

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



Harvest At Christ Church Ainsworth
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Sundays

- 8am 2nd & 4th Sundays in church for BCP Communion
- 10.30am in church for Communion / Family Service
- 6.30pm 1st Sundays in church for BCP Evening Prayer

Wednesdays

- 6.30pm in church for Mid-Week Praise

The Prayer Book Society also lists some churches livestreaming BCP services: <https://www.pbs.org.uk/churches-and-services/-1>

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Be Inspired

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Matthew 7; 7-8

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Parish Diary October 2023



OCT. Sun. 1st **THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Weds 4th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise – Creative Church

Sat 7th 7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving (Church & Community Hall)

Sun 8th **HARVEST SUNDAY**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.30am Harvest Festival & Church Parade

Weds 11th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sunday 15th **THE NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY**

10.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Interment of Ashes – John Barlow

Weds 18th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sun 22nd **THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Interment of Ashes – Audrey & Herbert Hudson

Weds 25th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sun 29th **BIBLE SUNDAY**

10.30am Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

Weds 1st 6.30pm MidWeek Praise – Creative Church

Thurs 2nd **ALL SOULS DAY**

6.30pm Service To Remember The Departed

Sun 5th **THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

After all the excitement last month of having completed and submitted our Parish Profile and also received permission to replace our boiler, it would seem reasonable to expect things to be 'moving a pace' ...

Sadly, we are now playing the waiting game once again.

Under normal circumstances there would be many factors for the Diocese to take into account when a vacancy arises within a Parish; however, current circumstances are far from 'normal'. Our Mission Community is in what could be described as 'a state of flux', with numerous Parishes already in interregnum (Christ Church Ainsworth, Christ Church Walshaw, St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe and St. Mary, Radcliffe) and St. Andrew's, Radcliffe preparing to move into interregnum later this month ...

Gone are the days of '1 Parish : 1 Priest' and so the powers that be have the unenviable task of trying to work out how best to allocate clergy between the various vacancies, to try to ensure Parishes and congregations are supported appropriately.

Watch this space for any updates, but it may be best not to hold your breath!!

The outlook for our new boiler is hopefully a little better; delayed somewhat by the fact that our permission finally came through during peak holiday time; all contractors are now back in the country, and we're hoping the work will be carried out towards the end of this month.

It would be great to be able to report in the next magazine that Church is now warm and cosy once more, but let's not get too excited; watch this space ...

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the October 2023 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is, as always, crammed full of news, updates, reminders and information.

Alongside our regular reports and articles this month, you'll find information about Harvest and the Season of Remembrance, a list of requests form 'Porch Boxes', information about World Homeless Week and Bible Sunday, plus a save the date for the Church Christmas Fair.

Also, in this month's magazine you'll find information about the Christ Church Ainsworth '50/50 Lucky Lotto', which launches this month; just one of a number of fundraising initiatives which are planned for the coming months.

As always, make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary / Pew Sheet to keep up to date, and make sure that you don't miss out.

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
August 20th

We welcome into the family of God:
Albie Dover

WEDDINGS
August 5th
August 31st

We offer the Church's congratulations to:
Jodie Simone Gillman & Michael Robert Chilton
Stephanie Bamford & Neil Forster

Flower Rota

8th Oct Mrs. B. Leigh

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.

Plastic Bottles Wanted!



Younger members of our congregation will be making 'bottle bottom poppies' to use within our Service of Remembrance; if you have any empty clear plastic bottles (empty water bottles or pop bottles are ideal), please place them in the box in the Church porch. Please be assured that the parts we don't use will be recycled. Thankyou!

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival this year will be held on Sunday 8th October, when we will once again be supporting 'Porch Boxes'. This local charity is based on the Bradley Fold Trading Estate and provides crisis packs of food and toiletries to local agencies to distribute to local people who are in urgent need.

Porch Boxes distribute in excess of 450 crisis packs each month and have distributed over 50,000 packs since the charity began in 2001.

Donations of produce / toiletries for our Harvest Appeal can be brought to MidWeek Praise on Wednesday 4th October, or to either of our Services in Church on Sunday 8th October.

An Update From Porch Boxes

Thank you so much for continuing to support Porch Boxes, it is very much appreciated. Donations of any tinned or dried food are always welcome, but items which are particularly needed at the moment include:



Tins of:-

Hot Dogs	Tuna
Stew	Meat
Ravioli.	Chilli con Carne
Meatballs	Spaghetti Bolognese
Beans and Sausage	Spaghetti
Fruit	
Pasta in sauce	Instant noodles
Savoury Rice.	Tea bags(40s)
Biscuits	Bottles of squash

UHT milk – full fat or semi skimmed

"Bags for Life" are also very gratefully received.

Thank you again from the Porch Boxes Volunteers.

Private Prayer

Our Church is now 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.

Many thanks to our volunteer 'Church Sitters', who have made it possible for us to offer this opportunity once more.

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

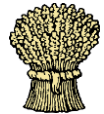
This fabulous fundraiser will be launching on Sunday 1st October. Tickets cost £1 each and are available at the back of Church; you can enter as many times as you like!

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!!

Harvest Thanksgiving & 'Jacob's Join' Supper



Saturday 7th October 7pm onwards in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. This event is intended to be not only a Harvest celebration, but also a celebration of all that has been achieved during the first 6 months of our interregnum, and a thank you to our whole Church family for being part of the life of our Church.

All age fun and games plus 'Jacob's Join' supper. Everyone welcome; we would love to share this event with as many people as possible, so we've done our best to keep costs to a minimum. Tickets are available in Church or from any PCC member; adults £4, children under 12yrs £2, family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £10.

EcoChurch



If you've been into Church in the last couple of weeks, you may already have spotted the EcoChurch information displayed in the Church porch. For each of the EcoChurch categories, the display gives a brief summary of the things that we've done so far, future plans / possibilities, and also some suggestions of ways in which we could improve our own 'Eco-credentials'.

Don't forget to have a look next time you're in Church!

Eco Church Top Tip for October:

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of the breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

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.**

At this Service we take time to reflect and remember members of our families, friends, members of our local community and our worshipping community who are no longer with us.

The names of those for whom a funeral has been held in Church during the past year, will automatically be included in the list of names to be read out at this service, but if you would like the name of a friend or loved one to be added to the list, please put the names of those you wish to be read out, in the red box at the back of church, or, leave a message on 01204 595378. To allow time for printing, the last date for receiving names is Thursday 26th October.

Candlelit Vigil

Alternatively, if you 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.

Bible Sunday – 29th October 2023

The word 'Bible' is derived from the Greek word 'Biblos', meaning a collection of books; the books of the Bible were all written at different times, by different people and in different places, but the common denominator is that all those who wrote these books were inspired and moved by God – in effect, the Bible is the written Word of God.

For centuries, the Bible has been having a profound impact on people, and in many cases quite literally changing lives. The Bible has been translated into over 690 different languages and sells over 100 million copies every year.

Bible Sunday is a day on which churches celebrate the continuing impact that the bible has on individuals and communities all over the world.

The Bible Society have some great resources for Bible Sunday; to find out more visit biblesociety.org.uk

The Bible Reading Fellowship also has a very user friendly website and offers a number of different publications to guide and direct daily Bible study. Visit brf.org.uk to see the books and Bible reading notes available - they also offer attractive Christmas cards - or contact Jane Lord on 0161 764 1551.

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 available soon.



Raising Awareness – World Homeless Week; 8th – 15th October 2023



This year World Homeless Week will run from

8-15th October; it is the sixth annual World Homeless Week. World Homeless Week is an opportunity to share vital information about homelessness, raise awareness, debunk common myths, celebrate success stories, and also an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the various charities and organisations that work to support those who are homeless and help individuals to rebuild their lives.

The Church Homeless Charity believes that every homeless individual deserves the help and support they need to rebuild their lives. They are committed to providing the tailored support that individuals need to help them along their journey.

A Bit Of History ... In 1882, Revd Wilson Carlile began to work with homeless people in London. He would often spend nights on the Thames Embankment in winter in order to care for those sleeping rough. Revd Carlile founded Church Army Housing in 1924, setting up drink-free hostels and work opportunities for people trying to stay off the streets and improve their lot in life. Over the years, many other hostels were set up all over England.

In 1977, this accommodation was transferred to the Church Housing Association, as the Church Army did not have access to public funding to maintain the properties.

Over the next 30 years, a number of mergers and transfers occurred, until in 2006, English Churches Housing Group merged with the Riverside Group. The project's purposes remained the same: to provide supported living for individuals who have experienced homelessness.

Although many of the hostels which are managed by this group receive state funding, this does not provide the support that individuals need to rebuild their lives and establish a home.

Church Homeless Trust remains an independent charity raising funds for homeless people and providing funds for non-statutory services and support that individuals would not otherwise get. The Trust helps people to become confident and healthy through training, activities, and personal support; funds can be provided for clothes and travel so that people can start volunteering or working; the trust can also provide basic household goods when individuals are ready to move into a home of their own.

For more information about the work of the Church Homeless Charity visit www.churchhomelesscharity.co.uk

Just A Thought ...

“The only true failure, is never having tried.”

Parish Finances

Finance is always a tricky subject to approach; we are aware that many of our regular attenders give generously on a regular basis, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. We are also aware that, for many, the cost-of-living crisis means that they have to think more carefully than ever about where limited funds can be spent. The fact remains, however, that since the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting lock downs, the numbers attending Church regularly have fallen, and this coupled with increasing costs, plus some fairly large essential expenses, mean that our Parish finances are at an all-time low.

Did You Know ...

- It costs around £1,300 per week to run and maintain our Church - that includes the cost of heating, electricity, repairs, insurance and maintenance, plus the cost of ministry within our Parish, and our Parish Share payment to the Diocese.
- That's a total of around £68,000 per year! If it wasn't for the hard work and commitment of our volunteers, and the general cost savings we manage to achieve each year, it would be far more.
- Our Church does not receive any financial support from the Government or local Authority. The only small reserves we have come from legacies or gifts; these funds have been given to maintain the church fabric or the Churchyard and cannot be used for our week by week running costs.
- Attendance at some of our Services can be in excess of 40 people, yet the total collection money received can be as little as £5. **Just to break even, we need to increase our average income by around £268 per week.**
- There are many ways in which you could help to support your Church.

If you value your village Church and all that it has to offer, please consider whether you may be able to review your giving or involvement.

****If you would like to consider setting up a standing order for regular giving, please contact our Treasurer – davelholden@aol.co.uk**

****If you would like information about Weekly Envelopes and Gift Aid, please contact our Gift Aid Officer, Carole Butler - 07379 196608.**

****If you would like to consider volunteering or helping out in any other way, please speak to Revd Debra or Revd Elaine, or contact either Alison Hartley or Chris Haworth (Churchwardens). Thank you.**

Online Giving

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, we are now able to accept online donations to support the work of our church.

Online giving is done via a website called 'Give A Little'; you can access our page by clicking on the following link:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/4e852de9-3667-426f-ae72-1747784eda0c>

Or by scanning the following QR code with your mobile phone:



Once you've done that, choose the amount you wish to donate – the suggested options are £5, £10, £20 or £50, but there is also an option to click and choose your own amount. Next, simply follow the on screen instructions - fill in your personal details, (if you are a tax payer you can choose to add Gift Aid to increase your donation), then enter your card

details. When you're finished, you'll get a 'Thank You' message on screen and you can request a receipt via email for your own records – simple!

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

Our cause is registered as Ainsworth Parish Church, Bolton and currently has 26 supporters registered. Many thanks to everyone who has used / continues to use the easyfundraising platform to raise donations our current fundraising total is £902-08.

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 Monday 23rd October from 2 - 3pm at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, with the same session repeated on Tuesday 31st October 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

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

All proceeds to Church funds

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



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH



HARVEST THANKSGIVING JACOB'S JOIN SUPPER

**Saturday 7th October, from 7pm
Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

- Includes Beetle, Bingo & family quiz
- Followed by a 'Jacob's Join' supper; each person / group brings a sweet or savoury dish to create a 'grand buffet' (see list in church if you need some ideas!)
- Tea, coffee & squash provided, but please bring your own 'drinks'
- Please join us as we celebrate Harvest, and also give thanks for our many volunteers, and all that has been achieved in recent months.

Tickets available in Church or from any PCC member; Adults £4, Children under 12yrs £2, Family ticket (2+2) £10.

For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND



Ainsworth Parish Church – break time for tea and cake



Exercise isn't just for the gym.

Doing something active is a form of exercise.

Being active with others is good for social and mental health.

There are many local opportunities to get active through volunteer work.

Ainsworth Churchyard is one opportunity. Every Wednesday, volunteers come together to help tidy the churchyard – clearing leaves, mowing grass, tidying the graves. There are jobs for any age or capacity. Tea, cake and a chat split the session into two halves. All are welcome.

Every Wednesday

Come rain or shine!

9:00/9:30 – 11.45 a.m.



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."*





Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 10th October

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service – Manchester

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

22 OCTOBER, 2023 - 2.30PM

**A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.**

[SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG](https://sayinggoodbye.org)

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 10th October

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome

Harvest Thanksgiving & Bring And Share Supper

Saturday 7th October

7pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

An evening of food, fun and friendship; everyone welcome!

Tickets available in Church or from any PCC member - adults £4, under 12s £2, family ticket (2+2) £10. For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

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.cognitoforms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingFamilyCoachTripLlandudnoSaturday16thSeptember2023>

Mission Community - Exploring Prayer

Monday 11th September, 2.30 – 3.30pm, St. Thomas & St. John

Tuesday 12th September, 7.30 – 8.30pm, St. Andrew's, Hillock

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

Save the Date!!

Christ Church Ainsworth Christmas Fair

Saturday 18th November

11-2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Stalls, refreshments & more; everyone welcome.

Save the Date!!

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 2nd December

7pm, Christ Church Ainsworth

Get into the Christmas spirit with Christmas music, mulled wine & mince pies; tickets available soon.

Around The Organisations ...

Cubs

What a busy first week back in September. The changes in times for Beavers and Cubs seems to be working well once we had got folks in the right groups.

New to Cubs are: J. Filidoro, L. McDonald, P. Higgins, G. Riu, A. Robinson, J. Livesey, A. Crook, M. Walker, M. Stretton, E. Cowgill, J. Moores, M. Hall, S. Leigh.

Sixers: S. Fogg, J. Yates, N. Armstrong, A. Lees and Seconds: H. Shawcross, B. Hart, G. Fallon, N. Porter, J. Armstrong, B. McDonald

Cubs are now busy working on their Adventure Challenge – learning how to pack a rucksack for camp, going on a short hike, making ballistas and trying out new sports are just a few of the activities required.

We are still looking for extra help in the pack, please think seriously if you feel you can help in any way.

Gwen White

Baloo

Scouts

We have come back from the summer break with over 30 Scouts; 4 have moved to us from our own Cubs and we have had 3 transfer from elsewhere. Welcome all, hope you enjoy your Scouting.

Over the coming months the Scouts will be completing their Master at Arms Badge by doing some Archery and Axe throwing. They will also be completing their Communications Badge, so learning a phrase in another language (not teen speak, as I have no idea what they are talking about half the time ha ha ha!).

September also saw us hold our annual Macmillan Coffee Evening.

As you are aware we are heading to Switzerland again next year and are constantly fundraising - apologies for asking for money all the time, but we would like to thank everyone for their constant support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mollie for all the time she has spent with us in Scouts and wish her well on her move to the Beaver Section. Good luck Mollie, you will be missed.

Stacey - On behalf of the leaders

Fundraising Treats



As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be selling Halloween / Bonfire Night sweet cones and hot chocolate cones.

Sweet cones are £2.50 and hot chocolate cones are £1.50 (we have seen them on sale elsewhere for a lot

more money).

If you would like to order some cones, please follow the below link and place your order by no later than Friday 13th October.

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

These treats will be available for collection on 20th October from Ainsworth Church and Community Hall.



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>

Transformation - Now!



We regret that, due to work commitments, holiday commitments and sickness, we were unable to sort out anyone to open up and take the planned meeting in early September. We plan to address branch discussion topics, in bite size pieces, over the course of the next couple of months.

At the time of writing, the country is currently in the grip of a heatwave. It seems strange to think that by the end of this month, the clocks will have gone back, and we will be looking forward to Advent and Christmas!

In mid-August, we all enjoyed a visit from Cath Hilton who informed us about the important work going on in the diocese and upcoming discussions about how we best utilise Mary Sumner House in London. Only the previous day, Cath had completed a zipwire ride (or should it be flight?!) to raise funds for the 'Summer of Hope' appeal and had even brought the video for us to watch. Velocity 2 is a 1.5km zip line over Penrhyn Quarry, Snowdonia, travelling at a speed of 100mph. All of us agreed that we wouldn't be brave enough to do it! The safer and happier option was that we were able to give Cath around £75 for the appeal.

At our first meeting on the 3rd October, one of our members will tell us about her 'lifetime commitment to volunteering'. We look forward to hearing her inspirational stories.

Two weeks later, on the 17th, we shall meet for a time of fellowship and fun.

Tuesday 31st October, Andrew will once again lead us in a Mothers' Union service.

All our meetings and the service will be in the Church and Community Hall at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council will be held at St John's House, Bury on Saturday 21st October from 10.30am. Council meetings are always enjoyable, informative, inspirational and motivational occasions, and I would commend it to all members and friends.

Finally, we wish Jean E. a speedy recovery following her stay in hospital.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – October 1998

The inside front cover of the October 1998 Parish Magazine includes a wonderful sketch entitled 'Shaping Our Landscapes', with a footer identifying this as being part of '1 World Week – 18-25/10/1998'; whilst there isn't any more detail within the magazine, the suggestion from the sketch is that this was part of an educational campaign around 'land-fill and waste disposal.

Moving on to the Parish Diary, there were details of the forthcoming Harvest celebrations; Harvest Supper on the Saturday evening, followed by 'Harvest Communion', Harvest Family & Parade Service, and finally a Harvest Evensong.

In 'News From The Parish', there was a reminder that anyone wishing to attend the Confirmation classes should speak to the Vicar; a thankyou to the 'White family and Hood family' for organising and hosting what seems to have been a very popular American style brunch; a request for 'knitters' to take part in a scheme which aimed to produce hats and scarves for homeless people; and a mention that the newly commissioned hymn books were now being used by those attending the main Sunday Services.

In other news, Father Alan reported on the Parish Weekend that had recently been held at Whalley Abbey; this must have been a success as the venue had been booked in advance for the following year; the PCC reported that following much discussion about Parish Finances, it had been decided that the proposal to build a new toilet in Church would have to be put on hold; the Social Committee had produced a list of the stalls planned for the Church Christmas Fair; and a number of the groups and uniformed organisations were planning ahead, with requests for goods to be donated for their stalls.

In October 1998, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mr. David Barlow, 'whose practical help for the Church is always appreciated'. In

October 1998 there were 3 Weddings and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no Baptisms. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 396, with the Collections listed as £1531.

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.



Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (William Williams 1717 – 1791)

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

“Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer” has been used for worship in congregations around the globe and across denominational lines. It was also incorporated in two of the most televised services of the last two decades, the funeral of Princess Diana of Wales (1997) and the royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton (2011).

The author of this widely popular hymn is William Williams (1717-1791), born in Carmarthenshire, Wales, to John and Dorothy Williams. Williams grew up as an Independent and later a Calvinist. It was near Talgarth that he first encountered the preaching of Howell Harris, which led to his conversion experience. Shortly after, he abandoned his Independent upbringing to pursue ordination in the Established Church.

In 1744, after being accused of several misdemeanours against the Church of England, Williams devoted himself to Methodism; the Welsh text for this hymn was written soon after this in 1745.

Williams interweaves imagery from the Old Testament book of Exodus to evoke a sense of God's guidance through strife. One of the reasons this hymn has influenced such a broad array of congregants is the universal subject of struggle. Every Christian, and indeed every person, encounters difficulties. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" affirms the reality that God provides for us and redeems all wrong in the world. The God who provided for the Hebrew people wandering amidst "barren lands" with "Bread of Heaven" is still and ever will be a God of provisional grace.

Praying Through The Seasons ... Harvest



"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."
Genesis 8; v22

Traditionally, Harvest would have been a celebration of God's bounty; to small rural communities that relied on agriculture for their very existence, a good Harvest was quite literally a life saver, and definitely a cause for praise and thanksgiving.

In today's world, most communities are less dependent on the land for their existence, but Harvest is still a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise God's goodness and provision in all creation, as well as the relative abundance of food that is available to us. It is a time to give special thanks and praise to God for the way He reveals himself to us in the wonders of his creation, a time to reflect on all that we have, and to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and lacking in many of the resources that we can so easily take for granted.

God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us

thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You Might Like To Read ...

*"World Turned Upside Down
The Psalms And The Spirituality Of Pain - Finding A Way Through",
by Alison Morgan, published by BRF.*

There are no simple answers to life's challenges, so how do we integrate our most testing experiences into our faith in a way which strengthens rather than undermines it? When we are at our weakest, when we feel we most need God and yet have no idea how to talk to him, it is the Psalms which leap to our rescue.

With the psalmists as our guides, we learn to draw closer to God, to hear his voice in fresh ways, and to identify what it is that troubles us. Borrowing their words, we find that we are able to articulate our most painful feelings and walk through suffering with honesty, hope, and confidence in the God who travels beside us. Here is an opportunity to read the Psalms differently: an invitation to embark on a new journey."

"This book is for anyone seeking stability through life's troubles. A therapeutic way of reading the Psalms, World Turned Upside Down helps you articulate and work through pain by turning to the words of the Psalms."

Hatches, Matches & Despatches - October!

Born in October ...

- 1207 – Henry III, King of England.
- 1881 – William Boeing, American aviation pioneer.
- 1910 – Bonnie Parker, American Outlaw (Bonnie & Clyde).
- 1935 – Julie Andrews, British Actress.
- 1949 – Andre Rieu, Dutch Violinist and conductor.
- 1956 – Theresa May, former British Prime Minister.

Married in October ...

- 1539 – Henry VIII, King of England, to 4th wife, Anne of Cleves.
- 1802 – William Wordsworth, Romantic Poet, to Mary Hutchinson.
- 1970 – John Major, former British Prime minister, to Norma Johnson.

1992 – Barack Obama, former US President, to Michelle Robinson.
1994 – Whoopi Goldberg, Singer and Actress, to Lyle Trachtenberg.
2001 – Ralf Schumacher, F1 Driver, to Cora Brinkmann.

Died in October ...

1066 – Harold II, last crowned Anglo-Saxon King of England, aged 44.
1669 – Rembrandt van Rijn, Dutch Painter aged 63.
1890 – Catherine Booth, co-founder of The Salvation Army, aged 61.
1959 – Errol Flynn, Australian Actor, aged 50.
1977 – Bing Crosby, American Singer, aged 74.
2022 – Robbie Coltrane, Scottish Comedian and Actor, aged 72.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Forgotten Grave Yard

In this place of timeless beauty,
Silence lingers in the air,
Softly lapping round the fallen stones
Of walls, no longer there.

In this wilderness of sprawling trees,
The Ivy runs amok,
Reaching out long, tendrilled fingers,
Grasping earth and stone and rock.

Cloaking long forgotten Lych Gate,
Tendrils curling over head,
Reaching out to touch the gravestones
Of the long forgotten dead.

Entwining fallen statues,
Claiming footpaths for her own,
Snaking silently to conquer ancient steps
Worn in the stone.

Here amidst the scattered ruins,
Nature's banner flies unfurled,
In this place of timeless beauty,
Long forgotten by the world.

Space To Share A Prayer

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

For the colouring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

For the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

For the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

For the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

For the harvest that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

For this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J

Cheat's Kitchen

Pizza Pie



You Will Need:

- 1 pack of ready rolled puff pastry
- 3 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 x small tin cooked mixed veg, drained
- 1tsp of chopped basil
- 50g grated cheese

Here's What To Do:

- 1 – Spread the pastry sheet on a baking tray, with the paper left under the sheet.
- 2 – Spread the tomato puree evenly over the pastry sheet.
- 3 – Spoon the chopped veg and basil over the tomato puree, then sprinkle grated cheese over the whole lot.
- 4 – Cook at 180c for approx 20 mins, or until the cheese is melted.
- 5 – Enjoy!

Time For A Smile

I'd like to go to church, but ... there's an alphabet of excuses!!

A is for Auntie, who's coming to tea,
B is for bed, which won't release me.
C is for car - "we need the fresh air" -
D is for dinner that Mum must prepare.
E for enthusiasm, which I haven't got,
F is for foursomes in golf - quite a lot.
G is for garden, much "nearer God's heart,"
H is for husband, who won't play his part.
I for intruders who sit in my pew,
J for the jealousy shown by a few.
K is for knitting, which Mum likes so much,
L the old language, it's so out of touch.
M is for money, they always want more,
N for new tunes that I've not heard before.
O is for overtime, double on Sunday,
P the preparing I must do for Monday.
Q for queer noises which come from the choir,
R for the rector - he ought to retire.
S is for sermons, as dull as can be,
T for the telly I really must see.
U for unfriendliness I always find,
V for the voice of the woman behind.
W for weather, too much rain or snow,
X is for extras, too busy to go.
Y for young rowdies who sit at the back,
Z is for zeal - and that's just what I lack.

From the 'ACE Website' – Author unknown.

Straplines

Television is an invention that allows you to be entertained in your living room by people you would never choose to invite into your home.

Youth would be really great if it came a bit later in life.

Of all the things that we wear, our expression is the most important.

The Parish Puzzler

How many different words can you make from the following letters?

H A R V E S T F E S T I V A L

Fruit & Veg Anagrams

1. W R L C I O U F A E L
2. C I C R O O B L
3. I S A P N R P
4. I H R A S D
5. S C S E R
6. S S U B Q T H T N U U T A E
7. L S L O H T A
8. O S O H U M R M
9. E C E T W N S R O
10. A A B B C E G
11. P E L A P
12. E E A I C N T R
13. A P H E C
14. O O R R E G B S Y E
15. N A B N A A
16. O L N E M
17. M N E L O
18. O M N A G
19. H Y C R E R
20. E R E B Y R U B L

(Answers on page 34)

Church Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. Who was the incumbent at Ainsworth Parish Church in the year that Queen Victoria acceded to the throne?

A. Richard Heslop

This month's question:

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

Answer in next month's magazine.

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
1 st Oct 17 th Sunday after Trinity	Mags Gillman Dennis Gillman	Chris Haworth	David Holden
8 th Oct Harvest Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Brownies / Guides	Church Parade	Brownies / Guides
15 th Oct 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Jan Burrow	Jenny Johnson
22 nd Oct 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Carole Butler	Andrew Lowe
29 th Oct Bible Sunday	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Alison Hartley	Alison Hartley

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
1 st Oct 17 th Sunday after Trinity	David Holden	Exodus 17.1-7 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32
8 th Oct Harvest Sunday	Guides	
15 th Oct 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Enid Horrocks	Matthew 25. 31-46
22 nd Oct 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Beryl Sixsmith	Exodus 33.12-23 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22
29 th Oct Bible Sunday	Alison Hartley	Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35

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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

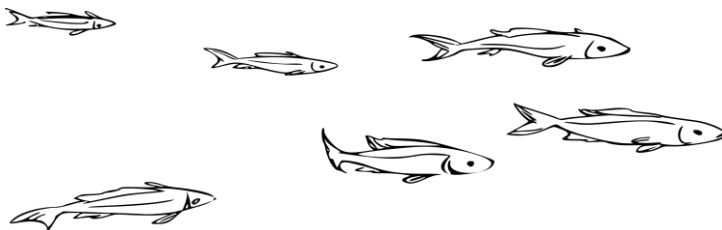
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Answers to Fruit & Veg Anagrams: 1) Cauliflower, 2) Broccoli, 3) Parsnip 4) Radish, 5) Cress, 6) Butternut Squash, 7) Shallot, 8) Mushroom, 9) sweetcorn, 10) Cabbage, 11) Apple, 12) Nectarine, 13) Peach, 14) Gooseberry, 15) Banana, 16) Melon, 17) Lemon, 18) Mango, 19) Cherry, 20) Blueberry.

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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Beaver Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall Leader	
Cub Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
Scouts' 14 th Radcliffe	Fridays at 7.45pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
Explorers	Friday 7.30 – 9.30pm; in the Church Hall Leader John Turner	01204 381590
Brownies 12 th Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm to 8.15pm in the Church Hall Brown Owl Polly Ryder	07437 519045
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Guides 12 th Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall Captain Polly Ryder	07437 519045



Little Fishes

David And King Saul



People In The Bible

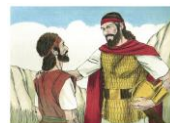
The Bible is a collection of stories that help us to learn about God and God's dealings with people, right from the beginning of the world. The different parts of the Bible are called 'Books'; each Book was written for a special purpose - some books tell us the story of God's chosen people, the children 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.

David & King Saul

King Saul was the very first King, chosen by God, to lead the people of Israel. To start with, King Saul listened to God and did his best to lead his people well; but after a while, Saul began to forget that he had once been a simple, ordinary person, he forgot that all his wealth and riches were a gift from God; he began to turn into a mean and ungrateful person who said and did exactly what he wanted to.

The people of Israel noticed this and became worried; God noticed it too, and he had already decided that at some time in the future, David, the young shepherd boy who had killed the giant, Goliath, would become the next King of the Israelites.

After David killed Goliath, the King was very pleased with him, and asked him to go to live in the palace with King Saul and the King's family. King Saul had a son named Jonathan, and David and Jonathan became best friends.



David also joined the army and won many more battles for Israel. All of the Israelites loved David, and they made songs to sing about him. When King Saul heard the songs, though, he became

jealous. He thought that people were starting to like David more than they liked him.

Saul was in such a bad mood about it that he asked David to play some music on his harp to cheer him up. But while David was



playing his harp, King Saul flew into a rage! He picked up a spear and threw it at David. He tried to kill David because people liked David more than him, but David was guided by God; he quickly moved out of the way, and the spear missed him.

Saul said he was sorry and blamed it on his bad mood, but in fact, King Saul was just really, really jealous of David, and wanted to get rid of him.

King Saul came up with a cunning plan; he sent David to fight in another war against the Philistines, and secretly King Saul hoped that David would die in the battle against the Philistines! But he didn't.

When David came back from the wars, King Saul pretended to be really pleased to see him. He told him, "David, I want you to marry my daughter, Princess Michal. All you have to do is kill one hundred Philistines."



King Saul secretly thought, "David will never be able to kill a hundred Philistines. They'll kill him for sure!!"

And so, David went off to war.

David did not kill a hundred Philistine soldiers. David didn't kill 150 Philistine soldiers. David killed more than 200 Philistine soldiers, and so, King Saul had to let David marry Princess Michal.

By now, King Saul was even more jealous of David. Finally, he told his son, Jonathan, and the rest of his soldiers to kill David. But Jonathan was David's best friend, and he warned David to run away.

David went home, but some of Saul's soldiers followed him, intending to kill him. Thankfully, Princess Michal, David's wife, spotted the soldiers sneaking up to the house that she and David were staying in; she warned David and helped him to escape out of the window.

Some of the soldiers actually liked David more than King Saul, and so they went with him, and they made their own army in the desert. David and his little rebel army would attack Israel's enemies, but they would never attack King Saul or his army.

King Saul was even more angry with David now; not only had he escaped; he had taken some of King Saul's soldiers off with him!! Again and again, King Saul and his army went after David so that King Saul could kill him.

One time, David and his army were hiding in a really deep cave.

King Saul didn't know they were in there, so he went into the cave to rest. The King's guards waited outside the cave. David sneaked up behind King Saul and carefully cut off a piece of Saul's



robe. When Saul had rested and walked back out of the cave, David followed him and said, "Look!" He showed him the piece of Saul's robe he had cut off. David said, "I could have killed you today, but I didn't. Why are you trying to kill me?"

Saul was astonished that David hadn't killed him; he knew that if he had found David asleep, he would not have hesitated to kill him. King Saul promised that he would leave David alone from then on.

But guess what ... not long afterwards, Saul got jealous of David again, and once again he took his army to chase David and try to kill him. This time, when it was dark, and everyone was sleeping, David sneaked into King Saul's camp and took Saul's spear and water jug.

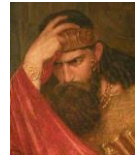


When David had sneaked back out of King Saul's camp, he stood up tall and shouted loudly, saying, "King Saul, look! I have your spear

and water jug. I could have killed you tonight, but I didn't. Why are you trying to kill me?"

And once again, King Saul said he was sorry and went home.

King Saul never stopped being jealous of David; he knew deep down that David was a much better and kinder person than he was, and he also knew that the people of Israel loved and respected David more than they would ever love and respect him.



Eventually King Saul was killed during a battle with the Philistine people, and at last David was able to become the next King of the Israelite people.

So, What Can We Learn From David & King Saul?

There are lots of things that we can learn from this story: the first thing for Christians to learn, is that the story shows us how God can protect us and is on our side when we truly believe and trust in Him, as David did. To start with, King Saul had been thankful and had truly believed and trusted in God; it was only when he stopped trusting God and obeying God's commands that things started to go wrong for him.

Another really important lesson to learn from this story, is that jealousy is a bad thing; it's never okay to be mean and horrible to someone, even if they are being mean and horrible to you. Even though King Saul was chasing David and trying to kill him, David knew that it would be wrong to hurt King Saul back.

If someone is behaving badly to you, you should always talk to a grown up about it - someone at home or a teacher at school - ask them to help you to sort things out rather than being mean and horrible back.

Prayer Time ...

Heavenly Father, help us to have a loving heart that even loves our enemies. When someone does something wrong to us, help us to be the better person and to do the right thing. Amen.

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