

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



Remembrance At Christ Church Ainsworth

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Christ Church Ainsworth

Season Of Remembrance



Sunday 3rd November 6.30pm

Service To Commemorate The Departed

A quiet, reflective service with traditional hymns & prayers



Sunday 10th November 10.30am

Service Of Remembrance

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



Monday 11th November 10.45am

Remembering War : Praying For Peace

A short time of remembrance, and prayer

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





Parish Diary November 2024



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November

Sun 3 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Service To Remember The Departed

Weds 6 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
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Thurs 7 th	7.30pm	'The Prayer Course'
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sun 10 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Church Parade & Service Of Remembrance

Mon 11 th	10.45am	Remembering War / Praying For Peace
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Tues 12 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
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Weds 13 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
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Thurs 14 th	7.30pm	'The Prayer Course'
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Sat 16 th	11-2pm	Church Christmas Fair (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Sun 17 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism
	6.30pm	"Be Still" – a time of contemplative prayer & quiet reflection

Weds 20 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
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Sat 23 rd	12.30pm	Interment of Ashes Robert Watson
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CHRIST THE KING

Sun 24 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>followed by refreshments & Lucky Lotto draw</i>)

	12.15pm	Baptism
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Weds 27 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
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DECEMBER

ADVENT SUNDAY

Sun 1 st	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

“Disappointment is a temporary detour, not a dead-end street.”

(Unknown)

What a wonderful quotation!

Having waited over 18 months for the Diocese to advertise the vacancy at Christ Church Ainsworth, it was incredibly disappointing to learn that there had been no applications for the post. Whilst it's been great to see people pulling together, and whilst a huge amount has been achieved since the start of the interregnum, every Church needs an Incumbent in post to provide leadership, guidance and support, and in that, Christ Church Ainsworth is no different.

However, as the opening quotation rightly reminds us, disappointment is not a permanent roadblock; it might sidetrack us momentarily, but it doesn't mean we can't find alternative paths or learn valuable lessons. Disappointments are part of everyday life, but we shouldn't let them define us; sometimes disappointments can end up leading us to greater determination and a renewed motivation or enable us to explore new opportunities.

And here is another wonderful quotation:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

At this time, Jeremiah was addressing the people of Israel who had been sent into exile in Babylon and were effectively under the enemy's control. During this period, there would have been many emotional and physical stressors affecting God's followers.

God tasked Jeremiah with delivering the message that the people would have to live and prosper in this hostile territory for the next 70 years; it's hardly surprising that the people were hesitant and felt as if they were being asked to do the impossible!

But God spoke through Jeremiah, reassuring the people that their faith in Him would be rewarded. He wasn't saying He'd swoop down and make everything easy for them. He simply told them that even though it's hard right now, they must have faith.

I sincerely hope that our interregnum doesn't last for 70 years!!!, but let's take that thought with us as we continue to work and worship at Christ Church Ainsworth during interregnum - even though it's hard right now, we must have faith.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the November 2024 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is as always, a mine of useful information, interesting articles and updates.

Alongside the reports and updates from our various groups and organisations, there are details of a number of Christmas themed activities and events included in this month's magazine - it seems no time at all since we were planning activities for last Christmas; where does the time go?!

The latter few months of the year are inevitably a busy time of year for our Churches; the Season of Remembrance is followed swiftly by Advent, and before you know it, Christmas will be upon us once again.

As always at this time of the year, there will be a number of special Services and seasonal events coming up; please make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary and also the weekly Pew Sheet for updates and details.

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

Flower Rota

10th November – Mrs. Valerie Watts

24th November – In memory of Peter Ashworth

Church Flower Rota

There are currently a number of spaces on the Church Flower Rota; placing flowers in church can be a lovely way to remember a loved one, or to commemorate an anniversary or special date.

If you would be interested in joining the Church flower rota, please speak to one of our Churchwardens, or contact Gwen White on 01204-595378.

Harvest

Those who were able to join us in Church on Harvest Sunday will have noticed the wonderful Harvest themed displays around our Church; a great deal of time, effort and thought had clearly gone into

these. A huge thank you to the various groups, Organisations and individuals who created them.



Many thanks also to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal and donated food and toiletries for local charity, Porch Boxes; Porch Boxes put together 'crisis packs' for distribution to local individuals and families who are in desperate need; sadly, referrals for support from this charity are at an all time high - your support is very much appreciated.

Last but by no means least, a big thank you to Jan and her small team of helpers, who get together after Harvest each year, to pack up all of the donated produce and deliver it to the Porch Boxes Depot on Bradley Fold Trading Estate.

Service For The Departed

This year, our annual 'Service For The Departed' will be held in Church on **Sunday 3rd November, at 6.30pm.**

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

The names of those for whom a funeral has been held in Church during the past year, will automatically be included in the list of names to be read out at this service, but if you would like the name of a friend or loved one to be added to the list, please speak to a member of Clergy or one of the Churchwardens.

Candlelit Christmas Concert

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



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

Saturday 7th December, 7pm; tickets available now; adults £7-50, children £5-00, seasonal refreshments included. For more details or to book tickets contact Alison on 07952-709041, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Ainsworth Scout Group Fundraising Christmas Coach Trip

Get the festive feeling by joining us on this fundraising coach trip to Chester Christmas Market. The coach will depart from Ainsworth at 08.30 and will return around 18.00.

This market is a handmade, historical and magical experience that has over 70 traders situated around the town square and surrounding areas. There are stalls with locally made produce, handmade crafts, jewellery and stocking fillers.

If you would like to join us on this fun trip, please follow the below link to book your tickets.

[Fundraising Family Christmas Coach Trip - Chester | Cognito Forms](#)

Prices:-

Adult (Aged 14 and over) £27

Child (Aged 13 and under) £20

Under 5's - Free

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £80

Details of how and where to pay will be on your confirmation email. Thank you for your continued support.

PS. Date for your diary – Summer Coach trip to the Lake District 5th July 2025!!

Fundraising Coach Trip



**Chester Christmas Market
Saturday 30th November 2024**

Churchyard Team - Christmas Wreaths

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



To order a wreath, please take an envelope from the back of church (or use your own) and place the completed details in the envelope with the money – cash only. Place the completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church. Please state if you want the churchyard team to place the wreath on a grave for you, or if you wish to collect it yourself. If you want the churchyard team to do it, please state where the grave is and the names on the grave so we can find it for you. As in previous years, the cost will be £11 per wreath; orders must be placed on or before **Friday 6th December**. Collection date for the wreaths is **Wednesday 11th December between 9 and 12am**. Wreaths will be placed on graves at this time as well.

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



Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph

Christmas lights switch on, Sunday 1st December 3pm on the Delph.

The Children's Society

In 1881, a Sunday school teacher named Edward Rudolf founded a charity to benefit the poverty-stricken children, which he saw were in desperate need. He was a man who wanted to make a real difference to the lives of the children he saw begging and living on the streets of Victorian London.

All these years later, sadly the needs of impoverished children are still as great as they were then. Today, the charity he founded, The Children's Society, works tirelessly to aid and support children and young people in ways Edward Rudolf could hardly imagine.

Over the last 25 years, the areas in which the Society helps children has diversified from child runaways, to young carers. to abuse victims, to child refugees escaping war torn countries.

The one thing which remains constant however is the Society's link with the Church of England. Through the link with the church the charity has been able to raise awareness of the plight of children and young adults, and ask for help to fund all the vital projects they run. In our local area there are centres in Manchester, Rochdale and Oldham which work with children from all backgrounds to make a practical difference to their lives. Every time someone donates to The Children's Society, all the money goes directly to fund the campaigns and over 100 services around the country. They do not spend money on advertising, preferring to keep costs to a minimum.

Children are at the centre of their focus. People like Katie.....

Katie was 13 years old when one day the police knocked on her door and asked to see her mobile phone. They explained that a group of men had been pretending to be teenagers so they could groom her and two other girls. Although Katie had thought she knew who she was chatting to online, the police were able to link them to Katie's mobile. Katie lost all her confidence and found it hard to speak about her experience to family or teachers. The police referred Katie to The Children's Society and a specialist Counsellor went to visit Katie at home. Over the course of some months, she was able to encourage Katie to attend classes to help young people keep safe online, and also to take part in discussion groups within The Children's Society to share ideas on how to be aware of social media dangers. Katie is now regaining her confidence to use online platforms but within agreed boundaries with her family.

Help like that given to Katie is invaluable, but specialist training for Counsellors costs money. If you could donate the cost of your morning cup of coffee, that would be a welcome gift. If you could donate the cost of your lunchtime meal deal from a supermarket, that could pay for children like Katie to attend a group session. If you could donate the cost of an extra Christmas present, that would cover an hour's training for online safety for one of the Society's project workers. Every pound counts.

With your help, The Children's Society can make a real difference to the lives of the young people they see. Just as Edward Rudolf wanted when it all began.

Susan Campbell - Local Secretary for The Children's Society

Christingle 2024

The annual Christingle Service in our beautiful Church will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm.

Like last year, it will be a "Bring-Your-Own Christingle" so everyone can have fun decorating their own orange with fruits and sweets of their choice. A couple of weeks prior to the Service, I will be at Midweek Praise to give out candles if required.

Last year the Service was made even more special by the choir from Midweek Praise singing their song whilst all the Christingles were lit and held up. This created a wonderful atmosphere and a great start to the festive season.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Service. Please come along and join us as we remember that we are raising money for a charity that has been helping children for over 100years.

Susan Campbell - Local Secretary for The Children's Society

Make Your own Christingle – A 'How To' Guide

If you are planning to come along to the Christingle Service on Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm and would like to know how to make a Christingle read on!

You Will Need:

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

Here's What To Do:

1. Choose your fruit, usually an orange. You might want to cut the bottom off your orange, so it doesn't wobble around.
2. Use red tape (electrical tape or coloured sellotape) to stick around the centre of the orange. If you don't have any tape, you can pin a red ribbon around the centre of the orange or colour a strip of paper in red and then sellotape it in place around the middle.



3. Push a pencil into the top of the orange to make a hole for the candle.
4. Use a foil milk bottle top or cut a square of foil approx 4cm in size then make a slit in it so that it fits over the candle. Position at the base of the candle.
5. Place your choice of fruit (grapes, raisins, sultanas, satsuma segments or your own favourite), and sweets (jelly type sweets work best as they need to be pushed onto the sticks) on the table and carefully thread them onto the 4 cocktail sticks.
6. Push the 4 cocktail sticks into the orange above the red tape. Make sure they point upwards at an angle and do not touch the candle (like this \ /).

Your Christingle is now ready to bring along to the Service. Please remember there will be a collection for the Children's Society during the Service.

Susan Campbell - Local Secretary for The Children's Society

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The October Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 27th October, with the lucky winner walking away with £22-00!

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!!

Just A Thought

Not all storms are sent to destroy our lives; some are sent to clear our path.

EcoChurch

Top Tip for November:

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



Stir Up Sunday

Stir-up Sunday is the informal term for the last Sunday before the season of Advent, and this year falls on 24th November. The day doesn't actually get its name from 'stirring the pudding', but from the Book of Common Prayer (1662), as the Collect set for this day begins with the words,

“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.

It was supposed to reinforce the significance of this day as forming part of the preparation for the season of Advent. However, in Victorian times it became associated with the lovely custom of families preparing for Christmas together by making the Christmas pudding. Most recipes for Christmas pudding require it to be cooked well in advance of Christmas and then re-heated on Christmas Day, so the Collect of the day served as a useful reminder.

The Christmas pudding is thought to have been introduced to Britain by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. However, it is thought that a version of the pudding was actually introduced from Germany by George I in 1714.

In recent years, Church of England Churches now observe this Sunday as 'Christ the King'.

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



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

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

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

Our cause is registered as Ainsworth Parish Church, Bolton and currently has 26 supporters registered. Many thanks to everyone who has used / continues to use the easyfundraising platform to raise donations our current fundraising total is £911-52.

National Tree Week; 23/11-01/12/2024

This initiative has its roots (pardon the pun!) in a campaign that was launched over 50 years ago.

"Plant A Tree In 1973", became a national phenomenon, and has grown in popularity year on year; now being co-ordinated by The Tree Council.



The Tree Council brings everyone together with a shared mission to care for trees and our planet's future. They inspire and empower organisations, government, communities and individuals with the knowledge and tools to create positive, lasting change at a national and local level.

The Tree Council run seasonal initiatives throughout the year, including 'Spring In Your Step', 'Trees Love Care', 'Seed Gathering Season' and 'National Tree Week' which this year runs from 23rd November to 1st December.

What Is It? National Tree Week brings together the conservation sector, volunteers and tree-lovers to mark the start of the annual tree planting season.

Who Can Take Part? Anyone can participate – whether you're an individual, business, organisation, community group, school, university or local authority.

How Can I Get Involved? There are many National Tree Week events happening throughout the country; visit [National Tree Week - join the UK's largest tree celebration](#) and use the interactive National Tree Week map to find tree activities in your area. Alternatively you could check out the advice and resources available on the site and consider planting a tree in your garden, or (with permission) in the grounds of your school, college or place of work.

For more info visit www.treecouncil.org.uk

Mission Community News – Advent Courses

Advent initiatives will be running at various Churches throughout our Mission Community during December; below is a snapshot of some of the exciting things that are on offer:

St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe – will be studying 'Do Not Be Afraid', the book written by our Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Rachel Mann. Sessions will run on Fridays from 10.15 – 11.30am, starting on 26/11.

All Saints, Stand – Three one hour sessions considering Christmas - with a little Bah Humbug and a lot more CHRISTmas Presence.

Wednesday December 4th, 11th and 18th, 11am – 12noon; sessions will be happening in the 'Holy Toast Café' (in church). Holy Communion is held at 10.15am, to which all are welcome ...

And yes, it will help if you can read or watch 'A Christmas Carol' first.

Advent Zoom Prayers

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

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

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

Advent Zoom Prayers begin on Monday 2nd December and will be held at 6pm each weeknight throughout Advent. Simply click the link below to take part:

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

Mission Community Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

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

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



November 2024

1 st	We pray for all at St. George's, Unsworth & St. Andrew's, Hillock who will be litter picking tomorrow, praying that they may have meaningful encounters.
2 nd	We pray on this All Souls' Day for all who've died this year and in past years, and for their family and friends. We pray also for all who will be part of the All Souls' Service at All Saints Stand.
3 rd	We hold in our prayers all who will be attending the Service To Remember The Departed, at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening.
4 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
5 th	As Christ Church Walshaw hold their monthly prayer meeting; may we be aware of God's presence and pray as He prompts us.
6 th	We pray for our children's and young people groups. Giving thanks for their growth and that the Lord will continue to bless them and the leaders involved.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
8 th	We give thanks & pray for all those who are involved with ministry for children & families.
9 th	We pray for all at St. Mary, Radcliffe who are involved with the Saturday Café.
10 th	May the Remembrance service at Christ Church Walshaw today be an opportunity for the people of Walshaw to come together to remember those affected by war and to pray for peace.
11 th	As hunger and homelessness week begins, we pray for all who suffer from hunger or homelessness in our world.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
13 th	We give thanks for the Clergy who are supporting our Churches during interregnum.
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 that the Christmas Fair at Christ Church Ainsworth will be a well supported & successful event. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.
17 th	On Safeguarding Sunday, we give thanks for the work & commitment of our Parish Safeguarding Officers.
18 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
19 th	We give thanks & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
20 th	We pray for Steph and her husband Steve as they continue to settle to life in St Andrews and Christ Church Walshaw.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
22 nd	We give thanks & pray for Incumbents, OLMs, NSMs & SSMs throughout our Mission Community.
23 rd	We pray that the Christmas Fair at St. George's, Unsworth will be a well supported & successful event. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.
24 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
25 th	As the vacancy at St. Andrew's, Hillock & St. George's, Unsworth is readvertised, we pray that the right person will be drawn to apply for this post.
26 th	We give thanks for those who lead & participate in the prayer groups run by our Churches; praying today for those who lead or take part in the Jesus Prayer Zoom led by St. Andrew's, Hillock.
27 th	We pray for those who will represent their Churches at the Task Group meeting tomorrow.
28 th	We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union and pray for those who are organising or attending the Mothers' Union Christmas party at All Saints Stand today.
29 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
30 th	We pray that the Christmas Fayre at St. Mary, Radcliffe will be a well supported & successful event. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.

"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
- 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 24th November.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 12th November

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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



Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall, Greenside

Cuppa, Cakes & Company

New
Group

Only
£2



Info: 07533 696 776 fionajbelli@hotmail.co.uk

1st Thursday of every month 2 till 3.30 (from 4/7/24)

Play games or just chat & relax— bring a friend—meet new friends



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH

CHRISTMAS

STALLS

FAIR

GAMES

Saturday



16th November



CRAFT

11am to 2pm

LOTS OF
FUN

Ainsworth Church &
Community Hall



*With Café
and a special
Christmas Visitor*





Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 7th December 7pm
Christ Church Ainsworth
Church St, Ainsworth
BL2 5RU

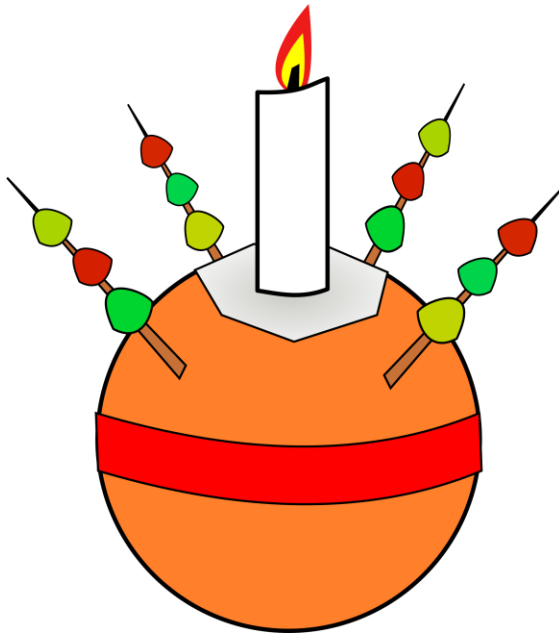
Featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band

Tickets adults £7.50, children under 10 £5,
includes seasonal refreshments.

To book tickets or for more info email
ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Or Tel 07952-709041

Christ Church Ainsworth
"Bring Your Own"
Christingle Service



Wednesday 4th December 6.30pm
A family friendly Service suitable
for all ages - everyone welcome!



Mission Community Zoom Prayers Are Back!

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

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Tuesday 12th November

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Saturday 30th November

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Around The Organisations ...

Beavers

Since starting back in September, we have had 5 Beavers go up to Cubs and 6 new starters at Beavers. 3 Beavers have now achieved their Bronze Award (the highest award in Beavers).

We have just completed our 'Communicators badge', which involved coding and de-coding messages, learning about phone numbers, addresses and text messages / emails.

And it's not just the Beavers who have been working hard; on a personal note, I have been awarded with my Wood Badge which is given after a leader has completed all their training.

Darran Higgins - Raven

16th Radcliffe Brownies

The Brownies returned from the long summer break and dived straight into a new season with our Autumn Badge, starting with making a wall display out of autumn leaves.

The Brownies had a great time collecting all the beautifully coloured leaves but then the challenge began – trying to get crispy leaves to stick to a board. With a mixture of PVA glue, Blu Tack, Pritt Stick, and Barn Owl's endless patience and creativity, the leaves stuck, and our autumn display was saved. That said, if anybody has any suggestions of how to successfully stick leaves to a board, please send your ideas on a postcard!



We have also had great fun playing autumn-themed games and making bird feeders out of pine cones (we used honey to stick the feed to the pine cones, these adhered much better than the aforementioned leaves) and we'll be finishing the badge with an indoor campfire making S'mores.

For Harvest, we have created a Fairtrade pew board which involved lots of craft work from the Brownies and help assembling it in Church – I'm sure you'll all agree that their hard work was worth it!



We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our two new Brownies, Evelyn and Rea, as well as Isla W and Eleanor, who were recently enrolled. A huge congratulations to Lilly and Gracie on achieving their Silver Awards, I'm sure it won't be long until they reach their Gold! Finally, a big thank you to all the Brownies who attended the two Church Parades so far, particularly with all the jobs undertaken including bell ringing, reading prayers, carrying and escorting the flag, and gathering the collection, you all did a fantastic job!

16th Radcliffe Brownie Leaders

12th Radcliffe Guides

After our summer break, we returned in September and welcomed our new Guides, Alice, Mira, Mirabel and Rubi, with Keeley joining us later in the term. We have presented Lilly with her Be Well theme award, Grace with her Navigator interest badge and Have Adventure theme award and Eloise with her Skills theme award. We were also pleased to be able to present our first ever Guide Silver award.

We started the Winter term making sherbet – which was very tangy indeed! Then two more food based activities followed soon after, when we made our own pesto and baked scones. With a bit of experimentation, we tried to simulate the way the sun works by making lava lamps. As winter approaches, we have made bird feeders which we hope will help them through the cold weather.

In the October Harvest Church Parade, Grace carried the flag and Rubi escorted and both girls did the reading. The Guides did a display on "Sustainability in food production", showing items that were made with the aim of protecting the environment and ensuring farmers and communities benefited from the food they sold.

In rather messy activities, we have made ink blot pictures, trying to decide what they looked like, and have tie dyed socks. And, with the introduction of several new games, we have had a lively half term.



12th Radcliffe Guide Leaders

Transformation - Now!



What a lovely time a few members had visiting Moira in mid-September. Everyone agreed that it had been an enjoyable and worthwhile time. Another visit has been arranged before the bad weather sets in (hopefully), and we will meet at Abbeywood at 2.30pm on the 19th November.

Our first meeting, on 5th November, will be another 'Spring Clean!' of our cupboard. We all need to look at what is there and see if some files and photographs could be archived at St John's House Office for safety. I'm sure that there are also some things that are past their useful lives and can be thrown out (securely, if necessary).

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence runs every year from 25th November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to the 10th December which is Human Rights Day. Worldwide, Mothers' Union is just one of the 6000 organisations that support this time.

Primarily, we give our support in prayer but there are many other ways in which we can lend our support.

One is by supporting the RISE UP Challenge in which, as a branch, and with everyone's help, we can get involved. You'll definitely find out more at Church on Sunday 24th November at the 10.30am service.

We are grateful for the support of the wardens and PCC for this project.

Our Christmas Meal is on Tuesday 3rd December at 1.00pm. I will need full payment please, along with your menu choice by the 5th November.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – November 1999

The sketch on the inside front cover of the November 1999 Parish Magazine showed a group of people gathered around a war memorial, their heads bowed in prayer; what a talented artist Mr. Roly Moss was.

The Parish Diary for November 1999 gave details of the Remembrance Sunday Service, and also the date for the Deanery Advent Service, and a note encouraging folk to attend. Also listed was the date of the Church Christmas Fair.

Many of the groups and Organisations touched on the Christmas Fair within their articles that month; request were made for donations of produce to sell on the various stalls, help to set up in preparation for the event, and help to run the stalls on the day. There was also a mention that the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury were expected to open this event.

In other news, there was a note of appreciation to Margaret Turner, who had continued to play the organ each Sunday 'despite having her leg and foot in plaster'!! plus a request for 'knitters' to create warm winter garments for shipment to Romania; around 20 parcels had been sent from Ainsworth throughout the course of the year, but an additional plea was sent out ahead of the colder winter months.

In November 1999, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mark Haworth, "our youngest sidesman". In November 1999 there were 5 Baptisms, 1 Wedding and 1 Funeral recorded from the previous month. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 305, collections were listed as £1703.

Straplines

Failure isn't falling down. Failure is staying down.

God didn't promise a life with Him would be easy or painless; He just promised it would be worth it.

Happiness is not a state to arrive at; it is a manner of travelling.

Space To Share A Prayer - Remembrance

Peace-loving God, on this Remembrance Sunday we remember all who have fallen in war;

Those who re-live war daily through injury or broken spirit;

Those left behind, grieving for a loved one.

And as we remember, we pray for those who seek peace;

For those who are good negotiators, working with dedication and persistence;

For those going the extra mile for peace. Amen

You Might Like To Read ...

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If you're thinking about Christmas, this lovely book would make a fabulous and thoughtful gift.

Top 10 Favourite Foods UK

According to www.yougov.co.uk – the following are the UKs current top 10 favourite foods:

1. Fish & Chips
2. Roast Chicken
3. Chips
4. English Breakfast
5. Garlic Bread
6. Lasagne
7. Soup
8. Beans On Toast
9. Roast Beef
10. Mashed Potatoes

Praying Through The Seasons – Remembrance



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

Matthew 5; 4

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

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

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

Finally on 11th November we mark Armistice Day, with Remembrance Sunday on the nearest Sunday, this year the 10th. We remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, in the two World Wars but also in other conflicts since. It is an occasion as well to pray for peace, for an end to war and conflict.

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

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

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

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

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

For All The Saints – November; St. Catherine of Alexandria

Name: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Feast Day: 25th November

Born: 287AD

Died: 305AD

Place of burial: St. Catherine's Monastery, Egypt.

Patron Saint Of: Philosophers, students, unmarried girls and apologists, and believed to help protect against sudden death

If you've ever had a small firework display in your garden, you have probably nailed a Catherine wheel to a post in the hope that once lit it will rotate and emit starry sparks from a wonderful spiral of light.

The firework is named after St. Catherine of Alexandria, from the 4th century whose feast day is celebrated by most churches on 25th November and who was condemned to death on a wheel.

Catherine was of noble birth and was well educated. Around the age of 14 she converted to Christianity after seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary and infant Jesus; she described her decision as "becoming the bride of Christ". Interestingly this term is still used by Christian nuns to denote their status and by the wearing of a wedding ring.

Persecutions of Christians began under the Emperor Maxentius and Catherine went to him and rebuked him for his cruelty. He summoned 50 of his cleverest philosophers to argue with her but in the end it was the philosophers who converted. Needless to say, the Emperor immediately had them all executed! He then ordered Catherine to be thrown into prison and tortured, however, during her time in prison, many people came to visit her and were converted to Christianity.

Emperor Maxentius then tried to win her over by proposing marriage, which she refused, declaring her spouse was Jesus Christ. He was furious and condemned her to an agonising death on a spiked breaking wheel, but before the torture could begin the wheel shattered when she touched it. This was generally interpreted as God's intervention. Emperor Maxentius finally ordered for her to be beheaded.

St. Catherine was deemed to be the most important of the virgin martyrs; her relics were supposedly found at the foot of Mount Sinai in the year 800 and this later became the site of St Catherine's Monastery, a popular medieval pilgrimage site.

Much of Catherine's story is legendary as the earliest surviving account of her life comes 600 years after her martyrdom, her symbol

being the spiked wheel.

Catherine is considered to be the patron saint of students, unmarried girls and apologists amongst others. Many places have been named after her, including Colleges in Oxford and Cambridge, (the latter was founded on St Catherine's Day for a small community of scholars who would exclusively study theology and philosophy). In England 62 churches have been dedicated to her, and 170 medieval bells still bear her name. She features in many works of art as well as being remembered during November by the firework named after her.

Time For A Smile

A minister spotted a small wooden box in his wife's wardrobe. He looked inside, to find £200 in cash and two eggs. Curious, he took the box to his wife, who smiled awkwardly and said "I guessed you'd find that some day." When he asked for an explanation, she replied, "Well, whenever you preach a bad sermon, I place an egg in the box." The minister thought to himself that after thirty-odd years of preaching, only two eggs wasn't too bad. Then he asked, "But what about the £200?" She explained, "When I collect a dozen eggs, I sell them for £2.00 and put the money in the box."

The new young vicar finished his round of visits and parked his bicycle outside a local bar, even though he knew it was a crime-ridden area. When he emerged he found his bike had been stolen. He went back into the bar and challenged a group of shady characters about which one had moved his bike. "Come on", he said sternly, "one of you rogues knows something about this and if my bike isn't returned by the time I leave this bar, I'm going to do something I once did in Manchester." He hung around for a while and when he left the bar he saw his bike had been returned. He was about to ride off when one of the group came out and said "Before you go vicar, what exactly did you do in Manchester?" The vicar turned and said "I had to walk home!"

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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Pledge To The Fallen

If I make it back home
When this conflict is won,
I will tell all the world
Of the things you have done.

How we fought here together,
'Midst death and decay,
Through the cold of the night,
And the heat of the day.

How we crawled on our bellies
Through endless, black mud;
How we set up our camps
Where, once, villages stood.

How we toiled on and on,
Though no end was in sight;
How we stood fast together
For what we thought right.

How we tended our wounded,
And gathered our dead;
How we longed for a shave
And a bath and a bed!

How we left fallen comrades –
Good men, brave and true;
How their mem'ries will haunt us
In all that we do.

But we creep towards vict'ry;
There's hope for us yet;
Thus, my pledge to the fallen –
We will not forget.



The Parish Puzzler

Remembrance Day Quiz

1. Why is Remembrance Day held on 11th November?
2. What flower is commonly worn for Remembrance Day?
3. Which monarch oversaw the first Remembrance Day memorial?
4. World War One officially ended with the signing of which treaty?
5. At what time is a minute's silence held on Remembrance Day?
6. Who wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields'?
7. In what year did World War I end?
8. The King lays the first wreath at The Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. True or false?
9. What colour poppies are worn to honour animals who were victims of war?
10. What is another name for Remembrance Day?
11. In what year were artificial poppies first sold in Britain?
12. Which charity provides support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces?
13. Where is The Cenotaph located in London?
14. Traditionally, what is the first song played during the National Service of Remembrance?
15. In 2014, a commemorative art installation saw 888,246 ceramic poppies placed outside of which UK landmark?
16. What does 'cenotaph' mean?
17. In what year was the 'Christmas Truce' between soldiers?
18. Which famous clock marks the beginning of the minute's silence?
19. The National Memorial Arboretum is based in which UK county?
20. Who was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom when the World War One was declared?

(Answers on page 39)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
3 rd November All Saints' Sunday	Mags Gillman	Jan Burrow	Clergy
3 rd November Service For The Departed	Churchwardens	N/A	
10 th November Remembrance Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Scout Sections	N/A	Scouting Sections
17 th November 2 nd Sunday Before Advent	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Peter Holden	Peter Holden
24 th November Christ The King	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Lillian Haworth	Andrew Lowe

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
3 rd November All Saints' Sunday	Enid Horrocks	Isaiah 25.6-9 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44
10 th November Remembrance Sunday	Scouts	Church Parade
17 th November 2 nd Sunday Before Advent	Peter Holden	Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 Mark 13.1-8
24 th November Christ The King	Sue Johnson	Daniel 7.9-10,13,14 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

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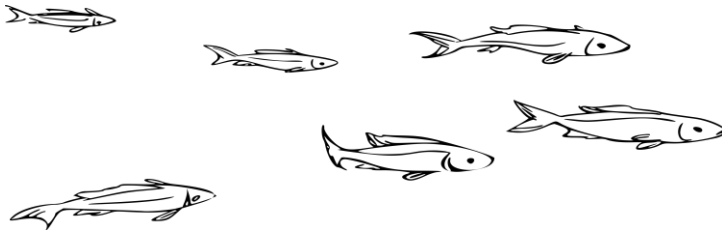
Answers to Remembrance Quiz: 1) It's the anniversary of the end of WW1, 2) Poppies, 3) King George V, 4) Treaty Of Versailles, 5) 11am, 6) John McCrae, 7) 1918, 8) True, 9) Purple, 10) Armistice Day, 11) 1921, 12) Royal British Legion, 13) Whitehall, 14) Rule, Britannia! 15) Tower Of London, 16) Empty Tomb, 17) 1914, 18) Big Ben, 19) Staffordshire, 20) HH Asquith.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

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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	Thursday at 6.15pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall Sarah McAnulty	07955373623
Guides 12 th Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall Captain Polly Ryder	07437 519045



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The Season Of Remembrance

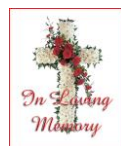


The Season Of Remembrance

November is a very busy and emotional month in the life of the Church. It all begins on the 1st November which is 'All Saints Day'; this is the day on which we particularly remember to thank God for all the Saints who have gone before us, and for all of the incredible things that they achieved.



The next day (2nd November) is 'All Souls Day'; this is a day of celebration to remember those who have died, particularly members of our own families, friends or people that we were close to, and to give thanks to God for their lives.



A few days later, on the 11th November, is Remembrance Day, a day when the whole country comes together to remember and give thanks to God for all those who sacrificed their lives while serving their country in the armed forces.



Remembrance Day

Many of the special dates and seasons that we celebrate in Church date back thousands of years, right back to the days when Jesus was alive; however, Remembrance Day was first celebrated just over 100 years ago, at the end of the first world war.



There are many different reasons and answers to the question "Why did World War 1 start?"; it was a complicated time; a lot of things happened; some people said and did things that maybe they shouldn't have done, and tension built up until the eventual start of World War 1, which began on July 28, 1914. The conflict lasted four years, three months and 14 days, ending on November 11, 1918. During that time many thousands of people lost their lives.

An armistice is a situation in a war where the warring parties agree to stop fighting; the first Armistice Day was observed at

11am on 11 November 1919, throughout the British Commonwealth, to commemorate the armistice agreement that had ended the First World War a year earlier. This agreement had happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.



This first official Armistice Day commemoration was held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and King George V asked the public to observe a 2 minute silence at 11am, "So the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead".



During the Second World War it was agreed that the name 'Armistice Day' should be changed to 'Remembrance Day' so that those who had lost their lives in that war could also be included. In more recent times, servicemen and women killed and injured in other conflicts since the Second World War have also been included, and services are held at parish churches and local memorials across the country on the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day.



So Why Do Some People Wear A Poppy On Remembrance Day?

In many parts of France, after the war was over, fields of bright, red poppies began to grow on the land where many of the major battles had been fought; these poppies were seen as a symbol of hope for the future, but also as reminder of those who had lost their lives during the fighting in those very fields.



Wearing a red poppy shows respect for the many people who died fighting for their country in the First World War and in the conflicts that have followed it.



Remembrance prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Forgive the tension, frustration, jealousy and anger that we sometimes feel.

Help us to love our enemies, forgive those who harm us, and try to understand each other's problems,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord - Amen

Remembrance Day Craft Idea - paper poppy wreath

You will need:

1 paper plate

10 or 12 red cup cake cases (or you could use white cases and colour them red)

Black tissue paper scrunched up into 10 or 12 balls

Green card (or you could use white card and colour it green)

Scissors

Green felt tip or crayon

Glue

Here's what to do:

Use a felt tip to write your remembrance message on the middle part of the paper plate.

To make the poppies, place a small blob of glue on the inside of each red cup cake case, then stick a ball of scrunched up black tissue paper into the middle of each cup cake case.

Use the green felt tip to colour all around the outside edge of the paper plate.

Get a grown up to help you to cut some leaf shapes from the green card.

Use the glue to stick the poppies all around the outside edge of the paper plate (the part that you've coloured green)

Finally, tuck the leaf shapes in between the poppies and use more glue to stick them down

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