

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



'Twas A Cold Frosty Morning
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Parish Diary February 2025



CANDLEMAS

Sun 2 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Maisie & Olivia Dickinson
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Weds 5 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sun 9 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Church Parade
	12 Noon	Interment of Ashes
Tues 11 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 12 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sun 16 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Be Still

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sun 23 rd	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>followed by refreshments & drawing of the February Lucky Lotto</i>)
Weds 26 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

MARCH

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Sun 2 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer



Interregnum Update

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43; v19.

Whilst we may still be experiencing cold, wet weather and dark nights and mornings; all around us there are the first signs of Spring.

Snowdrops are appearing, tiny leaf buds can be seen on the hedgerows, the birds are singing earlier and settling later. The seasons change as they always have and always will; hope and new beginnings are all around us – *behold, I am doing a new thing ...*

And this is true not just of the weather and the seasons. God is at work in all aspects of our lives - in our families, our relationships, our communities, and in the life of our Church.

Nothing stays the same; like the seasons, the bad times pass, as do the good times. Each season of our lives brings something different; something to be learned, maybe the challenge of taking a new direction, but if we can look and see God at work within those seasons, even in the difficult times there will always be hope – *behold, I am doing a new thing ...*

Throughout history, the Church has experienced the same seasons; times of flourishing and revival have been followed by times of oppression and doubt; the changes that result from these seasons are a kind of evolution, a way of adapting and reimagining to ensure our Churches stay relevant and survive – *behold, I am doing a new thing!*

As our Church approaches the 2nd anniversary of our interregnum, perhaps it would be helpful to view this period of time in the same way; not as a dark time which must be endured, but as a changing of the seasons, a time which has allowed us to review what we do and how we work; an opportunity to try new things and make new connections; an opportunity for people to explore their own gifts and to consider what they might bring to the life of our Church. Whilst interregnum is hard work and unsettling, it can also be a time of great hope and opportunities – *behold, I am doing a new thing!*

The vacancy at Christ Church Ainsworth has been advertised again in recent weeks, and soon we will hear whether there have been any applicants this time. Let us all hope and pray that the coming months bring the appointment of a new Incumbent to work alongside us and continue to build on all that has been achieved; to begin the next season of the life of our Church and worshipping community.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the February 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; a whole month has passed since Christmas and New Year, and it seems incredible that we are already moving swiftly on our way towards Lent ...

Once again, our Parish Magazine is packed with interesting reports, articles and information. Alongside our regular articles, this month you'll find some fabulous pictures taken around the village during the recent snowy weather, an update from our Christingle Service held at the end of last year, news from our Mission Community, information about Candlemas, and a whole list of dates for your diary for the coming weeks and months; please do check the Parish Diary & Pew Sheet also for regular updates.

Many thanks, as always, to those who put finger to keyboard each month to keep us p to date and informed. If your group or organisation has something to report, or you'd like to include an article in a future edition, please get in touch at ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com

Alison

From The Registers

We welcome to the family of God:

26th January 2025 Penelope Coyne

We commend to God's keeping:

6th January 2025 John Bulcock

10th January 2025 Jane Mary Lord

Flower Rota

2nd February – Christine Dawson

16th February – In memory of Jean Clifford

Just A Thought

Our efforts may seem at times like a drop in the ocean; but the oceans are made up of many drops.

Let It Snow!

The recent cold snap may have caused traffic and travel disruption, but it didn't keep everyone indoors. Here are a few of the many pictures taken by our parishioners during 'the big freeze'.



Parish Magazine Advertising

If you own or manage a local business, have you considered advertising in our Parish Magazine? The Magazine is emailed out directly to almost 300 people every month, and also uploaded to our FaceBook page, website and 'A Church Near You' page, as well as being shared to Christ Church Ainsworth School.

Our advertising year runs from March through to February; for more info / price options, email ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com

EcoChurch



Caring for our environment isn't limited to our church-based activities; we can all make small changes to our lifestyles which, collectively, would undoubtedly make a difference.

In the coming months we'll be giving you a 'Make a difference' idea each month, letting you know what we're doing to implement these ideas in Church, plus suggesting small changes that you might like to try to incorporate into your own home or daily routine.

Make A Difference - February:

Communication – *At Church we now send many of our communications out via e-mail; this is quicker, more cost effective – AND has a much lower carbon footprint than traditional hand written / printed communications. It has the added bonus that we're saving paper as many things can be viewed and actioned without the need to print.*

It's lovely to receive a letter / card through the post, and there are many things that still need to be sent by mail, but did you know that the carbon footprint of a letter written / typed on non-recycled paper and sent via mail, ultimately ending up in landfill, is over 350 x greater than that same document sent via email and viewed online?

Could you consider receiving invoices, bank statements and similar documents via email?

Christingle 2024 Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christingle Service at Church on Wednesday 4th December. It was a very enjoyable Service and a lovely way to start the festive season.

Firstly, I would like to thank Debra and Alison for their help organising and conducting the Service, and the fabulous Midweek Praise Children for singing so beautifully. All of the adults were a little teary-eyed afterwards! I should also like to thank Gwen for her very kind donation of the Smartie tubes, as these raised a wonderful £137.63. Thanks to all of the children for remembering to fill them with 20p or £1.00 coins, as your donations will help other children in real need. A further £149.08 was collected from Christingle envelopes and from cash placed on the collection plate at the Service. Thank you for your generosity.

I also must thank the 16th Radcliffe Brownies for taking part in the Christingle Challenge and raising £29.90 for the Christingle appeal.

This means that a grand total of **£316.61** was collected for The Children's Society and their work with young people!!

The impact of your donations cannot be overstated. It is estimated that right now as many as 1.5million children are struggling with fears and anxiety or abuse. The Children's Society believes that every child should be protected and have the resources they need to thrive. One teenager who was helped, Rosie, says "Supporters should know that they're doing something amazing".

So, thank you so much for everything you have donated, it all goes to the charity to fund their projects for children. As Mark Russell Chief Executive of The Children's Society says, "Thank you. On behalf of everyone at The Children's Society and all the young people we work with, I wish you a very happy new year".

Susan Campbell
Local Secretary for The Children's Society



Candlemas

Originally known as 'The Feast Of The Purification Of The Blessed Virgin Mary', this ancient Christian festival is celebrated on 2nd of February, and commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus. On this day, Christians also commemorate the presentation of Christ in the Temple – 40 days after the birth of a Jewish boy it was customary to take him to the Temple to be presented to God by his thankful parents.

This ancient festival also marks the midway point between the shortest day and the Spring equinox, and became known as the 'Festival of Lights' as people celebrated the lengthening of daylight with the approach of Spring.

In more recent times, the term Candlemas has slipped into our dialogue; on this day, traditionally, the candles that would be used to light the Church, and within worship, throughout the coming year, would be brought into Church and blessed.

Candles were important, not only as a source of light, but as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world;

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8; 12

Prayer Changes Things



“When I pray, coincidences happen. When I don’t, they don’t.”

Archbishop William Temple

Prayer is an integral part of Christianity; it isn’t a magical formula for getting what we want, and it isn’t reserved for ‘holy’ people, or for special times or places. Prayer is talking to God.

Christians believe that God created everyone to be in relationship with him, and that he loves to hear from each one of us as often as possible.

There are many reasons why we might pray; thanking God for what he has given us, praising God for who he is, asking God for help, or telling him that we’re sorry and asking for forgiveness. Or we might simply want to tell God what’s on our hearts.

Prayer Opportunities At Christ Church Ainsworth:

Prayer Tree – feel free to write a short prayer on 1 of the paper leaves you’ll find in church, then hang your leaf on our Prayer Tree.



Transforming Prayer Community – a diocese-wide community that seeks to connect and reconnect us with this simple vocation to pray. For more info or to sign up, visit www.manchesteranglican.org

Quiet Prayer Time – our Church is open most Wednesday afternoons between 2.30 – 4pm for quiet prayer & reflection.

Jesus Prayer Hour – via Zoom on the 4th Tuesday of each month

Candlelight Prayer – via Zoom each Friday at 8pm

For more info on any of these prayer opportunities email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Essential First Aid Course

Friday 28th Feb 3.30pm-6.15pm at Christ's Church Harwood, Stitch-mi-Lane, Harwood. This free session will cover essential basic life support skills but is not certificated for Workplace or Uniformed Organisations leaders' needs. Please sign up on the form at the back of church or contact Gina to reserve a place - 07712715997.

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The January Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 26th January, with the lucky winner walking away with £19-50!

This fabulous fundraiser runs 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 is drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month, when the winner receives 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.

We're aware that not everyone carries cash with them, so to make it even easier, you can now enter the Lucky Lotto via direct payment, either monthly or annually. For more details, please email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

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

Church Electoral Roll 2025

In accordance with Church Representations Rules, a new Electoral Roll must be prepared every six years. As this process was last carried out in 2019 a new Roll must therefore be prepared this year, 2025.

The date which governs preparation of the new Roll is that of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), the date for which is Sunday 27th April.

Those wishing to have their name entered on the Roll should apply by completing and returning the electoral roll application form to the Electoral Roll Officer.

The Church of England has published guidance regarding GDPR and the Electoral Roll. A Privacy Notice will therefore be issued with all Electoral Roll Application forms.

The forms will be available in church as from Sunday 23rd February and must be returned by Sunday 23rd March. Eligible forms received after this date will be entered on the Roll after the APCM.

Eligibility to be entered on the Electoral Roll is set out in the Church Representative Rules and is as follows:

1. Are baptized and aged 16 or over:
2. Have signed a form of application for enrolment:
and either
3. Are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or not being resident in the parish, having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment:
or
4. Are members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

All members of the Parochial Church Council, Sidesmen, anyone who wishes to speak at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting or hold any office in Church, must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church.

Mrs Jill Ainsworth

Electoral Roll Officer

Online Giving

We understand that many people no longer carry cash, however thanks to the wonders of modern technology, we can 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



One of the best ways to raise a free donation through EasyFundraising is when you're booking holidays or travel. On average you can raise a **£30 donation** for us when you book a holiday through this free fundraising portal! Plus, if you tell easyfundraising what type of holiday you are planning to book this year, we will get an entry to win a massive £1,000 donation! Please sign up to support us on easyfundraising today:
<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/ainsworthpc/ivcmuo/c2s/FzJmq30s/CE014/facebook/>

We currently only have 26 people who have registered to support our cause through Easyfundraising, although there must be many others who shop / order goods online. Anyone who shops online can support us in this way; it's a really simple way of raising much needed funds for our Church.

Our current Easyfundraising total is £927-05; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2025?

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



Raising Awareness; Dead Slow Campaign

Our Village may be comparatively rural, but a huge volume of traffic passes through on a daily basis; not just on the main routes through, but also on the side roads and estates. Because our village is semi-rural, there are also a large number of 'vulnerable road users',

such as cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers using these routes. As the number of vehicles continues to increase resulting in busier roads, these routes (even the quieter roads) are becoming much more dangerous for vulnerable road users.

The British Horse Society collates statistics each year to understand the rate of incidents involving horses and riders on UK roads. The following statistics were recorded between 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023:

- * 3,383 road incidents involving horses were reported to The British Horse Society.

- * 66 horses are known to have died and 86 have been injured

- * 3 people have died and 94 are known to have been injured because of road incidents

- * 85% of incidents occurred because a vehicle passed by too closely or too quickly.

What's more according to www.gov.uk in 2023:

- * 14,999 road incidents involving cyclists were reported

- * 87 cyclists are known to have been killed on the roads

- * 3,942 cyclists are known to have suffered serious injuries because of road incidents

- * 10,970 cyclists are known to have suffered minor injuries because of road incidents

And these are only the incidents that are actually reported, either by those involved, or by the emergency services who attend the incident. Many, many more 'minor skirmishes' and 'near misses' go unreported each year.

Much work has been done in recent years to ensure that vulnerable road users are represented in new traffic legislation; equestrians and cyclists have the same right to be on the road as motorists or any other user group. Understanding, respect and consideration by all road users is required to ensure road safety for everyone.

Did you know that the Highway Code was updated in January 2022? Section 163 now states:

"Give motorcyclists, cyclists and horse riders and horse drawn vehicles at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car. As a guide:

Leave at least **1.5 metres** when overtaking cyclists at speeds of up to 30mph and give them more space when overtaking at higher speeds.

Pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds **under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space**

Allow at least **2 metres of space and keep to a low speed** when passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road (for example, where there is no pavement).

Take extra care and give more space when overtaking motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders, horse drawn vehicles and pedestrians in bad weather (including high winds) and at night.

You should wait behind the motorcyclist, cyclist, horse rider, horse drawn vehicle or pedestrian and not overtake if it is unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.”

Most horse riders and many cyclists would not choose to be on the roads; the reality is that there are fewer and fewer safe ‘off road’ routes for these vulnerable road users, and often, ironically, they will need to use the roads to access the off-road routes.

Whilst out and about around the village with my own horses, I come across many excellent drivers who are careful, sensible and do their best to give us the time and space that we need to be safe, and we are always massively grateful to these people. However, there have been a number of ‘vulnerable road user’ accidents recorded in our village over the years, and several ‘near-misses’ recorded in recent months; so here’s some advice from the British Horse Society:

When you see a horse being led, ridden or driven on the road:

- Slow down to a maximum of 10mph
- Be patient, don’t sound your horn or rev your engine
- Pass the horse wide and slow – at least two metres
- Drive slowly away
- Be prepared to stop if necessary.
- Look out for hand signals – stop or slow down if asked – this is for your own safety as well as that of others.
- Be alert - if a rider or carriage driver is signalling to turn, wait patiently for them to complete their manoeuvre before continuing your journey.
- If you think the horse looks nervous, please stop, if necessary, turn off your engine and allow the horse to pass you. Please don’t start your engine or move off again until the horse is well clear of the rear end of your vehicle.

- If passing a horse from behind - heed the rider, handler or carriage driver's signal. Only pass if safe to do so. If the horse looks nervous or the person in control of the horse is having difficulty - leave plenty of space between you and the horse and wait patiently for the horse to be under control, or for them to pull over to a safe place to pass.
- If a road is narrow and there is not enough room to pass safely, please approach slowly, or stop, and allow the equestrian to find a safe place off the road where you can pass safely.
- Please be patient. Most equestrians will do their best to reassure their horses and will allow you to pass as soon as safe to do so.
- Look out for equestrian road signs – these signs indicate you are likely to encounter a horse on your journey.

The British Horse Society has launched a virtual reality film, to show drivers what it's like to be riding a horse when a car passes too fast or too close. Viewing the film gives the alarming first-hand experience of being on a horse as a vehicle passes too close. To view the film or find out more about passing vulnerable users safely, click on the following link: [Dead Slow campaign](#)

Bolton Cancer Voices

Bolton Cancer Voices are looking to get the year off to a great start by encouraging an influx of new members to their ranks.

The Choir is exclusively for people who have received a cancer diagnosis of any kind, recently or at some point in the past. Whether singing is engrained in your DNA or your New Year's Resolution is to step out of your comfort zone or take up a new hobby, they would love to hear from you.

The Choir has no geographical boundaries when it comes to membership, you just need to be able to get to the centre of Bolton for rehearsals, which are on Monday evenings, 7-30pm – 9pm: membership is free, there are no auditions to worry about and you don't need to be able to read music.

Offering friendship, fun, learning and great choral experiences, it's a different and relaxed way to connect with others who understand life with and beyond cancer. Whilst cancer brings the Choir together it's their love of music that unites members.

For more info contact Karen on 01204 595562 / 07773 164235

News From The Diocese - General Lay Training Courses

Applications for the 2025 General Lay Training courses are now open! Each course on the Authorised Lay Ministry pathway is now available as a standalone option. These courses are ideal for anyone looking to deepen their calling and enhance their gifts for Christian ministry and service.

You can view the courses and find application guidance by clicking the following link: [General Lay Courses](#).

Vocations Day - Saturday 8th February 2025, 10am - 3pm @ St Bride's, Old Trafford

Everyone has a ministry, and everyone has a calling. Do you know what yours is?

Join our drop-in style open day where you will get the opportunity to meet the Vocations Team, speak with various lay and ordained ministers from around the diocese, and take part in interactive workshops designed to help you explore your vocation, calling and gifts. Snacks and refreshments will be provided but please bring along your own lunch. For more information, please contact jamiemackenzie@manchester.anglican.org

To book your place, visit: <https://vocationsday2025.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Mission Community News – Carbon Literacy Training

16 members of the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community braved the icy roads and subzero temperatures to attend the first ever Mission Community Carbon Literacy Training within Manchester Diocese. This interesting and thought provoking session was hosted by Christ Church Walshaw and led by Revd Canon Grace Thomas, Diocesan Environment Officer.

Much lively discussion took place around the carbon footprint of various everyday activities and foods – which has the greatest carbon footprint – mixed nuts, beef, chicken or lentils?? And easy steps we can all take to reduce our Carbon Footprint.

Delegates also learned about the basics of climate change, what's happening locally and nationally, how the things we do and own as individuals impact on this, and what we can do as individuals, and also as Church communities to help.

This was a great session and gave us all lots of food for thought; many thanks to Grace for leading the session and to Christ Church Walshaw for hosting us.



Credit for photos to Revd Steph Mawhinney.

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.*

Growing Younger Conference

Saturday 8th Feb 9 – 1pm @ Bury Church High School. This is aimed at anyone who is involved in or wants to know more about ministry with children & young people.

For more info / to book your place, visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1119790787389?aff=oddtcreator>

The New Prayer For Manchester Diocese

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



A Prayer for Our Diocese

Almighty God,

we thank you for the life and witness of your people
in Manchester Diocese over many years,
and we are grateful for the signs of your kingdom today.

As we look to the future,
may we grow younger, develop more missional leaders,
and see many churches revitalised and new churches
planted.

As the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed afresh in our
generation,
pour out your Spirit and renew our parishes, chaplaincies
and schools in ministry and mission,
changing precious lives and transforming our much-loved
communities.

These things we ask for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



February 2025

1 st	We pray for all at St. George's, Unsworth who will be litter picking today; praying that they may have meaningful encounters.
2 nd	We pray that God would raise up a new Children's Church Team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe; praying also for the outgoing leader as she steps down.
3 rd	We pray for the work of UNICEF bringing humanitarian & developmental assistance to children worldwide.
4 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
5 th	We give thanks for & pray for all who will be involved with the Community Wellbeing Event at St Andrew's, Hillock this afternoon; praying that people will access this event & link up with the help & support that they need.
6 th	We pray that the advert for an Incumbent at Christ Church Ainsworth will, this time, bear fruit. We pray for everyone who is involved with the recruitment & deployment process.
7 th	At the start of national marriage week, we pray for all those preparing for their weddings this year.
8 th	We pray for those who will be part of the 'Growing Younger' Conference today; praying that they will be encouraged & inspired in their ministry with children & families.
9 th	On this Racial Justice Sunday, we pray that we might walk in humility and solidarity with all around us, on the journey towards equality and justice for all.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 th	We pray for our ordained ministers as they continue to support the Churches of our Mission Community and other local Churches in vacancy.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
13 th	We pray for all at St. Andrew's, Hillock & St. George's, Unsworth during this time of interregnum; giving thanks & praying for those who are leading these Churches, especially for Revd Michele. Praying that Service Cover will continue to be found to help out at this time.
14 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
15 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
16 th	We pray for those who will be part of JAM at St. George's, Unsworth today; praying that the seeds of faith may be sown in the hearts of those who attend.
17 th	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
18 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide Funeral Ministry throughout our Mission Community.
19 th	We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
20 th	Praying for the new pastoral team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, as they begin this new ministry. We pray for the leaders and that God will call the right people forward in this vital ministry.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
23 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
24 th	We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union within our parishes & beyond. We pray for Mothers' Union members throughout our Mission Community.
25 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
26 th	We give thanks for the work of BRF Ministries. We pray for those who will be part of the BRF Group at Christ Church Ainsworth today.
27 th	We pray for the work of Fairtrade because together, we can be the change to make trade fairer.
28 th	We pray for the congregation & volunteers at St Thomas & St John with St Philip's.

"What wings are to a bird, & sails are to a ship; so prayer is to the soul."



RECYCLE FOR CHARITY

Did you know, many of your unwanted items could be recycled?

Do you have any of these items stuck in a drawer or cupboard?

Please bring along your glasses, hearing aids, foreign currency, stamps, keys, ink & toner cartridges (branded only) & bra's & place them into the boxes provided in church.

All items will be collected at the monthly Mission Community Task Group meetings where they will be sorted and sent to where they are needed most.

Thank you



RADCLIFFE & WHITEFIELD MISSION COMMUNITY



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!



- Only £1/ticket
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Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 11th February

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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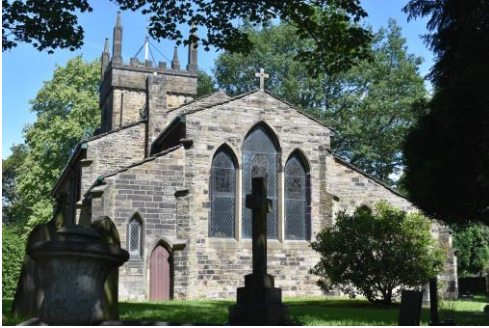
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9:30 – 11.45 A.M.

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 11th February

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome.

Mothers' Union Meetings

Tuesday 4th February

2.30pm – AGM

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Tuesday 18th February – time & venue to be confirmed

New members always welcome; please come along to any of our meetings to find out more.

Cuppa, Cakes & Company

Thursday 6th February

2 – 3.30pm Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

Participate in board games, dominoes, table tennis & jigsaws or just come for a chat. Cost is £2.00 payable on the day.

Candlelight Prayer

Each Friday @ 8pm on Zoom

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Volunteers Needed

If you're looking for a new challenge / interest for 2025, why not consider volunteering within one of our Church teams. The Churchyard Team meet on a Wednesday morning; the Pew Polishers meet alternate Thursday mornings. Both of these teams would appreciate additional volunteers; if you have a couple of hours to spare even once a month, they would love to hear from you. For Churchyard team enquiries contact Janet Hayes (01204 796404); for Pew Polishing enquiries speak to 1 of the Churchwardens.

Save The Date - Artisan Market!!

Sunday 23rd March

11-3pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Everyone welcome; watch this space for more info.

Around The Organisations ...

16th Radcliffe Brownies

We would like to pass on our huge congratulations to Eagle Owl, on the birth of her baby girl. We are so please you are both doing well.

The brownies ended last term with an extremely busy couple of weeks; making our gingerbread village gift boxes filled with iced biscuits and home-made mirrors and of course making Christmas cards. We then had a Christmas party, played lots of games and ate some delicious food.

We would like to congratulate Gracie, Lilly, Isla, Maddy and Phoebe on getting their gold awards - what an amazing achievement. Lots of hard work has gone into getting these, both at home and at our meetings. Well done girls.

We say goodbye to Maddy who is pursuing her love of football, and Lexi her love of gymnastics, and to Esme, Elise, Gracie and Lilly who are going on to Guides. We will be welcoming 5 new Brownies in January.

Our waiting list is quite full - if your daughter is 5 or above and will want to come to Brownies, please put their name down sooner rather than later as we don't like to keep girls waiting when they are keen to join.

Thanks to all the leaders for their hard work in 2024 - it really would not be possible without you! Thanks also to the parents for supporting your Brownies.

Yours in Guiding

Sarah McAnulty

16th Radcliffe Rainbows

We are pleased to announce that a Rainbow group is opening at the Church Hall after February half term. This is for girls aged 4–6 and will meet on Thursdays. If you wish your daughter to go on the waiting list, please register her through the Girlguiding website:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Join Us & Join In!

Regretfully, we had to cancel our meeting at the beginning of January due to the very unsettled weather and icy conditions. Hopefully, by the time that you read this, we will have enjoyed our Faith Lunch and 'chosen' our Prayer Partners for 2025. Let us be diligent in praying for each other; it's such a valuable and valued asset.

We will hold our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, February 4th at our usual time of 2.30pm. This is the meeting when we pay our subs and elect our officers for the next 12 months.

The subscription for Mary Sumner House and Manchester diocese has not increased this year, and so we have decided to keep our subs fixed at £45. This works out at just over 86p per week to continue the important work of Mothers' Union in our own country and across the world. Perhaps this is the year when you might consider joining?

We have 4 members on the committee and would welcome any new members, and especially, a Treasurer. If you feel that you could serve the Mothers' Union in this way, please let Andrew, Jean, Hilary or me know. Everyone is welcome at the AGM and any of our meetings.

The venue for our 'Get Together' on February 18th will have been decided at our mid-January meeting. We have covered several of our local coffee shops and hostelrys, so if anyone has a favourite or knows of anywhere that we've missed, please let us know!

We now have a new Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow from Canada. I was privileged to work on a project with her several years ago when we were both Representative Members on Worldwide Council. Kathleen had to be up very early in the morning to join in our Zoom meetings!

This is Kathleen's letter to Members when she was first elected. I am sure that we will hear from her again, once she has been Commissioned.

"It is my pleasure and honour to write to you in my capacity as Worldwide President Elect. I am so very excited to be following in the footsteps of our dear Worldwide President Sheran Harper and the current Board of Trustees who have so ably carried us over these last six years.

I have been a member for over 36 years. It is a way of life for me. I was a founding member of our Cathedral Branch and went on to serve as Diocesan President and Canadian Provincial President. I

then began serving at the international level as a Representative Member. I sat on the Fundraising and Communications Committee, where we produced the Dear Lord Prayer Book. I have been a Zone B Trustee for the Americas for the last 6 years. I have a passion for Mothers 'Union!

As I prayed about the elections and about my decision to let my name stand, the words 'stronger together 'were placed on my heart. When I think of our global programs which are making a difference in so many lives, such as the Literacy Program, the Savings and Credit Program or the Parenting Program, I am inspired. I am inspired when I speak to you as members and hear of your projects, your generosity of service, your prayer life and your faith. We are stronger together and we are making an impact in building God's Kingdom.

My vision going forward is that we build on our strengths, our programs in our communities, our faith in action and our prayer life. We need to be courageous and reach out to others inviting them to Join us and Join in...our theme for 2025-2027. We are changing lives! We need to share our work and service with others, and to let them know how relevant we are in this place, 'for such a time as this.'(Esther 4:14).

I close with scripture from Matthew 19:36 '...with God all things are possible'.

Let us demonstrate this in our faith and in our lives. To God be the Glory."

Blessings - Kathleen

Let's hope that we can welcome Kathleen to the Manchester Diocese before too long.

Jennifer White.

From the Archives – February 2000

The sketch on the inside cover of the February 2000 Parish Magazine was a fabulous depiction of the animals going two by two into Noah's Ark; in spite of a thorough search through, there is no indication in the content of the magazine as to why this picture was chosen – maybe one of our readers would know?

In addition to the regular Services, the Parish Diary for February 2000 included details of a Confirmation Service to be held at Christ Church Ainsworth, led by Bishop David, the then Bishop of Bolton. Other news from the parish included the acknowledgement of donations to

church received in memory of Harold Foster, and a thankyou for cards and good wishes received on the occasion of a 90th birthday.

The various groups and Uniformed Organisations were not long back from the Christmas break, however 16th Radcliffe Brownies were already well on the way with their badge work, whilst 12th Radcliffe Guides were busy planning their Thinking Day activities.

The Day School reported that their Christmas Fair had raised an impressive £2800,00 – a huge amount of money even now! They also announced a Quiz night ‘coming soon, by popular request’.

In February 2000, the ‘Face To Face’ interview was with Phil Hood, “the other half of the Social Committee dynamic duo”. In February 2000 there were 5 Baptisms and 4 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 356, collections were listed as £1573.

Church Seasons & Traditions – February; Candlemas

Candles are often used as part of our worship, both for ambience and also as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of the world; in John 8:12, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of my life.”

There are many things that we can learn about our own faith from the humble candle:

1. A candle cannot light itself. It needs to receive light from another.
2. A candle when lit can give away its light without losing the light it has.
3. A candle burns as brightly when it is new, as it does when there is only a small amount of the original candle left.
4. A candle’s light is sensitive, reacting to the slightest movement of the air around it.
5. A candle’s light is the same whatever the size, shape or colour of the candle.
6. A candle’s light is designed to be seen and is best placed high up so that it can give light to all; it is not for hiding away.
7. A candle’s flame burns upward while it sheds its light outward.
8. Unless a candle’s light is passed on, that light dies when the candle itself comes to an end.

9. At the heart of the candle's light there is a death happening, as the wick is burnt up and the wax around it melts and evaporates; in the same way, the light of Christ came only from the death of Jesus on the cross.

10. When eventually a candle is snuffed out, its presence remains in the smell that lingers within the room; in the same way, the presence of Jesus remains with us everywhere, even when we cannot see a candle burning to remind us that He is there.

Space To Share A Prayer - Candlemas

Loving God, as light comes to us from a candle,
May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
Warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour
Bring light into the darkness of this world,
And to us, as we wait for his coming.
Amen.

A Hymn For Candlemas

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light



Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light

(Graham Kendrick – 1987)

Things To Look Out For In February – Siskins



Siskins are part of the finch family; they are comparatively small – slightly larger than a blue tit and are native to much of the UK. Much of the UK's siskin population stay here all year round, but winter will also see the arrival of migrants from northern Europe, which will leave again at the onset of spring.

Male siskins have a bright yellow breast and cheeks, and a black cap, while females are predominantly pale with dark streaks and traces of dull yellow. Both males and females have yellow-and-black-striped wings.

Siskins feed mainly on tree seeds, often hanging upside down whilst feeding, but supplement their diet with insects during the winter months. During the winter months when food is less readily available, they often frequent garden bird feeders.

For more information about Siskins and other birds to look out for in February, visit [British Birds - Woodland Trust](#)

Catkins

Catkins are long slim clusters of tiny flowers that grow on some trees. They have small petals, or none at all. Many catkins appear over winter and are easy to spot on the leafless branches. They tend to flower during spring, but it depends on the weather.

Catkins enable female flowers to be pollinated when pollen from male flowers is blown by the wind. Male catkins drop off after releasing pollen, whereas female catkins collect pollen and then release the seeds. Once the seeds have developed, they are dispersed by the wind to avoid growing right below the parent tree.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Dear Godchild

When you were just a little child,
Perhaps a month or two,
Your parents asked me if I'd be
A Godparent to you.
And since that day you've always been
A great delight to me; And way back, in those early years,
I'd take you on my knee.

And as you grew, our love did too,
We had a special bond;
And we became the best of pals,
With friendship warm and fond.
And even though you're now a man,
And I've grown old and grey;
To me you're still the little lad
I played with yesterday.

I'm looking at your photograph,
Which stands upon the shelf;
I take it down and look at it
When I am by myself;
Remembering the little who gave me so much joy;
For you will always be to me
A very special boy.

Anon

Straplines

If you want to make the wrong decision, ask everyone else what you should do.

Ships are safe in harbour, but that's not what they're built for.

Never take criticism from someone that you wouldn't take advice from.

Nobody can do everything; but everyone can do something.

The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

P U R I F I C A T I O N

Candle Quiz

1. What is the primary ingredient in most candles?
2. Which ancient civilization is credited with inventing the first candles?
3. What is the process of trimming the wick of a candle to a specific length called?
4. What type of candle is designed to help eliminate unpleasant / unwanted smells in a room?
5. Which type of wax is often used in making high-quality, clean-burning candles?
6. What is the other term for a Votive candle?
7. What is the correct title for someone who makes candles?
8. Which type of candle gets its name from its tall, narrow shape and is often used in religious ceremonies?
9. What is the process of melting and shaping wax into candles called?
10. Which natural material is commonly used to make candle wicks?
11. What is the purpose of a candle snuffer?
12. What type of candle is designed to be long-lasting and is often used for decoration?
13. In candle making, what does "wax pool" refer to?
14. What is the term for the technique of using multiple layers of differently coloured wax in a candle for a unique appearance?
15. What is the ideal storage condition for candles to prevent fading and maintain fragrance?

(Answers on page 35)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
2 nd February 10.30am Candlemas	Mags Gillman	David Holden	Clergy
9 th February 4 th before Lent Church Parade	Barbara Clarkson Guiding Sections	N/A	Guiding
16 th February 10.30am 3 rd before Lent	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Peter Holden	Andrew Lowe
23 rd February 10.30am 2 nd before Lent	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Beryl Sixsmith	Jenny Johnson

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
2 nd February Candlemas (White)	Lorraine Holden	Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40
9 th February 4 th Sunday Before Lent (Green)	Guiding Sections	Church Parade
16 th February 3 rd Sunday Before Lent (Green)	Peter Holden	Jeremiah 17.5-10 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 6.17-26
23 rd February 2 nd Sunday Before Lent (Green)	Beryl Sixsmith	Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25 Revelation 4 Luke 8.22-25

Who's Who

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Services

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	6.30pm	Mid-Week Praise

Arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Banns of Marriage, and Funerals
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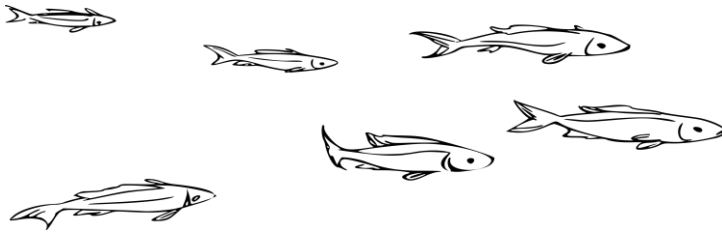
Answers to Candle Quiz: 1) Paraffin Wax, 2) The Egyptians, 3) Memory Burn, 4) Odour Neutralising Candle, 5) Coconut Wax, 6) A Prayer Candle, 7) A Chandler, 8) Taper Candle, 9) Moulding, 10) Cotton, 11) To extinguish a candle, 12) Pillar Candle, 13) The area where the wax melts, 14) Marbling, 15) Cool, dark & dry.

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
Altar Flowers	Kathy Armstrong Rand	07748 020743
ABC First Steps Toddler Group	Fridays 10.00am - 11.30am Church Hall Jennifer White	07964 587694
Group Leader	group.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	01204 595378
Beaver Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
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 16 th Radcliffe	Sarah McAnulty	07955373623
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Little Fishes

Jesus In The Temple



Stories Of Jesus

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 first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament; this part of the Bible was written before Jesus was born.

The second part of the Bible is called the New Testament; this part of the Bible tells us all about the life and death of Jesus, about the things that He did, and about the people that knew Him.

Jesus of Nazareth - The Early Years

As a child, Jesus lived in a small village called Nazareth; he lived with his parents Mary and Joseph. Joseph was a Carpenter.



Jesus was probably just like all of the other young children in Nazareth at that time; I imagine he played out with his friends; learned to help out at home, and went to the synagogue to worship God, and to learn the laws of Moses.

Each year the people would travel from all of the small villages to Jerusalem, to attend the Feast of the Passover. Each year Mary and Joseph would have made this journey with their family and friends; when Jesus was 12 years old he was allowed to go with them.

It was almost 70 miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem; the people would travel together, many of them walking, some of them might



have a donkey to ride on or perhaps a small cart for their belongings. As the group from Nazareth travelled along, many other families joined them and travelled with them. By the time they arrived at Jerusalem there was a huge group of people from the towns and villages they had passed through on their journey.

The children must have been very excited to arrive in Jerusalem; to see the huge temple; to see and hear so many people from all

parts of the country. After their long journey they were probably also looking forward to the great feast that they would all enjoy.

Jesus and his friends thoroughly enjoyed exploring the city and seeing the sights of Jerusalem, but even though he was still just a child, Jesus was beginning to realise that God was his Father, and that he must work for God. So instead of running off to play and explore with his friends, Jesus listened to the readings of the law, and to the words of the chief priests and scribes, who taught the Jews every day.



After the Feast had ended, the people gathered up their belongings, and set off on the road heading back towards their own villages and towns. Mary did not see Jesus when they were setting off; but she wasn't worried - she presumed he must be playing or exploring with some of his friends. But when it came to their evening meal and Jesus was still nowhere to be seen, Mary and Joseph began to search for him. All through the company they went, asking about Jesus; but no one had seen him that day.

Mary and Joseph were very worried by this time, and so they left the company and began to retrace their steps - heading back towards Jerusalem to try to find Jesus.

For three days they searched for their missing child. On the third day they found him, not playing with other boys in the streets, but sitting in the temple among the wise teachers, and asking them questions, which they could hardly answer!



Mary was surprised when she found her son in the temple among the wise men. To her, Jesus was just a boy, just like all of his friends, and she was surprised to find him so deeply interested in the teachings of God.

Mary came to Jesus and said, "Son, why did you stay here when we were starting home? Your father and I have been looking for you everywhere."

Jesus answered, "Why did you look for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"

Jesus wasn't talking about Joseph when he said this, he meant, "Why did you not know where to find me at once? For I must be about my heavenly Father's business."

The wise men in the temple had been very surprised when Jesus came and sat with them and began to ask them questions; they were even more surprised at how much he seemed to know about God and about the laws of Moses. They had gathered round him to ask questions that only wise people could answer - and Jesus answered every one correctly!



Mary and Joseph couldn't understand how Jesus came to know all of these things; Mary thought back to the time before Jesus was born, when the angel had come to her and told her that she was going to have a baby, and that baby would be the Son of God. She held all of these things in her heart.

And then Mary and Joseph and Jesus left the teachers in the Temple at Jerusalem and returned to Nazareth. Jesus was an obedient child, and as the years passed by, he grew into a kind and sensible young man; he continued to study the Bible, but he also helped Joseph with his work and eventually became a Carpenter himself.



Jesus lived quietly in Nazareth until he was about 30 years old.

Quick Quiz ...

1. How many miles was it from Nazareth to Jerusalem?
2. Which feast were the people going to celebrate?
3. How old was Jesus the first time he went to Jerusalem with his parents?
4. How many days did it take Mary & Joseph to find Jesus?
5. What job did Jesus learn from his father Joseph?

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