

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



Bishop David, the Bishop of Manchester, planting a Peiris plant at Christ Church Ainsworth, to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III
(Photograph courtesy of Peter Holden)

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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>

Front Cover

In a slight change from the norm, this month's front cover features a photograph of Bishop David planting a commemorative shrub in the churchyard, to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th of May 2023.

We'll be back to our MidWeek Praise artwork for next month's Magazine, look out for colouring sheets next time you're in Church.



Parish Diary June 2023



Sun. 4th

TRINITY SUNDAY

10:30am Holy Communion

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Weds 7th

6.30pm Mid-Week Praise

Sun. 11th

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00am BCP Communion

10:45am Whit Gathering & Outdoor Service on the Delph
Refreshments provided by 'Friends of The Delph'

Weds 14th

6.30pm Mid-Week Praise

Sun. 18th

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10:30am Holy Communion

Weds 21st

6.30pm Mid-Week Praise

Sun. 25th

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00am BCP Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

Weds 28th

6.30pm Mid-Week Praise

Thurs 29th

10.00am Mission Community Prayer Walk

Meet in Church for Morning Prayer, followed by prayer walk to St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe. A Communion Service will be held at St, Thomas & St John at 12.30pm, followed by lunch.

July - Sun 2nd

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6.30pm BCP Evensong & Holy Communion

(Please note that due to the IronMan event and associated road closures, there will be no morning service this Sunday)

Interregnum Update

It seems that since the start of the interregnum we have had an incredibly busy few months; first up was Lent, followed swiftly by Holy Week and Easter – all really important times within our Church. Before we'd properly had chance to catch our breath and finish off the last of the Easter Eggs, the King's Coronation was bearing down upon us; and what a fabulous weekend we had!

You might think that after all that activity, we'd be looking at having a quieter few weeks ... Except that hot on the heels of the Coronation weekend came our APCM and all that that entails.

Whilst June will hopefully bring us into a slightly quieter time in terms of there being no major festivals, there are a number of Mission Community initiatives on the agenda - START! Is a fast paced, interactive exploration of the Christian faith which begins on 13/06/2023, there's also a Mission Community Prayer Walk on 29/06/2023. Just when we thought we could take a well earned breather ... !

A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over these past few months, to enable us to not only sustain our regular activities and Services, but to be able to do all of the additional things as well. It's fantastic to feel the sense of community and ownership that is a part of everyone 'rolling their sleeves up' and working together.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the June 2023 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine which is, as always, practically overflowing with interesting articles, events and updates.

It never ceases to amaze me how many and varied activities our various groups and uniformed organisations manage to cram into their meetings; hats off to all of the leaders / co-ordinators for their energy, enthusiasm and creativity.

Whilst June is a slightly quieter month, there's still plenty going on in our Church and local community; read on for details of our Nature Count, Whit Gathering, START! Course and Mission Community Prayer Walk. Make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary / Pew Sheet to keep up to date, or for those who are more 'tech-savvy' check out our facebook page or website – both of which are now being regularly updated.

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 this month - *Alison*

From The Registers

BAPTISMS
April 30th

We welcome into the family of God:
Isla Hollingworth

HOLY MATRIMONY
April 29th

We offer the Church's congratulations to
Scott Davies & Stacey Johnson

Flower Rota

4th June Mrs. Holden
18th June Mrs. Atkinson

Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Vestry Meeting

14 members of our Church were present at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting which were held in Church on Sunday 21st of May following on from the 10.30 morning Service.

At this meeting the following people were elected to office: Alison Hartley and Chris Haworth, to serve as Churchwardens; Bill and Gwen White, to serve as Deanery Synod Representatives; Susan Campbell to serve on the PCC.

Those present received the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2022, plus the reports from our various Committees, Groups and Uniformed Organisations.

A copy of the Annual Report will be displayed at the back of Church following the APCM; to receive a copy via email, please contact ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

EcoChurch



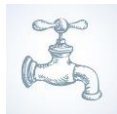
Churches Count On Nature:

This is a national initiative which aims to determine the biodiversity present in the nation's churchyards, which are often the only unchanged green spaces remaining in urban environments.

Christ Church Ainsworth, in conjunction with a small team of volunteers from 'The Woodland Trust', will be taking part in this for the first time this year, with a Nature Count being held in the churchyard from **10am on Saturday 3rd June**. Any budding naturalists are welcome to come along to help to identify and report on the diversity of flora and fauna in our churchyard and help in our quest for Eco Church status. No need to book – just turn up! Refreshments will be available.

Flushed With Success!!

Following a generous donation from a member of our congregation, our Church toilet is now 'twinned', meaning that a community in The Democratic Republic of Congo now has access to a safe and hygienic latrine! Look out for the framed photo proudly displayed outside our loo next time you're in Church.



And so, our next campaign is to try to raise another £60 to enable us to 'twin' our church tap and by doing so enable a community in a deprived country to enjoy the benefits of safe, accessible water – something that we take so much for granted.

Please help us to reach our target by placing your loose change in the large plastic water bottle at the back of church – and remember – every little helps! Thank you.

Eco Church Top Tip for June:

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Make plans to source locally grown foods that you can add to your diet / shopping list throughout the seasons. Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles.

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.



Christian Aid Week 14 – 20th May 2023

Many thanks to all who supported our Christian Aid bucket collection on 21st May, which amounted to £74.80 of which £55 was gift aided.

Thanks also to Barbara Clarkson for co-ordinating this for us.

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!

News From The Diocese – Transforming Prayer Community

Prayer is both simple and profound. It changes us and the world. It moves us to action and stirs us out of our complacency.

When we pray repeatedly, both publicly and privately, there is a slow conversion of the heart to the priorities of God. Grace seeps into the fractures and failings of our humanity, as well as into the hopes and longings of the soul.

The Manchester Diocese 'Transforming Prayer Community' is our diocese-wide community that seeks to connect and reconnect us with this simple vocation to pray.

The prayer community is an invitation to simplicity, to growth and change, and to an adventure in which we will discover more about God's priorities and equip us to be his Body in a world of need.

To be a part of the Transforming Prayer Community, all that we are asked to do is to make a daily commitment to say:

1. The Lord's Prayer
2. The Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope
3. A Prayer for your local area.

To join in simply [sign up online](#). This will help us to keep in touch with you and share updates and invitations to services and events. You can also, [join our Facebook group](#) to share in our sense of community.

If anyone wants to take part in this but doesn't have access to the prayers online, there will be some copies available to pick up at the back of Church.

Mission Community News – Prayer Walk 2023

Following on from the success of the 2022 Prayer Walk, the Churches of our Mission Community will be coming together in prayer once again on Thursday 29th June 2023.

The plan this year, is for the day to begin with a short Service of Morning Prayer held at each Church at 10am; following this shared Act of Worship, members of each Church will set off from their Church, meeting up with members of the other Churches along the way. Members of all Churches will then come together at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, at 12.30pm for a Short Communion Service,

followed by lunch – bring your own butties, but hot drinks and cakes will be provided!

After lunch there will be an opportunity to join other members of our Mission Community for a time of prayer in and around Radcliffe Town Centre.

It would be great if some members of our congregation are able to take part in this event; we'll be meeting in Church at 10am on Thursday 29th June for our Morning Prayer Service, plus a quick cuppa before we set off. Walkers from Ainsworth will make their way to The Rose & Crown, where we'll link up with walkers from Christ Church Walshaw. The next stop will be St. Andrew's Radcliffe, before we all head down to St. Thomas & St. John.

For those who aren't able to walk the whole route, why not join us part way, or even meet up with us at St. Thomas & St. John for Communion and lunch.

For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041.

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

Archdeacon's Visitation 2023

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service for our Deanery will be held at Bury Parish Church at 7.30pm on Monday 19th June 2023; during this Service, Churchwardens across the Archdeaconry are admitted to Office. PCC Members and Sidespeople are also encouraged to attend, to affirm / reaffirm their willingness to serve.

King's Coronation At Christ Church Ainsworth



What a fantastic weekend of activities we enjoyed as we celebrated the King's Coronation!

Ring For The King - We began on Saturday 6th May with a small team of willing volunteers ringing the Church bell for half an hour; in between ringing the bell, the younger volunteers painted Coronation Rocks.

Sing For The King – Sunday 7th May saw us all back in Church ready for our Songs of Praise Service; we were joined at this Service by the Mayor of Bury and our Area Dean, plus members of Ainsworth Methodist Church, and members of the various Community Groups, Committees and Organisations that work so hard within our Village and surrounding area, The retiring collection at this Service raised £120-20 for The Prince's Trust.

The Big Help Out – Monday 8th May saw us all back in Church once again – this time armed with rubbish bags, mops and dusters - as we undertook a 'Right Royal Decluttering'!

As well as the big Spring Clean inside our Church, Bishop David joined us to plant a commemorative Peiris Plant in the Churchyard, and a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers tackled outdoor tasks - in spite of the rain.

We all ate loads of cake, got covered in dust and dirt. and had a really great time; if you haven't already seen the video, simply click the link below: <https://youtu.be/KGec01dcOjs>



Just A Thought

Arguments are like fences; they always have two sides.

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CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

WHIT GATHERING

Sunday 11th June

10.45am on 'The Delph'

- Brass Band
- Refreshments available,
(courtesy of 'Friends of The Delph')
- Everyone welcome



Radcliffe and Whitefield Mission Community present:

Start!

A fast-paced, interactive exploration of the Christian faith.

In six lively sessions we look at:

- Life – what's it all about and where are we going?
- God – does he exist and, if so, what is he like?
- Mess – why is the world – and all of us - so messed up?
- Jesus – who was he, and how can he be relevant today?
- Cross – what can the death of Jesus mean for us now?
- Onwards – how can I go forward with God in my life?

If you've got questions about life and the Christian faith
then why not make a Start!

Each session involves DVD clips, fun exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. Each session last about an hour.

Start! is a free course.

Course begins on Tuesday 13th June
7.15pm for refreshments to start at 7.30pm
First session at St Andrew's Church,
Mersey Drive, Hillock, Whitefield M45 8LA

*The Course will move around our churches.
to make it easier for all on some weeks - lifts may be
available.*

*If you think this might be for you, please contact Alison on
07952-709041, or speak to Revd Debra in Church.*



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 13th June

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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



RECREATION FIELD
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08.07.23

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Tuesday 13th June

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome

Ainsworth History Society – History Walk

Tuesday 13th June

Meet outside the White Horse Pub @ 7pm; everyone welcome.

Mission Community Prayer Walk

Thursday 29th June

Meet in Church at 10am

Everyone welcome, see page 9 for further details.

Save The Date!!

Ainsworth Village Day

Saturday 8th July 12 – 4pm, Ainsworth Recreation Ground.

We’re planning to have a stall at Village Day this year, and also open Church for folk to come in and look around; if you could spare an hour to help out, either on our stall, or by being in Church to welcome visitors, we’d love to hear from you!

Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Church Spring Fair, the total amount raised on the day was £1407-83.

Whit Gathering

Sunday 11th June 10.45am on The Delph

For various reasons we have decided to make this a ‘static’ event this year; rather than processing around the Village, we’ll be holding an outdoor Service on the Delph for the whole community. Refreshments will be available, courtesy of ‘Friends of The Delph’.

START!

A fast paced, interactive exploration of the Christian Faith

6 Lively sessions beginning on Tuesday 13th June

If you could have questions about life and the Christian faith, this could be for you! For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041 or speak to Revd Debra in Church.

Around The Organisations ...

Beavers

This month the Beavers have been learning all about the Green Cross Code and the Country Code, before going up to Giant's Seat Campsite for their Fun Day and Sleepover. We were very fortunate with the weather at the Sleepover!

The Beavers spent most of their time outside playing football, going on walks around the Campsite and generally having a great time. For their craft activities they made binoculars as well as colouring Pirate masks and Pirate bats. In the evening we had a small campfire and had lots of fun singing campfire songs lead ably by Aled (Badger).



All the Beavers were very good and managed to eventually go to sleep at 11.30 pm and they were awake at 7.30 am on Sunday morning.

Thank you to all the Beaver leaders for all their hard work and help at the Sleepover.

Rikki

Cubs

The Cubs have been working hard in the last few weeks. We welcomed Lewis, Alfie, and Alex to the pack, having moved from the Beaver Colony.

Using codes, the phonetic alphabet, sign language, messaging and sending text messages to Baloo (under parental control) has allowed them to gain their Communicator badge.

Promotions within the pack have seen: Scarlett, Jacob, Harvey, Arthur, and Alex promoted to Sixer, James A, Dylan, Noah, Nathan, and Alexander become Seconds with Zac getting his 3rd stripe for Senior Sixer.

Our Coronation party with scouts went down well and the pack finished summer half term with a sponsored walk going up Holcombe Hill in aid of Brain Tumor Charity.

Gwen White - Baloo

Scouts - Summer Coach Trip

We have now planned our Summer Coach Trip and we are having a day out to Llandudno on Saturday 8th July 2023. The costs for the trip are:-

- 14 and over - £27
- 13 and under - £17
- Family ticket - 2 x adult and 2 x under 13 - £70

If you would like to join us on our fun day out by the beach please follow the link below to book your seats:-

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingFamilyCoachTripLlandudnoSaturday8thJuly2023>

12th Radcliffe Guides And Brownies

The new term started with enrolling Erin, Lilly and Seren; presenting Scarlett with her confectionery interest badge and welcoming three new Guides. Then we made poys and used them to create dances. We learned a bit of morse code and made a bracelet with our name in morse code, using coloured beads to represent dots, dashes and spaces. And, just before the bank holiday, we celebrated the upcoming Coronation with a party and games.



At May Church parade, Eloise carried the Union Flag, Grace the Guide flag and Lily May the Brownie flag; Hannah, Erin and Grace escorted and Amelia and Eloise did the reading. We were also really pleased to be able to present Lily May with her Brownie Gold award, the highest award that can be achieved in Brownies.

12th Radcliffe Guiding Leaders

16th Radcliffe Brownies

The Brownies have been busy completing their Grow Your Own Badge where they have been designing their dream gardens as well as planting pansies - hopefully they will be seeing some results now!

We also celebrated a long service award for Laura, who was presented her 30-year badge but has in reality been in guiding for an impressive 46 years.

We finished the term with Easter activities including cupcake making, Easter painting and an Easter egg hunt. With great expectations for the Spring weather and the lighter nights we hunted around the village - ending with several soggy Brownies and leaders. We should have just about dried out for next term where we're looking forward to completing our King's Coronation Badge, involving several more outdoor activities!

16th Radcliffe Brownie Leaders

Transformation - Now!



What a delightful time we had at our Spring Party. The tables had been beautifully prepared in a fresh and bright yellow theme along with an Easter themed 'goody bag' for us to explore. The food was better than any restaurant's and we all happily tucked in.

Thank you very much to Jan B, Jan H, Lesley, Barbara and Julie for making our party such a happy occasion.

Thank you also to the members who donated so generously as our contribution to the Spring Fair.

As I mentioned last month, our first meeting is on the 6th June at 2.30pm in the Church Hall when we will welcome our Deanery Leader, Tricia Stokes, along with her husband Geoff. There will also be items from the shop for you to buy. All are welcome.

At our meeting on the 20th, again at 2.30pm following opening worship and any 'catch-up' news, a fun quiz will be the order of the day. Nothing too serious!!

Summer of Hope

The Summer of Hope campaign is due to land on 11th May and continue throughout the summer months.

This year, our prayers, fellowship and strength are again needed for communities everywhere, whether they are experiencing the tragedy and trauma from conflict, violence or natural disasters, or the challenges from the continuing cost of living crises, disproportionately affecting women and girls.

Turn hope into action this summer, by donating, holding fundraising events, and praying for those who need support. Together we can transform communities.

In the UK, the cost of living crisis is causing tremendous strain for families already going through incredibly difficult times. Mothers' Union helps parents and children facing adversity to have a much needed break away together. A time where they can enjoy being with one another and put aside the stresses and strains of everyday life. Let's join together this summer to turn hope into action and transform lives.

There will be a collection box at each meeting throughout the summer.

A Summer of Hope Prayer

*Lord, help us to love our neighbours,
that this may be a summer of hope
for those struggling with life's demands.*

*To help create change for good,
Lord, prompt us to pray.*

*Where resources are lacking,
Lord, move us to generosity.*

*Lead us to take the steps we need.
to enable hope to grow into reality.
Amen*

Jennifer White

From the Archives – June 1998

A fabulous sketch on the inside cover of the June 1998 Parish Magazine depicted 'The Feeding Of The Five Thousand' – what a talented artist Roly Moss must have been!

A number of additional items in the Parish Diary for that month included a Whitsuntide Walk of Witness (all meet at ACCH at 3pm

prompt), Sunday School Prize Giving and a Deanery Summer Service which was to be held at St. Hilda's, Prestwich (please contact the Vicar if you need transport).

The 'Parish News' page included details of a 'Parish Gift Day' which had been planned following a review of the Parish Finances. At that time the Parish Share was around £22,000 per year, the Treasurer estimated that an extra income of £100 per week would be needed to meet this demand in full. The Parish Gift Day had been organised to "... give all people in the Parish who believe in the message of the Church, and believe that it has a vital part to play in the continuing life of the village, the opportunity to express that belief in a tangible form ..."

In other news, the Social Committee had a Table Top Sale planned, plus a Quiz sheet available in Church; 10 members of Ainsworth Mothers' Union had attended the Mothers' Union Rally at The Bridgewater Hall, and The Church Women's Fellowship were planning a visit to a chocolate factory in Blackburn, followed by afternoon tea and a visit to Blackburn Cathedral for Evensong. The Uniformed Organisations all reported on the fact that the weather had been so bad that, for the first time in 42 years, the District St. George's Day Parade had been cancelled, instead, the various groups had enjoyed an impromptu 'singalong' in Church before the St. George's Day Service began.

The Day School gave a detailed update on progress with their 'Playground Appeal'; following the recent success of their May Fair, the grand total stood at £7926.

In June 1998, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mr. Jim Bowden, "Whose skilful work at Church and in the Churchyard is very much appreciated."

In June 1998 there were 2 Weddings and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no Baptisms. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 416, with the Collections listed as £1397.

Be Inspired

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:v9

Praying Through The Seasons ... Summer Solstice



“In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.”

John 1: 4-9

The Summer Solstice falls halfway through the Celtic Summer Season; it is the time when the sun is at its fullest, and its shining is at its longest and strongest. The focus of the Summer Solstice is light; as the light overcomes the darkness for the longest time in the year, it is a reminder to us also that spiritual light will also overcome the darkness, and that Jesus, the light of the world, has already overcome spiritual darkness.

Loving God, as the sun beams brightly at this time of year, help us to become aware of the importance of drawing in the light. In the busyness of our lives we can so easily become caught up in the darkness; help us to take the time to become aware of the light that Your presence brings; help us then to become Your light, shining in the world – Amen.

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.

For The Beauty Of The Earth (Folliott Sanderford Pierpoint))

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This, our grateful hymn of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven. [Refrain]

The words of this popular and enduring hymn were written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), who was a graduate of Queens' College, Cambridge, and a teacher of classics at Somersetshire College.

Pierpoint was 29 when he wrote this hymn; he was mesmerized by the beauty of the countryside that surrounded him and inspired by the view of his native city of Bath, on a Spring morning. The hymn first appeared in 1864 in a book of Eucharistic Hymns and Poems entitled "Lyra Eucharistica, Hymns and Verses on The Holy Communion, Ancient and Modern, with other Poems."

The tune most widely used for this hymn is the same tune used for William Chatterton Dix's "As with Gladness Men of Old," however, a number of other tunes have also been used, including *Lucerna Laudoniæ* by David Evans. In more recent years, British Composer John Rutter (b. 1945) caused a flurry of renewed interest, with his popular anthem setting of the hymn composed in 1978.

Through the words of this hymn, Pierpoint praises the beautiful world that we inhabit and the many things he loved; he mentions many aspects of existence for which he is grateful, including the earth and skies, tree and flower, and human love. This joyous hymn is a great reminder of all the beauty that surrounds us, particularly during these glorious months of Spring and early Summer, when we are surrounded by the sights and sounds and smells of new growth and new beginnings, and also a gentle reminder that we shouldn't take these things for granted.

Space To Share A Prayer

Loving God, help us to live our lives quietly; thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others; mindful that our steps make an impact, and our words carry power.

Help us to walk gently and only to speak after we have listened well.

Help us to live our lives reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

Help us to regard the world with tenderness, and to honour rather than destroy.

Help us to live our lives joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

Eternal God, You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life; help us to use it wisely.

May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Amen.

Hatches, Matches & Despatches - June!

Born in June ...

1907 – Sir Frank Whittle, English RAF engineer air officer and inventor of the turbojet engine.

1908 - Percy Edwards, English entertainer, known for his animal impressions.

1926 – Marilyn Monroe, American Actress.

1928 – Bob Monkhouse, English Comedian.

1930 – Edward Woodward, English Actor and Singer.

1947 – Ronnie Wood, English Rock Guitarist (Rolling Stones).

Married in June ...

1896 – George Bernard Shaw, Irish Playwright, to Charlotte Frances Payne-Townshend.

1913 – A.A. Milne, Author, to Dorothy Daphne de Selincourt.

1933 – Charlie Chaplin Silent Movie Star, to Paulette Goddard.

1933 – John Wayne, American Actor, to Josephine Saenz.

1967 – O.J. Simpson, Actor, Broadcaster and later Criminal, to Marguerite Whitley.

1996 – David Cameron, 81st British Prime Minister, to Samantha Sheffield.

Died in June...

1377 – King Edward III, English Monarch, aged 64.

1652 - Inigo Jones, English architect (Queen House, Covent Garden), aged 78.

1908 - Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Russian composer, aged 64.

1999 - Christopher Cockerell, English engineer and inventor of the Hovercraft, aged 88.

2008 - Yves Saint Laurent, French fashion designer, aged 71.

2015 - Charles Kennedy, British politician (Liberal Democrat leader 1999-2006), aged 55.

Cheat's Kitchen

Super Simple Millionaire's Shortbread



You Will Need:

- 250g Shortbread biscuits, crushed
- 55g Melted butter
- 150g butter
- 150g Soft dark brown sugar
- 1 x 397g Tin of Carnation Condensed Milk
- 200g Dark chocolate

Here's What To Do:

1 – Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter, then press firmly into an 8" Brownie tin.

2 – Heat the sugar and remaining butter over a low heat until melted, then add the Carnation Condensed Milk and bring to a rapid boil, stirring continuously.

3 – Cook for a minute or so until the mixture has thickened, then pour over the shortbread base. Allow to cool and then chill until set.

4 – Once fully set, melt the chocolate, then pour over the caramel. Chill once again until fully set.

5 – Enjoy!

This can become a bit gooey if it starts to warm up, so is best kept in the fridge.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

I Asked ...

I asked for strength...

God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom...

and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity...

and God gave me brain and brawn to work.

I asked for courage...

and God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love...

and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favours...

and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted...

I received everything I needed!

(Anon)

Straplines

In theory, there should be no difference between theory and practice.
But, in practice, there often is.

It is better to talk about God less and talk to Him more.

It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are.

It's OK to be smarter than other people, but just don't tell them so.

It's very difficult to find lost time.

Time For A Smile

A young lad was sitting next to his grandfather in Church. During prayers the lad was muttering in a barely audible voice, so his grandfather nudged him, "Speak up", he said, "I can't hear a word that you're saying".

"I'm not talking to you!" replied the young lad indignantly.

The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

T R I N I T Y S U N D A Y

Tri Quiz ...

The answers to the following clues all begin with TRI ...

1. A body established to settle certain types of disputes.
2. To cunningly deceive or outwit someone.
3. A form of offal, or a lot of nonsense.
4. To flow slowly
5. A flag with 3 bands or blocks of colour.
6. A shape with 3 corners.
7. The first stage of assessment in a healthcare setting.
8. A test of endurance or strength.
9. An event comprised of eg. swimming, running and cycling.
10. A group of families / communities with a shared culture and dialect.
11. One of the major muscles in the upper arm.
12. A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.
13. A 3 horned dinosaur
14. A type of bike often ridden by young children
15. A very small amount of time.

(Answers on page 30)

Church Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. How many previous incumbents have the letter 'Z' in their names?

A. Only 1 – Zachariah Taylor (1653-1656)

This month's question:

Q. How many previous incumbents were called John?

Answer in next month's magazine.

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
4 th June Trinity Sunday	Mags Gillman Dennis Gillman	David Holden	David Holden
11 th June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Whit Service on the Delph		N/A
18 th June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lillian Haworth	Clergy
25 th June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Peter Holden	Jenny Johnson
2 nd July 4 th Sunday after Trinity	No service at 10.30am due to IronMan event and road closures		

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
4 th June Trinity Sunday (Gold)	David Holden	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31. 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13 (Matthew 28. 16-20)
11 th June 1 st Sun after Trinity (Green)	Whit Gathering	Genesis 12.1-9 Romans 4.13-25 (Matthew 9.9-13,18-26)
18 th June 2 nd Sun after Trinity (Green)	David Holden	Genesis 18.1-15 Romans 5.1-8 (Matthew 9.35 - 10.8)
25 th June 3 rd Sun after Trinity (Green)	Peter Holden	Genesis 21.8-21 Romans 6.1b-11 (Matthew 10.24-39)

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	6.15pm	Mid-Week Praise

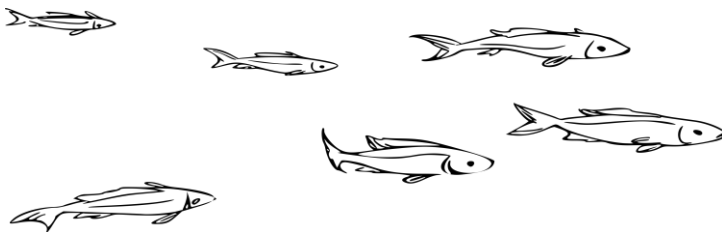
Home Communion is available for anyone unable to attend Church due to illness or frailty.

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Answers to Tri Quiz: 1) Tribunal, 2) Trick, 3) Tripe, 4) Trickle, 5) Tricolour. 6) Triangle 7) Triage, 8) Trial, 9) Triathlon, 10) Tribe, 11) Triceps, 12) Tributary, 13) Triceratops, 14) Tricycle, 15) Trice.

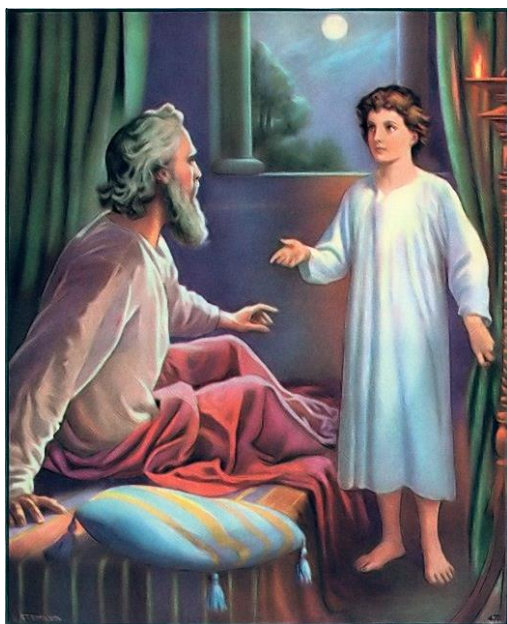
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Scouts' 14 th Radcliffe	Fridays at 7.30pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
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Guides 12 th Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall Captain Polly Ryder	07437 519045



Little Fishes

Samuel



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.

Samuel's Story ...

Before the people of Israel arrived in the land that God had promised to give them, they spent many years wandering in the deserts and wilderness. Each time they set their tents up, there would be one special tent that was a little way away from the main settlement; this was a special place of worship, which was called the 'Tabernacle'. The High Priest would be in charge of the Tabernacle, and he and the lesser priests made sure that the people there worshipped properly, and that they brought the correct gifts and said and did the right things.



One of the people of Israel was a woman called Hannah; she had wanted to have a baby for a long time. Hannah prayed to God saying, 'Lord, if you will only let me have a baby, if it is a boy, I will take him to the High Priest and offer him to serve you in the Tabernacle his whole life long'.

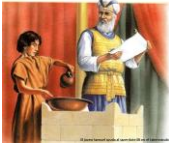
God heard Hannah's prayer, and Samuel was born.



When Samuel was still very young, Hannah took him to the High Priest of the Tabernacle, just as she had promised, and gave Samuel into his care. Samuel was still very young, but he wasn't afraid, because his mother had taught him that God would always, always be with him.

Eli was the High Priest at that time, and he was getting old; he couldn't see very well anymore, and he found some of the tasks hard to do, so he was very glad of Samuel's help.

To start with Samuel did very simple tasks, but as time went on, Eli relied on him more and more and gave him harder tasks to do.



Samuel obeyed Eli in everything he asked him to do; he opened the doors to let the people come in to worship; he made sure the lamps were filled with oil; he polished the silver and gold fittings and

ornaments until they shone; he made sure that visitors to the Tabernacle said and did the right things at the right time.

Eli had 2 sons, Hophni and Phinehas; they were older than Samuel and they were both lesser Priest's at the Tabernacle, but unlike Samuel, Hophni and Phinehas didn't obey Eli, they were lazy and tried to get out of having to do their work, they cheated and charged visitors more than they should have done, and sometimes they stole the gifts that the people brought when they came to worship at the Tabernacle.



Eli knew that they did these things and he kind of told them that they shouldn't, but Hophni and Phinehas just carried on, and so after a while Eli pretended that he didn't notice what they were doing.

The Tabernacle was a very special holy place, and the gifts that people brought were part of them worshipping God. Hophni and Phinehas were very wrong to do the things that they did, and Eli was very wrong not to stop them.

Samuel was very quick at learning new things, he loved to listen to Eli telling him about Moses and the 10 Commandments, and he loved hearing about the miracles that God had worked. He often wondered why God didn't seem to speak to the people anymore and why there hadn't been any miracles for a long time.

One night, Samuel was asleep, when he heard a voice calling him, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel immediately answered and said, "Here I am!" He quickly got out of bed and went to Eli and said to him, "Here I am, for you called me."

Eli was still half asleep, he told him, "I did not call you, go back to bed." And so, Samuel went back to bed.

No sooner had he nodded off again than he heard the voice calling him, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel immediately answered and said, "Here I am!" He quickly



got out of bed and went to Eli and said to him, "Here I am, for you called me."

Once again, Eli told him, "I did not call you, go back to bed."

Samuel went back to bed, but no sooner had he dozed off than once again he heard the voice, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Once again, he hurried to Eli, saying, "Here I am, for you called me."

This time Eli was wide awake and realised that it must have been God who was calling Samuel. He told Samuel, "It wasn't me calling you, go back to bed, but if you hear the voice again, answer, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

Samuel went back to bed and settled down to sleep, and the voice called again, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

GOD

Then God told Samuel, "I am going to do something that will shock all of the people; I am going to judge and punish Eli's sons for all the wrong things they

have done. I am also going to punish Eli, because he did not rebuke his sons sternly." Samuel lay in his bed and listened with wide eyes, he was quite worried about telling Eli the bad news, because he loved Eli very much.

After Samuel had done his tasks the next morning, Eli said to him, "Samuel, my son, what is the message that God has given you? You



must tell me truthfully what He said, otherwise God will punish you."

And so, Samuel told Eli everything that God had said, and afterwards Eli said, "God must do what seems right to Him."



Because Samuel was honest and faithful when he shared God's word with Eli, God entrusted more and more messages to Samuel to tell the people; some of the messages were good and some of them were bad, but every one of his words came true. Samuel grew up and everybody knew that God was with him, and that he was God's chosen messenger to speak to the people once more.

So, What Can We Learn From Samuel's Story?

Samuel might seem like an unlikely person for God to use, he was only a little boy after all. But God has work for each and every one of us to do - no one is too young or too old to do God's work! God asks each of us to work for Him in different ways; He has lots of different ways of showing us what He wants us to do; the really important thing is to make sure that we have our eyes and our ears open, and are ready to listen.

Prayer Time ...

Heavenly Father,
thank You that You want to speak to me
and that I am not too young
to hear your voice or to be used to help You.
Please help me to hear your voice and
to always do my best for You - Amen



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