposed traffic calming measures.

Porch Boxes – Christmas Meal Appeal



Throughout Advent, we'll be running a Porch Boxes 'Christmas Meal Appeal'.

Week 1 - we're asking people to donate tins of soup, or something similar that could be eaten as a 'Starter'.

Week 2 – please bring something to be eaten as a 'Main Course' – tins of stew, meat balls, spaghetti etc.

Week 3 – we'd love it if people could bring "Dessert" items eg. tins of rice pudding or tinned fruit.

Week 4 - we're asking for donations of something that's either 'a little extra' (this could be a treat such as a packet of biscuits, a box of cereal), or 'something useful' such as toothpaste or toiletries.

Please give as you are able and help us to support this fantastic local charity.

Churchyard Team - Christmas Wreaths

The churchyard team are once again going to be doing wreaths for this Christmas.

To order a wreath, please take an envelope from the back of church (or use your own) and place the completed details in the envelope with the money – cash only. Place the completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church. Please state if you want the churchyard team to place the wreath on a grave for you, or if you wish to collect it yourself. If you want the churchyard team to do it, please state where the grave is and the names on the grave so we can find it for you. As in previous years, the cost is likely to be around £10 per wreath, but this will be confirmed nearer to the time. Orders must be placed on or before **Friday 8th December**. Collection date for the wreaths is **Wednesday 13th December between 9 and 12am**. Wreaths will be placed on graves at this time as well.

Completed envelopes can also be sent by post (with monies included) to: Jan Hayes – 14 Browns Rd, Bradley Fold Bolton BL2 6RQ (or hand delivered to this address). Any enquiries please call 01204 796404.

Private Prayer

Did you know that our Church is open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 2.30 and 4pm? Please feel free to call in for a few moments of calm and tranquillity.

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The first ever draw of the Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto took place in Church on Sunday 29th October, with the lucky winner walking away with £30-00!

This fabulous fundraiser will be running each month; tickets cost £1 each and are available at the back of Church; you can enter as many times as you like!

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month, when the winner will receive 50% of that month's ticket sales!!

To enter simply fill in a '50/50 Lucky Lotto' ticket, then place it in the box at the back of Church; all proceeds to Church funds.

And Remember ... You have to be in it to win it!!

Christmas Fair

Our Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 18th November 2023 from 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Stalls, games, refreshments and more ... all proceeds to Church funds.

Save the date and watch this space for more info!

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit, with a fabulous programme of Christmas music provided by Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band, our Church Choir and younger members of our congregation.

Enjoy Christmas Classics, mince pies and mulled wine, all in our beautiful candlelit Church.

Saturday 2nd December, 7pm; tickets - £6 adults, £4 children under 16years. For more info email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com or contact 07952-709041.



Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph

Christmas lights switch on, Sunday 3rd December 3pm on the Delph.

Ainsworth Methodist Church - Christmas Tree Festival

This fantastic event will be making a return this year after a 3 year break.

The festival is a community event that brings local people and organisations together, and also raises much needed funds for the Church.

Why not join us as we get the festive season started:

Friday 24th November 6 - 9pm

Saturday 25th November 10 – 4pm

Sunday 26th November 12 – 4pm

Tickets are £2 per adult, accompanied children free of charge; light refreshments available.

Bible Reading Fellowship

From Bible Reading Fellowship's 2023 Advent book 'An Advent Manifesto' - a fresh and quietly challenging devotional from Martyn Percy - to a rich backlist which includes 'Celtic Advent' by David Cole, 'At Home in Advent' by Gordon Giles and, powerfully relevant this week, 'The Prince of Peace in a World of War' by David Kerrigan. Why not visit brfonline.org.uk to view the entire Advent collection and pick out a book which will sustain and inspire you through this season of waiting and reflection.

Also, don't forget to browse through the Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gifts that BRF offer on their website: brfonline.org.uk.

Christingle 2023

It won't be long now until we hold our annual Christingle service in Church. This year, the Service will be held on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm, and is open to everyone.

Unlike previous years, this year we'll be having a "Bring-Your-Own-Christingle" event. Children or adults can come along with their home-made Christingles which will be placed at the front of Church. During the Service, the Christingles will be carefully lit, the lights dimmed, and everyone can join in the Carol singing.

As the Christingle service is the main fundraiser for The Children's Society charity, there will be a collection for the charity during the Service. Money raised from services just like ours in Ainsworth goes towards helping children and young people in desperate need. This is Molly's story.....

Molly is a young carer. She first started helping to care for her Mum when she was 8, after her Mum had an operation on her heart. Shortly afterwards she also was caring for her Dad, Nan and her Stepdad. She prepares meals, helps her Nan to dress, cleans the kitchen, does shopping, and collects prescriptions from the local chemist. This has meant that she has missed school sometimes and has struggled to complete homework in time because of her caring role.

After Molly was referred to The Children's Society, things began to improve. Molly was able to attend meetings with other young carers in her area which made her realise she was not alone in her position. Also, the young carers group set up days out where young carers can have a break from their responsibilities whilst alternative care is provided for their families.

Molly has been attending the group for a few years now. It has improved her confidence, and she is now determined to help other young carers facing the difficulties she has been through. It has also defined her choice of career - she wants to do a degree in journalism. She hopes to keep the plight of the invisible young carers in the forefront to raise awareness in the media and perhaps achieve political change.

Helping young carers is just one of the ways The Children's Society reaches out to make a difference to the lives of the youngsters it assists. They help

Young Carers

Children in Poverty

Children Missing From Home

Refugee Children

County Lines (children forced into illegal drug runs)

Child Sexual Exploitation

Child Physical Abuse

Please remember the important work of The Children's Society at this time of year. Every donation you give goes directly to help children across the country. The Society receives no financial help from the government. It relies entirely on the donations from you and me, people attending their local Church to take part in a Christingle service. Last year, services arranged by the Society directly helped over 18,000 children and young people.

On behalf of the children and young people whose lives have been transformed because of your donations, we'd like to say **THANKYOU!!**

Make Your own Christingle – A ‘How To’ Guide

If you are planning to come along to the Christingle Service on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm and would like to know how to make a Christingle read on!

You Will Need:

- 1 piece of roundish fruit
- Red tape or ribbon
- 1 candle – we'll be giving these out at MidWeek Praise on 29th November.
- Small piece of tin foil or foil milk bottle top
- 4 x cocktail sticks
- Dried fruit eg raisins, or soft sweets eg Haribos

Here's What To Do:

1. Choose your fruit, usually an orange. You might want to cut the bottom off your orange so it doesn't wobble around.
2. Use red tape (electrical tape or coloured sellotape) to stick around the centre of the orange. If you don't have any tape, you can pin a red ribbon around the centre of the orange or colour a strip of paper in red and then sellotape it in place around the middle.
3. Push a pencil into the top of the orange to make a hole for the candle.
4. Use a foil milk bottle top or cut a square of foil approx 4cm in size then make a slit in it so that it fits over the candle. Position at the base of the candle.
5. Place your choice of fruit (grapes, raisins, sultanas, satsuma segments or your own favourite), and sweets (jelly type sweets work best as they need to be pushed onto the sticks) on the table and carefully thread them onto the 4 cocktail sticks.
6. Push the 4 cocktail sticks into the orange above the red tape. Make sure they point upwards at an angle and do not touch the candle (like this \ /).



Your Christingle is now ready to bring along to the Service. Please remember there will be a collection for the Children's Society during the Service, where I will happily exchange your donation envelope for chocolate!

Susan Campbell - Local Secretary for The Children's Society

EcoChurch



After much hard work throughout the Summer months, Christ Church Ainsworth is now officially on the EcoChurch ladder, having achieved our EcoChurch Bronze Award; look out for the certificate next time you're in Church.

A huge thankyou to everyone who has been part of the process so far. Onwards and upwards, and let's see if we can achieve the Silver Award by this time next year!

Eco Church Top Tip for November:

If you are already planning ahead for Christmas, support overseas farmers by ensuring that your advent calendar, and any Christmas chocolate, is Fairtrade. You'll be helping those farmers to make a decent living, and encouraging them to farm in a more ecologically sustainable way with every bite.

Raising Awareness – Urban Outreach

Urban Outreach is a Christian Charity providing holistic and person-centred support for some of the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and complex adults and young people in Bolton. Established in 1990, the charity now has a growing staff team and the support of hundreds of volunteers to help to deliver upon four main areas of work:

- Offender Support
- Complex Needs and Homelessness
- Children and Families
- Food and Cold Weather Provision

Urban Outreach aims to meet the needs of the whole person, in partnership with local churches, the voluntary and statutory sectors, businesses and individuals. Through shared working with other charities and organisations Urban Outreach is able to provide innovative solutions in support, re-housing & resettlement of both male and female offenders. Urban Outreach also supports children and young people who have been reported missing from home in Bolton, along with their families. They also deliver peer mentoring for young people in schools and find and help sustain accommodation for roofless and homeless people.

Just A Thought ...

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Easyfundraising



For anyone who shops online, this is a really simple way of raising much needed funds for our Church. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Almost 6,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping, book holidays, book trains tickets, book flights, purchase car or home insurance, plus many other online transactions - at no extra cost to you! These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ainsworthpc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-rbd21-e1

Mission Community News – Exploring Prayer

"Exploring Prayer" is an exciting new initiative which began in September and will be running in our Mission Community over the course of the coming months. The next session will be held on Wednesday 29th November from 2 - 3pm at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, with the same session repeated the following week (date to be arranged) from 7.30 - 8.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock.



Whether you are 'new' to praying or an experienced 'prayer warrior', these sessions are for you! Why not join us as we journey together through the 'whys' and 'hows' of prayer, experience different types of prayer / ways of praying, and find the styles that work best for you and your lifestyle.

These sessions are provided free of charge; no need to book – just turn up! For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041 or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Advent Zoom Prayers

The churches of our Mission Community will be coming together once more, for 'Advent Zoom Prayers'.

As previously, the prayer sessions will be held each evening at 6pm on Zoom, for approximately 10 minutes, with each of the churches within our Mission Community contributing. The sessions are generally led by a different person each evening, which ensures a wide variety of prayer themes and approaches to prayer are included.

The Zoom prayer sessions are not only a powerful way of easily praying together but are also a great way to begin to get to know people from other churches; if you haven't already joined in, why not give it a go.

Advent Zoom Prayers begin on Monday 4th December and will be held at 6pm each weeknight throughout Advent. Simply click the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

Mission Community Prayer

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
In the burning fire of your love,

We lift before you the churches of our mission community and the
communities where we live and serve you.

Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of your gospel,
Bearing with one another in love as You build us together into one
community.

Always abiding in You, may we be found steadfast in faith and active
in service.

Open our eyes to see the opportunities you have prepared for us to
work together in mission in new ways;

Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

*Please pray for all of the Churches within our Mission Community –
Christ Church Walshaw, Christ Church Ainsworth, St. Andrew's,
Radcliffe, St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, St. Mary, Radcliffe, All
Saints Stand, St. Andrew's, Hillock and St. George's, Unsworth.*



Introducing the...

CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!

- Only £1/ticket
- To enter simply fill in your '50/50 Lucky Lotto' ticket, then place it in the box at the back of Church.
- Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month; the winner will receive 50% of that month's ticket sales!!
- Tickets available at the back of Church or by contacting Alison on 07952-709041

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 26th November, all proceeds to Church funds

***And Remember ...
You have to be in it to win it!!***



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 14th November

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

*"A cup of coffee shared with others
is happiness shared and time well spent."*



Ainsworth Methodist Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Adults £2.00
Accompanied
children free

Light
refreshments
on sale



Friday 24th November	6 – 9pm
Saturday 25th November	10 – 4pm
Sunday 26th November	12 – 4pm



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH
CHRISTMAS

STALLS

FAIR

GAMES

Saturday



18th November



CRAFT

11am to 2pm

LOTS OF
FUN

**Ainsworth Church &
Community Hall**



*With Café
and a special
Christmas Visitor*





Mission Community Zoom Prayers Are Back!

An easy and powerful way of praying together, plus a great opportunity to get to know people from other churches within our Mission Community.

Starts on Monday 4th December, then each weekday evening throughout Advent @ 6pm on Zoom; simply click on the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)



Candlelight Prayer



*An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week;
why not join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and
reflection, each Friday at 8pm on Zoom.*

Simply click the following link to join in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

Or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the
light that shines within you."*



**Christmas tree light switch on
Sunday 3rd December 2023
3.00 – 4.30pm**

**To be held on the Delph, Church Street,
Ainsworth**



**Brass Band, Food, Drink, Christmas Crafts and
Baking Stalls.**

**Supporting Trinity Food Bank – Please bring along a
non-perishable item if you are able.**

**Children are welcome to bring a bauble to decorate
the tree, or use an existing one.**

Mayor of Bury to turn lights on at 4.00pm.

**Come along, have fun and support
Ainsworth Friends of the Delph to maintain
your community space.**

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 14th November

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

‘A cup of coffee shared with others is happiness tasted & time well spent’

Everyone welcome

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 2nd December

7pm, Christ Church Ainsworth

Get into the Christmas spirit with Christmas music & seasonal refreshments.

Tickets £6 for adults, £4 children under 16yrs. For more info or to buy

tickets email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Harrogate Christmas Market Coach Trip

Saturday 2nd December; 8.30 – 6pm

This is always a popular outing, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Adults £27, Children £15, Family ticket (2+2) £70.

Please note that the coach has disabled access and facilities.

For more info or to book tickets click the link below:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingFamilyCoachTripLlandudnoSaturday16thSeptember2023>

Mission Community - Exploring Prayer

Wednesday 29th November, 2.30 – 3.30pm, St. Thomas & St. John

7.30 – 8.30pm, St. Andrew's, Hillock the following week (date TBC)

Please note the same session content runs on both of the above dates.

Experience different types of prayer / ways of praying; find out what works

best for you & your lifestyle. For more info visit

ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Christ Church Ainsworth Christmas Fair

Saturday 18th November

11-2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Stalls, refreshments & more; everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Methodist Christmas Tree Festival

Fri 24th Nov 6-9pm, Sat 25th Nov 10-4pm, Sun 26th Nov 12-4pm

Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

Admission £2 / person, accompanied children free of charge. Light refreshments available.

Around The Organisations ...

Ainsworth Scout Group

We are very pleased to welcome to the Colony Darran Higgs, as our new Beaver Leader. Darran has decided that he will be known as Raven.

He is not new to scouting, Darran was a member of Close Methodist Scouts as a youngster and was a Venture Scout (and a BWFC supporter) with Stacey and friends in their earlier lives.

He is keen to update all his Scouting training and has already completed several elements towards achieving his Wood Badge. We hope he enjoys his life with us in Ainsworth.

Bill White – Group Scout Leader.

Beavers

My name is Darran, and I have been at the helm of 14th Radcliffe (Ainsworth) Beavers since the beginning of September. Mollie has moved from Scouts to Beavers to help out, we also have Donna (a parent), who is helping us on a regular basis, plus the usual assortment of Young Leaders.

We invested 7 new Beavers last week:

Thomas, Phoebe, Jacob, Buddy, George, Rory and Niall.

We currently have 19 Beavers on roll, and they all seem to really enjoy themselves on a Friday night.

We have been working towards our Book Readers and Space badge. Some of the activities we've done so far have included:

Making Beaver bookmarks, reading six different books, learning about our Solar System, a live action interpretation of the children's classic 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by all the Beavers and leaders which was fantastic fun, and creating your own dust cover for your favourite book.

Darran (Raven)

Fundraising Family Christmas Coach Trip



Join us to travel on an executive coach trip to Harrogate on Saturday 2nd December 2023. There is an Artisan Market and food stalls in the local park, making it all the more Christmassy. Our days out are great fun and enjoyed by all.

To make this Christmas outing more accessible we are using a coach that has a lift onboard, that will allow those who may struggle with stairs/steps to come along also.

Wheelchairs can be stored under the coach whilst we travel. There is space onboard the coach for one wheelchair in case the user is unable to transfer to a coach seat.

We will depart from Ainsworth bus turnaround at 0830 and return at approximately 1800.

The price of the tickets are:-

Adult (Aged 14 and over) £27

Child (Aged 13 and under) £20

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £75

If you would like to join us on this great day out, please follow the link below and submit your booking.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingFamilyChristmasCoachTripHarrogateSaturday2ndDecember2023>

Cubs

Well, what an adventure 18 Cubs had to complete their Adventure Award. The event was open to all members of the pack, but being a Saturday the many activities they are affiliated with had to take first place. Those who were able to attend spent 5 hours at District Headquarters in Whitefield one Saturday completing 3 different new

activities, being trained by district leaders who are qualified to teach them. They spent an hour on a climbing wall completing 2 different climbs, one easier than the other. We now have a couple of new names: 'Spiderman' and 'Miss Determination'!

From that they went on to Archery – good job there was netting up behind the targets as there were a few “wild” shots, although there was one cub who got a “shot of the day” scoring an ace in the centre of the Ace of Clubs playing card. Overall, I don't think there was anything for Robin Hood to worry about.

Finally, they moved on to the shooting gallery. Quite a few had Bull's eye, or almost. The adults teaching them are all leaders from our district and it was great to hear how impressed they were with our cubs being well behaved and polite.

On the night prior to this the cubs had completed the task to build a lollypop “trebuchet”. They fired table tennis balls across the room – thanks to Chris for all his drilling and slicing small lollypop sticks – it took him a long time. The short night hike was run by Yvonne who had to cut the event a bit short as the dark night closed in.

Eleven youngsters were invested into the pack – most from our Beaver Colony, but also 6 from our waiting list.

You can see just how busy they have all been in just 5 weeks since we returned from the summer break. Onward and upward after half term with a couple more not as strenuous Activity badges.

Gwen White

Baloo

12th Radcliffe Guides & Brownies

Kathryn has completed her Guide training and so we are thrilled that she joins us officially as an assistant leader.

We returned refreshed after the summer break and were pleased to welcome Serena into our Guide unit. The term started with each patrol designing a board game, which the other patrols tried out – some more successful than others! There was also some success with the sunflower seeds we planted last term – we didn't think they would flower given the lack of sunshine but several of them did.



The girls have been busy completing interest badges and we were able to present the Upcycling badge to Hattie; Mixology badges to Amelia B, Amelia S, Eloise, Erin, Grace, Hannah, Hattie, Izzy, Lilly, Lily May, both Poppys, Scarlett, Seren and Sofia; and a Well Done badge to Lucy. And, for the first time since we re-started the unit, some of the girls have completed a theme award and so it was really good to be able to give Amelia B, Eloise, Grace S, Hattie, Izzy, Poppy L, Poppy Ly and Sofia their Be Well Theme badges.

But the highlight of the term so far must be our weekend away at Waddow, for the Fearless Fun Camp, where we were lucky with the weather and so were able to do bushcraft, tree climbing, Jacobs' ladder, grass sledging, fencing, dancing, Quidditch, campfire with treats and so much more!



12th Radcliffe Guiding Leaders

16th Radcliffe Brownies

Since returning from the summer holidays, we have had fun as a life-sized Hungry Hippos game, earned the infamous 'Chippy Hike' badge, and been working towards our languages badge.

The 'Chippy Hike' became viral after a dad of a Brownie in St. Albans tweeted: "Massively proud of my daughter who just received a badge for (checks notes) walking to a nearby chip shop and eating chips." As we, of course, want to make all our Brownies' parents proud, we met at Taylor's chippy on mile lane precinct, and after eating a cone of chips, the Brownies walked just over a mile back to the hall. With no rain, only a handful of 'are we nearly there yet?' and arriving back at the hall 15 minutes before finishing, the hike was a success and a well-deserved badge for our Brownies.



For our languages badge we have been focusing on *Español*, which has included learning useful phrases, as well as embracing the cultures of some Spanish speaking countries. We have played a game where we matched up the English phrase to the Spanish one in a relay race and then practised said phrase, as well as created Spanish phrase books. The Brownies were also encouraged to share words and phrases they knew in other languages, which ranged from Welsh, to Romanian, to Chinese.

Back to eating again, we have also made Mexican inspired food and drink, including 'nojitos' (mojitos *sin* rum), sweet nachos, salsa, and guacamole. All the Brownies took turns chopping, blending, or muddling, and it was all very tasty.

Over the next few weeks, we're looking forward to more crafts which include decorating Day of the Dead masks as well as lanterns, and then a full month of Christmas activities including the panto in Ainsworth.

Adios! From the 16th Radcliffe Brownie Leaders

Transformation - Now!



What a wonderful afternoon we had with Valerie, as she chatted with us about her many years in our uniformed organisations, starting with her time in the Guides, moving on to helping with Cubs before

responding to the request to set up a Beaver Colony here at Christ Church. Thank you, Valerie, not only for sharing your stories, many of which gave rise to much laughter, but also for the hundreds of hours that you have given to Scouting in Ainsworth.

On Tuesday, 7th November, Barbara Taylor (a previous Diocesan and York Provincial President) will talk to us about the Maundy Money and the day this April when she was one of the recipients at York Minster of the first Maundy Money to be distributed by King Charles. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

Two weeks later on 21st November at 2.30pm in the Church Hall, we hope to have a talk on personal safety and crime prevention, but this has yet to be confirmed. We will let everyone know either on the pew sheet or via email.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that starts on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10th December, Human Rights Day. Mothers' Union joins with over 6000 organisations from over 185 countries, to raise awareness of and call for an end to gender-based violence and abuse in all forms and in all societies. Gender-based violence is one of the most widespread violations of human rights. It can affect anyone at any time, and it takes many forms. It can be part of a damaging cultural norm or hidden behind closed doors; it can be very difficult to ask for help.

RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse is Mothers' Union's new campaign to raise awareness about domestic abuse. Our aim is to make sure that activism against domestic abuse and gender-based violence happens 365 days a year and not just during the 16 Days of Activism campaign in November and December. The letters of RISE UP stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray.

In the UK, Mothers' Union members offer practical support which includes providing essential items for refugees, training and support workshops on gender-based issues in schools and prisons as well as supporting the families of survivors to heal and rebuild important family bonds through its 'Away From It All' holidays. Mothers' Union work in partnership with local domestic abuse organisations, such as Women's Aid and church groups who help to raise awareness about the prevalence of all forms of abuse in our communities and give practical examples of how we can all be part of the change.

As a preliminary notice, our Christmas meal, when we exchange gifts with our Prayer Partners is scheduled for MONDAY 4th December. Details will be confirmed at our November meetings.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – November 1998

There were a number of additions to the Parish Diary in November 1998; the Remembrance Sunday Service, the Church Christmas Fair, and the Deanery Advent Service (to be held at St. George's, Unsworth), all got a mention,

In 'News From The Parish', there were a whole host of acknowledgements and thankyou's; the PCC acknowledged with gratitude assistance received from Jim Dampier, the local Blacksmith, in securing the Lychgate; 'Jim willingly gave of his time, expertise and material help, to resolve this problem at no cost to the church.' Thanks also went to the Social Committee for arranging what seems to have been a very successful 'European Themed' Harvest Supper, and a further thankyou to everyone who had supported the Church Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning. Also in the Parish News, were many expressions of sadness and sympathy following 'the untimely death of Tony Leigh, former Sunday School Superintendent – a true disciple of Jesus, who spread the Gospel to our village children with commitment'.

The reports from the various groups and uniformed organisations included various requests for items needed for the Church Christmas Fair, but also included an update on the Brownies' preparation for their Pack Holiday, a report on the Beavers' recent trip to Blackpool, the news that Cubs had almost completed their 'Community Activity Badge', and a reminder that Ventures had swapped their meetings to a Thursday evening.

In November 1998, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Connie Cowsill, 'a great supporter and worker for the church'. In November 1998 there were no Weddings, but 3 Baptisms and 6 Funerals recorded from the previous month. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 188, with the Collections listed as £1110.

The Hymn That's In My Head

Hymns and music play a large part in Christian worship; you can't beat listening to (or singing along with) a joyful, rousing hymn - whether it's in church, on the radio or listening to a CD. There are literally hundreds of fabulous hymns and worship songs out there.



Jerusalem (William Blake; 1757 – 1827)

And did those feet in ancient time,
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear, oh clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Til we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

'Jerusalem' seems to have featured on Classic FM on a regular basis in recent weeks, and it's one of those wonderful pieces of music that I simply have to sing along to.

The words were originally written by William Blake in 1804, as a poem called 'And Did Those Feet In Ancient Times', taken from the preface to his epic 'Milton'. Today it is best known as the hymn "Jerusalem", with music written by Sir Hubert Parry in 1916.

The original poem was inspired by the apocryphal story that a young Jesus, accompanied by Joseph of Arimathea, travelled to what is now England during his unknown years. The poem's theme is linked to the Book of Revelation (3:12 and 21:2) describing a Second Coming, wherein Jesus establishes a New Jerusalem. Churches in general, and the Church of England in particular, have long used Jerusalem as a metaphor for Heaven, a place of universal love and peace.

In the most common interpretation of the poem, Blake implies that a visit by Jesus would briefly create heaven in England, in contrast to the "dark Satanic Mills" of the Industrial Revolution.

The poem did not become popular until it was published in a patriotic anthology of verse in 1916, at a time when morale was sinking due to horrendous casualties in World War I - Blake's dark yet hopeful poem was seen as an appropriate background to "brace the spirit of the nation to accept with cheerfulness all the sacrifices necessary".

Praying Through The Seasons ... Remembrance



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5; 4

The month of November is in many ways a month of remembrance, a month of remembering. These last few weeks at the end of the Church's year are a period to look back, to reassess, to consider how the past affects our lives now.

November begins with All Saints' Day when we remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the great multitude of saints, of faithful men and women down the ages. We celebrate their example and are reminded that we too are called to be saints, God's holy people.

Then on the 2nd of November we mark All Souls' Day, when we remember with affection our departed loved ones, ordinary people, those who have influenced our lives, those who have given us love.

Finally on 11th November we mark Armistice Day, with Remembrance Sunday on the nearest Sunday, this year the 12th. We remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, in the two World Wars but also in other conflicts since. It is an occasion as well to pray for peace, for an end to war and conflict.

The prophet Isaiah foretold of a time when people would willingly give up their weapons of war and allow the Prince of Peace to reign in their hearts.

He was speaking of the coming of Jesus. It is wonderful that his vision of hope and peace should inspire peacemakers today. Before he died, Jesus knew that he did not have long left on earth and wanted to offer his disciples words of comfort.

So, he told them, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14; 27).

Today, fear and conflict and loss are as prevalent in the world as they have ever been, but the peace Jesus offered his disciples is timeless and still there for those who love him today, tomorrow, and for all eternity.

Loving God, lead us from death to life; from falsehood to truth; from despair to hope; from fear to trust; from hate to love; from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, and our universe. In Jesus' name we pray - Amen

You Might Like To Read ...

"Celtic Advent

40 Days Of Devotions To Christmas", written by David Cole, published by BRF.

This inspirational book takes the reader through Advent to the celebration of Christmas, through the eyes and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. Starting in November and reflecting on Jesus' coming at His birth as well as into our lives by the Holy Spirit and at the world's end. The author offers a unique approach to the season, to help you gain a new sense of wonder in the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

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Space To Share A Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for calling us to be your servants.
Help us gladly to respond to your call and to obey your will.
Make us ready for every demand you make on our lives, that we may serve you faithfully and be a witness to your love in our world.
In Your Holy name we pray - Amen

Strap Lines

Confidence is keeping your chin up; over confidence is sticking it out.

Give those you love wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

The Parting

As I stand here at our parting,
In my heart, I wonder when
Will this war at last be over
And our boys come home again.

Will I ever walk back down this street?
Walk in through this front door?
Will I ever make it back to live
The life I knew before?

Will I see these woods in Autumn?
See these fields beneath the snow?
Will I see this sky at sunset?
Will I watch our children grow?

Will I ever see your face again,
The sweetness of your smile?
Will you promise you'll remember me,
And write, once in a while?

I will hold you in my heart and mind
In everything I do,
And pray that when this war is done,
I'll come safe back home to you.

AL Hartley

Hatches, Matches & Despatches - November!

Born in November ...

- 1667 – Jonathon Swift, Irish Author (Gulliver's Travels).
- 1762 – Spencer Perceval, English Statesman and Prime Minister.
- 1889 – Edwin Hubble – American Astronomer
- 1926 – Terry Hall, English Ventriloquist (born in Chadderton, Lancs!)
- 1961 – Frank Bruno, English Boxer.
- 1966 – Jeremy Hunt, British Politician.

Married in November ...

- 1754 – William Pitt The Elder, British PM, to Lady Hester Grenville.
- 1913 – Oliver Hardy, Film Comedian, to Madelyn Saloshin.
- 1945 – Bette Davis, Actress, to William Grant Sherry.
- 1954 – John Wayne, Actor, to Pilar Palette.
- 1999 – Evel Knievel, Motorcycle Stunt Rider, to Krystal Kennedy.
- 2005 – David Jason, Actor, to Gill Hinchcliffe.

Died in November ...

- 1016 – Edmund Ironsides, Saxon King, age 27.
- 1272 – Henry III, King of England, aged 65.
- 1674 – John Milton, English Poet, age 65.
- 1946 – Oscar Wilde, Irish Playwright & Novelist, age 46.
- 1960 – Clark Gable, Actor, aged 59.
- 2009 – Edward Woodward, English Actor, aged 79.

Cheat's Kitchen

Super Quick Quesadillas



You Will Need:

- 2 x flour tortillas
- 3 tbsp tomato puree
- 50g grated cheese
- 1tsp of chopped basil
- Oil for frying

Here's What To Do:

- 1 – Spread one of the tortillas out on a flat surface
- 2 – Spread the tomato puree evenly over the tortilla
- 3 – Sprinkle the grated cheese and chopped basil over the tomato puree.
- 4 – Place the remaining tortilla on top and press down gently.
- 5 – Heat the oil in a large pan, then fry for 2 – 3 minutes on each side, or until the quesadilla is crisp and the cheese has melted.
- 6 – Enjoy!

The Parish Puzzler

Ad ... Quiz

The prefix 'ad' usually means 'moving towards something'; the answer to each of the following is a word which begins with the letters AD ...

1. A substance which is included in food, to make it last longer or stay fresher.
2. The fact of being unable to give up a particular substance or activity.
3. To warn or reprimand someone firmly
4. A city in Southern Australia
5. The place where you live
6. An opponent in conflict or dispute
7. To love and respect someone deeply
8. To confess or own up to something
9. To decorate something to make it more attractive
10. To speak about something, without prior preparation
11. An unusual, exciting or daring experience
12. Being alongside something else
13. A sticky substance
14. The process of running a business or organisation
15. To be afloat without being moored or steered

(Answers on page 38)

Church Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. Who was the incumbent at Ainsworth when the Titanic sank?

A. Alfred Wood

This month's question:

Q. Who was the Incumbent at Ainsworth throughout the whole of World War II?

Answer in next month's magazine.

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
2 nd November All Souls Day	Alison Hartley	N/A	Clergy
5 th November 4 th Sun before Advent	Mags Gillman Dennis Gillman	Lorraine Holden	David Holden
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Scouts	N/A	Scouts
12 th November Candlelit Vigil	Alison Hartley	N/A	N/A
19 th November 2 nd Sun before Advent	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Chris Haworth	Jenny Johnson
26 th November Christ The King	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	David Holden	Andrew Lowe

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
5 th November 4 th Sun before Advent	David Holden	Micah 3.5-12 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 24.1-14
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	Scouts	
19 th November 2 nd Sun before Advent	Jenny Johnson	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30
26 th November Christ The King	Lorraine Holden	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46
3 rd December 1 st Sun of Advent	Beryl Sixsmith	Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37

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Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2 nd & 4 th Sunday
	10.30am	Family Service, 2 nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) 1 st Sunday
Weds	6.15pm	Mid-Week Praise

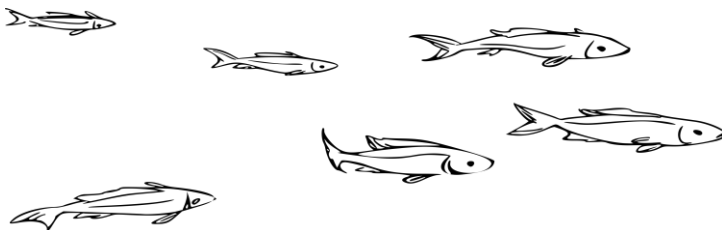
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Answers to 'Ad' Quiz: 1) Additive, 2) Addiction, 3) Admonish, 4) Adelaide, 5) Address, 6) Adversary, 7) Adore, 8) Admit, 9) Adorn, 10) Ad-lib, 11) Adventure, 12) Adjacent, 13) Adhesive, 14) Administration, 15) Adrift.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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Scouts' 14 th Radcliffe	Fridays at 7.45pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
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Guides 12 th Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall Captain Polly Ryder	07437 519045



Little Fishes

David - King Of Israel



People In The Bible

The Bible is a collection of stories that help us to learn about God and God's dealings with people, right from the beginning of the world. The different parts of the Bible are called 'Books'; each Book was written for a special purpose - some books tell us the story of God's chosen people, the children of Israel, some books are filled with wisdom and advice, some books tell us about things which may be in the future; many of the Books of the Bible include stories about ordinary people who played an extraordinary part in history.

King David

When King Saul began to disobey God and go against His will, Samuel the prophet was guided by God to choose David to be the next King of Israel. King Saul realised that the people no longer trusted him, and he became very jealous of David and tried to kill him. David and his family escaped and went into hiding.

When King Saul was eventually killed in a battle, David knew that it was at last time to come out of hiding and present himself to the people, and so he and his family went to the city of Hebron in Judah.



The people of Judah recognised him as their next King, and they all gathered together to anoint him; so many people came along that it turned into a huge celebration which lasted for 3 whole days!!

But even though most of the people were happy for David to be King, there were some who grumbled and said it wasn't fair - they thought that Saul's son should have been the new King.

David knew that if he wanted to bring a lasting peace to the people, he needed to conquer all of the surrounding tribes and settlements once and for all, otherwise everytime things started to settle down in one area, the chances are that a different area would start fighting and arguing.

So David gathered his armies, and together they went in to battle; they fought the people in the North, the South, the East



and the West, and everywhere they went God went with them and lead them, and because David believed and trusted in God, every time his armies were victorious. King David became known as one of the most powerful and mightiest rulers of the time.

But even great leaders can make mistakes. One day as King David was taking a stroll he spotted an incredibly beautiful woman, and at once he fell in love with her. He asked his servants who she was; they answered, "That is Bathsheba, she is the wife of one of your soldiers, his name is Uriah."



King David really wanted to marry Bathsheba, but she was already married to Uriah, so King David hatched a cunning plan to send Uriah off to a really terrible battle, secretly hoping that Uriah would be killed.

Sure enough, before too long the word came back that lots of King David's soldiers had been killed in the battle - including Uriah. As soon as he heard this news, King David asked Bathsheba to marry him.

God was very angry at the way King David had behaved. He sent a prophet called Nathan, to warn David that disaster would strike



because God was angry. The prophet told David that the first child that Bathsheba had after they were married, would die. And sure enough, soon afterwards Bathsheba gave birth to a little boy, who became very poorly and died.

David was very sad that the baby had died, especially as he knew deep down that it was his fault.

David had many other children, including a boy called Solomon, which means "peaceful". The prophet, Nathan, recognised that Solomon would be King of Israel after David, but once again

troubles began as some of David's other sons became jealous and wanted to be King themselves.

To try to stop all of the fighting and arguing, King David had Solomon anointed with oil and declared him to be the next King of Israel. God was pleased with what David had done and things began to settle down and times became more peaceful.



King David wanted to build up a huge temple as his way of saying 'Thank you' to God, but Nathan warned him that this wasn't his task, the building of the temple would be King Solomon's task after King David had died. David had learned his lesson about not disobeying God and making Him angry, and so instead of building the temple, he arranged for all the materials and items that would be needed to be brought, so that after his death, King Solomon would be able to build the temple, but King David would also have played his part.

So, What Can We Learn From King David?

King David was one of the most powerful leaders in history, he believed and trusted in God and did his best to obey God. But sometimes even David made mistakes; however hard we try to follow God, sometimes all of us make mistakes.

God punished David for disobeying Him, but he still loved David, and when David proved that he was sorry, then God forgave him. Anybody can mess up, but the important thing is to own up, say sorry, and be sorry! God loves us even when we make mistakes, and He is always ready to forgive us if we ask Him to.

Prayer Time ...

Heavenly Father, help us to do our best to be good, and kind, and patient. When we get things wrong and make mistakes, help us to be strong enough to admit that we are wrong, and to say sorry. Thank you, Lord, for always loving us - Amen.

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