

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



View Through The Trees

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Parish Diary June 2024



Sun 2nd

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Weds 5th

6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Fri 7th

1.00pm Wedding of Emma Howley & Edward Bury

Sun 9th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Communion

10.45am Whit Gathering on The Delph

Tues 11th

10.30am Coffee & Conversation (*Ainsworth Church & Community Hall*)

Weds 12th

6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sun 16th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Holy Communion

Weds 19th

6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sun 23rd

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

12.15pm Baptism of Ophelia Carey

Weds 26th

6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sun 30th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Holy Communion (*followed by refreshments & Lucky Lotto draw*)

JULY

Weds 3rd

6.30pm MidWeek Praise

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 7th

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

“Patience is not simply the ability to wait, it’s the way we behave while we’re waiting.”

I’m not sure who wrote these words of wisdom, but they seem incredibly appropriate for our Church and our worshipping community, particularly during this time of interregnum.

As we continue to wait for the advertising / recruitment process for a new Incumbent to begin, there are many things over which we have little or no control; but that doesn’t mean that we have to simply sit down passively and wait.

The Church of England has seen a gradual reduction in numbers attending Churches over a number of years, the Covid-19 pandemic didn’t help things, but if we’re totally honest, the decline in numbers had begun long before that. Whilst there are many things that we could ‘blame’, and whilst it would be very easy for us to think ‘well at least it’s not just us...’, sometimes we need to be the ones to think outside of the box and be the change that we want to see.

That may well be difficult in the short term; it may well be easier and less stressful just to drift along in the ‘slow lane’, but will that get us where we want to be?

Will that encourage more people to become a part of God’s Church? Will that encourage more children, families and young people to want to be a part of our Church? Will that encourage those who already have a faith to grow deeper in their faith?

Yes we can wait patiently for the process of recruitment and advertising to begin, but if we want our congregation to grow in faith and in numbers, we need to think about how we behave whilst we are waiting; we need to continue to look for new ways and opportunities to connect with children, families and young people; we need to continue to reach out to and connect with our wider community; we need to consider new opportunities that may help our existing worshipping community to grow and develop in their own faith; and we need to continue to engage and work with our wider Mission Community.

It certainly would be easier to wait for someone else or some other time, to take these things forwards; but change and progress rarely happen if we sit down and wait passively for someone else or some other time; the future is ours to shape, and the time is now.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the June 2024 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is once again full of interesting articles, updates and information.

It seems hard to believe that we are almost halfway through another year ... Where does the time go!

The Summer months are always a busy time for the uniformed organisations; you'll find an update on their various activities and plans in this month's Parish Magazine, alongside details of our annual Whit Gathering, the Friends of the Delph fundraising event, a Mission Community Litter Picking event, and the inaugural Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Prom Concert on 6th July. Make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary and the weekly Pew Sheet for updates and further information.

As always, many thanks to those who take the time to send in their reports and articles each month; it's very much appreciated. Enjoy the read and feel free to share our Magazine with others if you wish to. *Alison*

From The Registers

Funerals
4th April

We commend to God's keeping:
Dorothy Gore

Flower Rota

9th June – Mrs. Atkinson

30th June – Mrs. J. Bowden

Summer Prom Concert



Tickets are now available for our inaugural Summer Prom Concert, at which we will once again be partnering with members of Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band, for a fabulous evening of musical entertainment.

Come along and enjoy all of the rousing classics, whilst raising much needed funds for our Church.

Saturday 6th July, 7pm; tickets - £7.50 adults, £5 children under 16years, includes refreshments. For more info email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com or contact 07952-709041.

The Age Of Technology!

Those who have been in to Church in recent weeks may have noticed the addition of the wonderful new screen, which has been installed to the left of the Priest's Stall.

This fabulous piece of technology will allow us to include a whole range of material within Services, Baptism Preparation etc, and will be particularly useful within our MidWeek Praise Services, where we've struggled for some time to project the Service onto a removable screen.

The new screen has been funded primarily by a grant from the 'Revitalisation Of Existing Churches Scheme', which looks to provide funds to enable Churches to implement initiatives aimed at growth.

Many thanks to all who have been involved in the application for and installation of this wonderful piece of kit.



The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The May Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 26th May, with the lucky winner walking away with £24-50!

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!!

I-Spy Nature



After the heavy rain at the start of the week, and even on the morning itself, the weather finally got its act together, and for just over 2 hours we enjoyed dry, bright weather – even sunshine at times. Long enough for those who came along to the I-Spy Nature event to follow the butterfly trail around the churchyard, spot the required birds, trees, plants and insects; identify the necessary grave stones and enjoy a hugely competitive game of ‘pitch-a-pinecone’ – some of the children were really very good at chucking those cones into the buckets!

After a break for refreshments, it was on to craft activities, with colouring, wax rubbings, sunflower seed planting and making ‘Cheerio’ bird feeders all being part of the fun.

Many thanks to everyone who came along, and also to all who helped out on the day.; it was wonderful to see so many children and families enjoying our lovely Churchyard.



Whit Gathering 2024 – Sunday 9th June at 10.45am

This year’s Whit Gathering will once again be held on ‘The Delph’, where we’ll be joined by members of Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band as we come together for a short time of outdoor worship.

Refreshments will be available from 10.30am, courtesy of ‘The Friends of the Delph Team’; ***please bring your own chair / blanket to sit on.***

EcoChurch



Top Tip for June:

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.

Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Fair in any way; members of the Social Committee & ABC who organised the event, all those who helped out on the day, plus the many people who came along and supported the event. The total amount raised for Church funds was a fantastic £1734-06!

Trinity Sunday- 26th May 2024



Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost, this year it fell on Sunday 26th May. Trinity Sunday is a day we set aside every year to celebrate our wonderful 3 in 1 God.

It's very difficult to explain the Trinity, because nobody totally understands it! Trinity means 1 thing being made up of 3 things, just as a triangle is made up of 3 sides and 3 corners. But how can God, be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all at the same time?

We don't need to understand everything about God to be able to love Him and to serve Him, but here's a good way to try to understand the Trinity; think about the last time you ate an apple ...

An apple has three parts: the seeds, the flesh, and the skin. If you cut an apple in half, you can see that each of these three parts are different and has a different purpose. The skin of the apple is like God the Father, because He protects us; the flesh of the apple is like God the Son, because Jesus took on human form; and the seeds of the apple are like God the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit helps us to grow.

Each of the parts of an apple is different, but they are all still apple.

Raising Awareness – HMRC Volunteer Drivers Service



The HMR Circle Volunteer Drivers Service (VDS) is an affordable transport service operating across Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton and the Pennine Villages. It is a service for adults (aged 50+ / or vulnerable adults) who are unable, or find it difficult, to use public transport.

Volunteer Drivers use their own vehicles to provide a door-to-door, flexible, transport service. The passenger is picked up from their home and taken to their destination. Return journeys are also available. If requested, and where possible, a driver can wait with the passenger until they are ready to return home.

For each journey, a contribution is calculated at just 45p per mile - payable to the driver on the day, to reimburse the cost of petrol and to support the costs of insuring and maintaining their vehicles.

All Volunteer Drivers are DBS checked and have all the necessary vehicle safety requirements and insurance in place - so you can rest assured that you're in safe hands!

For more information visit: [HMR Circle - Volunteer Drivers Service](#)

A Cautionary Tale

A new family moved in next door; looking out of her kitchen window, the existing neighbour commented to her husband – “Good grief, the washing she’s put on the line isn’t even clean; maybe she needs to change her soap powder ...”. The woman’s husband said nothing.

The next time the laundry went on the line, the woman commented again “Good grief, the washing she’s put on the line isn’t even clean; maybe someone should tell her she needs to use hot water!” Again the woman’s husband said nothing.

This continued each time the new neighbour put her washing on the line, with the existing neighbour making a snipy comment about the standard of the laundry, until one morning she looked out of the window – “Wow!” she said, “That washing actually looks clean! Maybe someone gave her some soap different powder to use!”

Her husband spoke up, “Actually, I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows” ...

Mission Community News – Litter Picking Event

Don't miss out on the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Litter Picking Event, which will be held on Weds 17th July 6.30-7.30pm and repeated on Saturday 20th July 10.30-11.30am, to try to ensure as many people as possible are able to take part.



Each Church will host their own events so it's relevant to their congregation and wider community.

As well as being a great outreach opportunity, this event will feed into our EcoChurch journey as individual Churches and also as a Mission Community.

Watch this space for more info.

Mission Community Prayer Journey – 9th May 2024

Thursday 9th of May saw a small group of people gathering at Christ Church Walshaw for the start of the 2024 Radcliffe and Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Journey.

After a short time of prayer, 3 intrepid walkers set off cross country, en route for Christ Church Ainsworth. On a glorious sunny morning it was an absolute joy to walk through the fields near to Whitehead Lodges; we certainly found plenty of things to be thankful for.

A warm welcome awaited us at Christ Church Ainsworth; friendly faces and much needed sustenance – it really is never too early for a 'cake break'! Following a short Celtic Morning Prayer Service, led by Area Dean, Revd. Cannon Donna Williams, those present walked prayerfully around the outside of our Church before beginning the next stage of the journey. 3 became 6 as we headed off towards St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.

Revd. Bob May led a short time of prayer at St. Andrew's, before 6 became 7 as we set off on the final leg of the Prayer Journey, walking along what I now know is called 'the banana path' (why? Because it bends round like a banana – of course!!) en route to St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, where we met up with walkers from the Southern end of our Mission Community.

Around 40 people from the various different Churches enjoyed a time of food and fellowship, before joining together for a Celtic Communion Service led by the Archdeacon of Bolton & Salford, the Venerable Dr. Rachel Mann.

Huge thanks must go to the many people across our Mission Community who were involved in the organisation of this wonderful event.

Archdeacon's Visitation

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service for our Deanery will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bury at 7.30pm on Monday 17th June 2024; 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.

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.*



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!



- Only £1/ticket
- To enter simply fill in your '50/50 Lucky Lotto' ticket, then place it in the box at the back of Church.
- Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month; the winner will receive 50% of that month's ticket sales!!
- Tickets available at the back of Church
- You can also enter by BACS payment or standing order, for details email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- All proceeds to Church funds

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 30th June.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 11th June

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





Summer Prom Concert

*Saturday 6th July 7pm
Christ Church Ainsworth
Church St, Ainsworth
BL2 5RU*

*Featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band
Tickets adults £7.50, children under 16 £5
Includes refreshments.*

*To book tickets or for more info email
ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
Or Tel 07952-709041*



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."*





CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR
WHIT GATHERING

Sunday 9th June

10.45am on 'The Delph'

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





INVITATION FOR STALL HOLDERS

AINSWORTH FRIENDS OF THE DELPH
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2024
12 NOON – 3PM
THE DELPH, CHURCH STREET
AINSWORTH

We are looking for stall holders! We have pitches for local businesses, and for local people to do table top sales of toys, clothes, household goods, bric-a-brac etc.

Only £10 per pitch (paid in advance), contact Paul Buckley for more info prbuckley2003@yahoo.co.uk.

Donations for our tombola are welcome. Please drop off at 40 church street, Ainsworth, before 30th May 2024.

Donations for cake stall are also welcome on the day.

Look at our facebook page at “ainsworth friends of the delph” to see what we have been doing on the delph.



Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 11th June

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 June Meetings

Tuesday 4th June

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Worship, discussion & fellowship.

Tuesday 18th June 2.00pm at The Garden Shed

All are welcome at both of these meetings.

Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event; the total amount raised was a fabulous £1734-06!!

Summer Prom Concert!

Saturday 6th July; 7pm

Christ Church Ainsworth

A fantastic opportunity to get together & enjoy a great evening of entertainment by Farnworth & Walkden Band. Tickets now available; adults £7.50, children under 16yrs £5, includes refreshments.

Candlelight Prayer

Each Friday @ 8pm on Zoom

An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week. Why not join us for 10 minutes of prayer and quiet reflection each Friday evening. Simply click on the link below to take part:

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Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph Fundraiser

Sunday 9th June 12 – 3pm

Stalls, games, face painting, refreshments and much more! For more information visit the 'ainsworth friends of the delph' Facebook page.

Mission Community – Litter Picking Event

Wednesday 17th July 6.30 – 7.30pm & Saturday 20th July 10.30-11.30am

Meet at Christ Church Ainsworth to help to keep our village tidy.

More details coming soon.

Around The Organisations ...

Beavers

We currently have 22 young people on roll.

1 Beaver has just been awarded his Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award in Beavers.

We all had a fun day out at District Headquarters on St George's Day. We met with all the groups in the District and did lots of fun activities including:

archery, bouldering, football golf, axe throwing (plastic safety ones!), skittles, tin-can-alley, and space hopper races. The weather was glorious, and a fun time was had by all.

We have also been working towards our Faith, Creative & Disability Awareness Badges and making steady progress on our Challenge Award.

Darran Higgins - Raven

Cub Scouts

We have had a busy few months, with a visit to the Bolton Krishna Temple where we all learned lots about their religion, activities and how brightly decorated the whole of the building was. The pack were surprised at how many of their Gods were female compared to C of E. To celebrate St George's day, we joined in with other groups in the district for a Fun Afternoon where, besides food to eat, there was Axe Throwing, Shooting, Archery, Climbing, table top games and stilt walking. It was amazing that with so many different activities some youngsters spent a long time using 3 beanbags to knock down empty cans over and over again!

At the end of the afternoon, I was presented with my 60 year service certificate and badge.

Cubs are now busy with the Aeronautics level 2 and some catching up with bits and pieces of the work they missed earlier in the year. We also had a visit from a Guider who put them all through their paces to achieve their Stage 2 Emergency Aid.

Some may have noticed that Suzanne has been sending out messages calling herself Akela, and we are pleased that she has agreed to take on this role – not sure if she will last 60 years but still!!!

Gwen - Baloo

16th Radcliffe Brownies

Recently, the Brownies have earned plenty of badges by doing a 'badge in a night'. This has included working on the 'My Rights Badge' where we looked at children's rights and the things needed to grow up happy, healthy, and safe. This included locating items in Sixes pertaining to rights, e.g., keys for a safe home, as well as a tricky game of 'This or That' – unlimited snacks vs no bedtime certainly split the pack, but the choices got a lot harder when choosing between access to clean clothes or clean water. We have also completed the 'Cardboard Box Challenge'. This challenge included a taste test of certain foods, scoring them on how much they tasted like cardboard. The Brownies also made rooms and scenes from cardboard boxes including a bakery, a bedroom, and a swimming pool. Well done to the Brownies who received free cakes from GG Bakes for making a cardboard box model of their shop!



We have also worked on crafts for the Spring Fair including bunting, decorative butterflies, and signs for the café. We hope you all enjoyed seeing the Brownies' works of art!

This term we have handed some of the planning responsibilities to the Brownies asking what they would like to do. Some suggestions were playing team games and using playdoh. Incorporating this, each team game won the Brownies a choice of a certain colour of playdoh or tool for moulding the playdoh. They then had to sculpt a holiday scene. These were all very creative and ranged from beach side retreats to the snowy tops of Canada.

Joining us this term, we are very pleased to welcome to the pack Isla and Eleanor. We have also had some new enrolments including Phoebe Y and Liv. We hope you all enjoy your time with us!

Last but certainly not least, we have given out some well-deserved badges. All the Brownies received them, whether from the Cardboard Box Challenge or our earlier Space Badge; however, special commendation goes to Mila and Phoebe L for earning their Silver

Awards, and a huge congratulations to Alice for earning her Gold Award.

16th Radcliffe Brownies Leaders

12th Radcliffe Guides

Our last Brownie moved into Guides at the start of term – so now all the girls are Guides. And, after a longer than usual Easter break, we returned to complete our Skills Builder by using all the ideas and skills we had built up during the spring term to discuss issues that we cared about and producing a creative piece to influence others to care too. On completing this, we were able to present the Influence Skill Builder badge to Amelia, Amelia, Eloise, Erin, Grace, Grace, Libby, Lily May, Lucy, Poppy, Poppy, Scarlett and Serena. We also presented Grace with her Express Yourself theme award, which meant that she had also gained her Guide Bronze Award. Well done!



As part of looking after ourselves, we have practiced some yoga poses and learned a relaxation technique. We also did the first part of a traditional guiding activity - knot tying (starting with a rather easy knot and intending to move onto more difficult ones in the coming weeks!)

12th Radcliffe Guide Leaders

Transformation - Now!



We had a lovely get together on 16th April at Bradley Fold Garden Centre. Thank you to the staff for making us feel so welcome. These 'outings' are going well and thank you to Jennifer for organising them for the group. We were sorry that Jean Clifford wasn't able to join us to celebrate her 90th birthday, but we send you our best wishes, Jean, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Spring Council took place at the end of April. The total of those impacted by the work of Manchester Mothers' Union between 1st

January and 21st April stood at an impressive 1134 individuals. All those little acts of kindness soon mount up.

We learned a bit more about our link dioceses at our first May meeting. Each diocese is grouped with several others throughout the world and Manchester is linked with Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kagera in Tanzania, Awka in Nigeria; Sunyani in Ghana and Popondota in Papua New Guinea. Several of these experience monsoon conditions for part of the year - perhaps they would feel at home in Manchester!

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our trip to Cosalea in Walshaw on 21st May.

Our first meeting in June is on 4th June at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Hall when we will be having a mid-year discussion, looking back on the first half and looking ahead to plans for the remainder of the year.

On 18th June we will be making the short journey down the road to The Garden Shed for tea and cake. We have decided to meet at the earlier time of 2 p.m. as they close slightly earlier. Please note this earlier meeting time.

As ever, all are welcome to join us at either or both of these meetings.
Andrew Lowe

From the Archives – June 1999

In the 'Vicar's Letter' article in the June 1999 Parish Magazine, Father Alan wrote about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, delivered on the Day of Pentecost; these being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. He asked folk to remember that they also had received these gifts through Baptism and Confirmation, and suggested Trinity would be a good time to consider how each person shows the gifts of the Spirit in their daily lives. A powerful message, and one that is just as relevant to us all a quarter of a century later.

Additional Services in June 1999 included the Annual Whitsuntide Walk of Witness – meet at 2.45pm for a prompt start at 3pm; also a Deanery Eucharist Service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestwich.

In News From The Parish, the Churchwardens reported that a recent inspection had highlighted a number of gutters and downspouts needing remedial work. It was also anticipated that a 'Millenium Plaque' would be arriving imminently, this to be displayed above the Lychgate.

Elsewhere, the Day School reported a successful May Fair which raised an incredible £1509 for school funds; the Social Committee reported the American Breakfast had been postponed - watch this space for replacement date; the Choir had held a successful 'Candle Party' which had raised £60 for funds; Mothers' Union members had held a successful Coffee Morning; the ladies of the Church Women's Fellowship were eagerly anticipating a talk from members of Bolton Mountain Rescue Team; and both Brownie packs were planning for Pack Holiday – 12th Radcliffe had 'The Wombles' as their theme, whilst 16th Radcliffe were focusing on 'The Little Mermaid'. Beavers had enjoyed a clown themed district funday, whilst Cubs had been ice skating, pond dipping, canoeing, tracking and first aiding; and Scouts reported the great achievement of Jonathan Stanton, who had achieved his Chief Scout Award.

In June 1999, the 'Face To Face' interview was with David John Teale, 'A man of many parts – all of them excellent'. In June 1999 there was 1 Wedding recorded from the previous month, plus 5 Baptisms and 4 Funerals. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 375, collections were listed as £1709.

You Might Like To Read ...

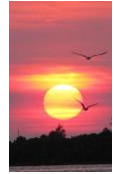
"The Things You Can Only See When You Slow Down – How to be Calm in a Busy World", Haemin Sunim.

In this beautifully illustrated, bestselling guide to mindfulness, the author, a Buddhist monk, offers spiritual advice on everything from handling setbacks at work to dealing with love and relationships. Speaking directly to the anxieties that have become part of modern life, these simple, compassionate teachings transcend religion, borders and ages, and serve as a calming reminder of the strength and joy that come from slowing down.

Space To Share A Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me this day to listen well; to know when to keep silence, so that others may speak, and to refrain from offering words when words are not needed, so that those who truly need to speak can be heard, and their voices carry both to earth and to heaven – Amen

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.

Top 10 Girls’ Names In The UK 2023

According to www.bounty.com – the following were the UK’s top 10 girls’ names for 2023:

1. Olivia
2. Amelia
3. Isla
4. Ava
5. Ivy
6. Freya
7. Lily
8. Florence
9. Mia
10. Willow

For All The Saints – June; St. Peter

Name: St. Peter

Feast Day: 29th June

Born: Unknown

Died: 64AD

Place of burial: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

Patron Saint Of: Net-makers, shipbuilders & Fishermen; also of popes.

St Peter, originally named Simon, but also known as Simon Peter, was one of the first followers of Jesus, and became one of the Twelve Apostles and subsequently one of the first leaders of the early Church.

As a Jewish boy growing up in Galilee, Peter would have received religious instruction up to the age of about 13; he was then apprenticed as a Fisherman. Fishing was a major industry at that time, and Peter and his brother Andrew were very successful.

Simon's life changed when he met Jesus, ultimately he and Andrew left their lives as fishermen to follow Jesus. Peter may have made mistakes along the way, but Jesus recognised in him the ability to be a strong and fair leader. Peter was one of the first to see Jesus after the resurrection, it was Peter that brought the Disciples together following the Ascension, and it was Peter who stood up and spoke to the crowds on the Day of Pentecost.

Peter travelled through many regions, sharing the Gospel message and converting people to Christianity. The last city he visited was Rome, where he was martyred under the Emperor Nero's persecution of Christianity.

Peter was to martyred through crucifixion, but stated that he was unworthy to die in the same way as the Lord, and so was crucified upside down

Just A Thought

The more grateful we feel, the happier we become.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Spell Checker

Eye have a grate spell chequer,
It came with my pea sea,
It plainly marques four my revue
Mistakes I cannot sea.
Eye strike a quay and type a word,
Then weight four it to say
Weather I am write or wrong,
It shows me straight a weigh.
Whenever a mistake is maid
It shows bee four to long,
Then eye can put the error write,
It's almost never wrong.
Eye ran this poem through it and
I'm shore your pleased to no,
It's letter perfect all the weigh;
My chequer told me sew.

(Sauce Unknown)

Strap Lines

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre; you won't get anywhere until you change it.

God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.

Life isn't about how fast you progress, or how high you climb; it's about how well you bounce back when you're down.

Time for A Smile

An elderly couple were in bed one night discussing the wedding vows they had made 60 years previously. The husband was nodding off when the wife said, "Do you remember how we used to hug in those days?" "Of Course," said the husband and gave her a hug. "And do you remember how we used to kiss in those days?" asked the wife. "Of Course," said the husband and gave her a kiss. "And do you remember how you used to nibble my ear?" asked the wife. The old man threw off the covers and started to climb out of bed; "Where are you going?" asked his wife. The old man replied, "To get my teeth from the bathroom"!

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

1. A 3 sided shape?
2. A flag with 3 bands of colour?
3. A document copied 3 times?
4. A 3 horned dinosaur?
5. A 3 wheeled bike?
6. One of 3 identical babies?
7. A 3 pronged spear?
8. One of 3 equal periods of time?
9. A 3 cornered hat?
10. A 3 humped camel?

Quick Bible Quiz

1. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
2. How many books are there in the New Testament?
3. How many days did God take to create the world?
4. How many books of the Bible were written by Jesus?
5. How many sons did Adam and Eve have?
6. How many days and nights did it rain for in the Great Flood?
7. How many brothers did Joseph have?
8. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
9. How many Philistines did Samson kill with a donkey's jaw bone?
10. How many stones did David need to kill Goliath?

(Answers on page 29)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
2 nd June 1 st Sun after Trinity	Barbara Clarkson	Lilian Haworth	Jenny Johnson
9 th June 2 nd Sun after Trinity	N/A	N/A	N/A
16 th June 3 rd Sun after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lorraine Holden	Andrew Lowe
23 rd June 4 th Sun after Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Peter Holden	Clergy
30 th June 4 th Sun after Trinity	Barbara Clarkson Jan Burrow	Beryl Sixsmith	Jenny Johnson

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
2 nd June 1 st Sun after Trinity	Jenny Johnson	1 Samuel 3.1-10 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23 - 3.6
9 th June 2 nd Sun after Trinity	N/A	N/A
16 th June 3 rd Sun after Trinity	Lorraine Holden	1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4.26-34
23 rd June 4 th Sun after Trinity	Peter Holden	1 Samuel 17.32 - 49 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41
30 th June 4 th Sun after Trinity	Beryl Sixsmith	2 Samuel 1.1,17-27 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43

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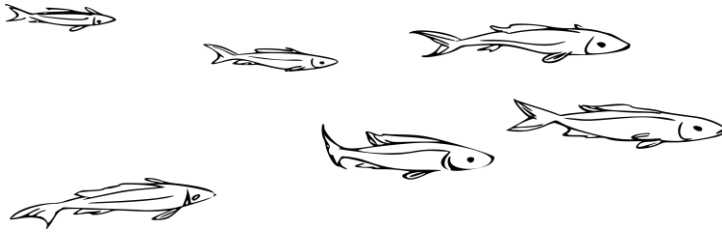
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Answers to Tri Quiz: 1) Triangle, 2) Tricolore, 3) Triplicate, 4) Triceratops, 5) Tricycle, 6) Triplet, 7) Trident, 8) Trimester, 9) Tricorne, 10) Trinidal

Answers to Bible Quiz: 1) 39, 2) 27, 3) 6, 4) 0, 5) 3, 6) 40, 7) 11, 8) 10, 9) 1000, 10) 1.

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Little Fishes

Jonah



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.

Jonah

Jonah was a very ordinary sort of a person, who was just quietly getting on with his life, until one night he had a strange dream; he dreamt that God was asking him to go to a place called Ninevah and tell the people living there to stop being bad. The only problem was that Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah - everyone knew that the people who lived there were bad; they didn't worship God, they didn't pray, they did just whatever they wanted. And they definitely didn't welcome strangers. Jonah didn't want to help the people there; in fact, he wanted them to be punished for their mistakes.



So instead of listening to God, Jonah decided to run away. He made his way to the sea, where he found a ship that was just about to set sail, going in completely the opposite direction to Ninevah; Jonah paid the captain, then went into the lower part of the boat and went to sleep, feeling quite pleased that his plan had come together so easily.



After the boat had left the shore, a very bad storm came up; the wind howled, the rain lashed down and the waves grew bigger and bigger. The boat tossed on the wild sea, and the waves washed

right up over the decks. The Captain and all the Sailors were very afraid; they started to throw all the packages and bags overboard in the hope that this would help to keep the boat afloat and save them all from drowning.

The Captain went to find Jonah who was still sound asleep in the lower part of the boat. He said to Jonah, "How can you sleep? Get up and help us!"



Jonah went up onto the deck and started to help the Sailors to throw things overboard. But the waves grew higher, and the boat began to creak and groan as if it would break in two! The Captain shouted "Everyone pray to your god, maybe he can help us!" And so the Sailors all began to cry out, praying to their gods for help.

Jonah told them, "I believe in the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land, and I am running away from something God asked me to do. It is my fault this is happening. If you throw me into the sea the storm will stop."

The men didn't want to hurt Jonah by throwing him off the boat so they tried to row as hard as they could, but the storm just got worse. Jonah told them again, "It is my fault this is happening. If you throw me into the sea the storm will stop."

So, the Sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea. Immediately the storm calmed and the sea became still. The captain and the Sailors looked out to sea, trying to spot Jonah to see if he was safe, but just at that moment, a huge fish came and swallowed Jonah whole!

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Jonah stayed in the fish for three days and three nights; he must have wondered if he would ever see daylight again. While Jonah was trapped inside the fish he did a lot of thinking; he also did a lot

of praying to God. He asked God to forgive him for running away. He also thanked God for not allowing him to drown.

After the third day God told the fish to spit Jonah out onto dry land. And the fish did just that. And guess where Jonah had landed up?



Right near to the city of Ninevah! This time Jonah knew that he had to obey God, so he gathered up all his courage and went up into the city and began to speak to the people. He told the people what had happened to him. He warned them that God had said that they should stop doing bad things or in forty days the city and everything in it would be destroyed.

To Jonah's surprise the people listened to him, and they prayed to God, and they said sorry for all the bad things they had done.

Soon the king of Ninevah heard what was going on and he ordered that everyone must listen to God and stop doing bad things. And when God saw that they were trying to be good instead of bad, He felt love for them and did not destroy their city.

Jonah left the city very angry. He was angry that God hadn't punished the people, who had been behaving badly for so long. But there was one more lesson left for Jonah to learn. God is a loving God and doesn't want to destroy anything if he doesn't have to. He loves everyone. God would rather see us turn from our bad ways and do good again.

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

All of us make mistakes sometimes, but God still loves us, and He wants us to love Him and also to love one another. If we are truly sorry, God will always forgive us and give us another chance.

Prayer Time ...

Dear God, thank you for always loving us and forgiving us when we make mistakes or mess things up. Please help us to remember to love each other, to be kind to each other, and to forgive other people. Amen

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