

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



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Sundays

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

Wednesdays

- 6.30pm in church for Mid-Week Praise

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

Front Cover Artwork

Throughout 2023 our front cover artwork will be provided courtesy of members of our Mid-Week Praise congregation.

If you missed out on the Ascension Day picture, make sure you look out for the Pentecost colouring sheets next time you are in church – there will be a different picture to colour in each month; we'll choose one picture to go on the front cover of our Parish Magazine and then use all of the other pictures to make a colourful display in church.

This month our front cover artist is Jessica Sowden.



Parish Diary May 2023



Wed. 3 rd	6:30pm	Mid-Week Praise
Sun. 7 th		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Baptism of Eloise Booth
	6.30pm	King's Coronation Songs of Praise, <i>followed by refreshments in church</i>
Mon 8 th	11 – 3pm	King's Coronation "The Big Help Out" <i>a day of volunteering opportunities in & around Church</i>
Weds 10 th	6.30pm	Mid-Week Praise
Sun. 14 th		THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8:00am	BCP Communion
	10:30am	Parade & Family Service
Weds 17 th	6.30pm	Mid-Week Praise
Thurs 18 th		ASCENSION DAY
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Sat 20 th	11 - 2pm	Church Spring Fair (Church & Community Hall)
Sun. 21 st		SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
	10:30am	Holy Communion Followed by APCM in Church
Weds 24 th	6.30pm	Mid-Week Praise
Sun. 28 th		THE DAY OF PENTECOST
	8:00am	BCP Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	1.15pm	Baptism of Evelyn Fletcher & Thomas Fletcher
JUNE Sun. 4 th		TRINITY SUNDAY
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in organising or took part in our Services throughout Holy Week and Easter. This is a really important time in the Church's year, and it was great to be able to offer such a wide variety of Services, and to see those Services well supported. A special note of appreciation must go to Revd Debra and Revd Elaine for leading our Services – without their input we would definitely be struggling!

As we settle into this period of interregnum, it's good to feel that people are pulling together and working as a team to try to ensure that everything that needs to be done does get done. So many people have come forward to offer to help with various different tasks; there's a real feeling that 'this is our Church, and we all have a responsibility for its future' - and we really do appreciate all of your input.

May looks like being another busy month for us, as we begin by celebrating the King's Coronation with a Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 7th May, followed by our 'Big Help Out Day' on Monday 8th May.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting will be held in Church on Sunday 21st May, following the 10.30 Service; this meeting is particularly important whilst we are in vacancy, so please do consider taking part. At this meeting we not only elect our Churchwardens for the coming year, we also elect / re-elect members to serve on the PCC and in the various official roles, plus report on the workings of the Parish over the past 12 months and our plans for the year ahead; this is your opportunity to find out what's going on and to have your say.

We have a lot of work to do in the coming weeks and months as we continue through this period of interregnum, but we've made a great start, and it's good to see that so many people care about our Church and its future.

Alison Hartley – Churchwarden (on behalf of the PCC)

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the May 2023 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine. I did wonder whether we might have been short of things to report once we began the Interregnum, but clearly that's not the case, as once again our Parish Mag is practically overflowing with interesting articles, events and updates.

Once again, there are a number of additional Services in Church this month as we celebrate the King's Coronation, and, later in the month, mark Ascension Day. This month there is also a 'Big Help Out Day' (pg17), our Parish APCM & Vestry Meeting (see below), our Church Spring Fair (Pg 19), and 'Thy Kingdom Come Zoom Prayers' (pg10) – make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary / Pew Sheet to keep up to date, or for those who are more 'tech-savvy' check out our facebook page or website – both of which are now being regularly updated.

If you have an article that you'd like to be included in the Parish Magazine, or if your group / organisation is holding an event that you'd like us to publicise, please get in touch via

ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

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

Flower Rota

7 th May	Ainsworth Scout Group
21 st May	Mrs. J. Story

Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Vestry Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting will be held in Church on Sunday 21st of May following on from the 10.30 morning Service.

At this meeting we will elect our Churchwardens for the coming year, plus appoint / reappoint PCC members, but we will also report on the activities of our Church and the various groups, organisations and committees that operate in conjunction with our Church.

All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting, but please note that you must be on our Church Electoral Roll if you wish to vote or hold any office within our Church.

If anyone is considering standing for election for Churchwarden, or may be interested in joining our PCC, please speak to Revd Debra or Revd Elaine. Nomination forms will be available in church in the coming weeks.

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

Private Prayer

Our Church is now open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 2.30 and 4pm. Please feel free to call in for a few moments of calm and tranquillity.

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

EcoChurch



One of the areas which the EcoChurch scheme takes into account, is how much churches engage with global climate campaigns and initiatives; this could include things like raising awareness of climate crises in other countries, taking part in national initiatives such as 'Earth Day', supporting global campaigns to help those affected by climate crisis.

Whilst our Church already supports various charities and campaigns, there is so much more that we could all be doing.



One of the initiatives that we've signed up to through EcoChurch is a scheme called 'Toilet Twinning'. Did you know that over 1.7 billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet? Without proper toilets and clean water, people are trapped in a vicious cycle:

- They're likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases.
- Illness means they cannot work or farm their land, so they earn less or grow less food.
- Children often miss school because they are sick or because they're busy collecting water.
- Girls often drop out of school altogether when they start their periods if there are no toilets or changing rooms.
- Parents have to pay for medicines, so they may fall into debt.
- Women and girls risk being attacked as they go to the toilet in the open, especially if the culture dictates that they have to go out at night.

Water and sanitation projects enable families to build a toilet, have access to clean water, and to learn about handwashing and other hygiene principles. Dignity is restored when the whole family can use

a private, hygienic toilet at their home and no longer have to squat in the bush.

Here is Ruth's story:

For two years, Ruth and her family lived in a squalid refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo without any toilets or water. But then they moved to a different camp: one that has brand-new toilets and showers that were installed in a project that Toilet Twinning helped fund!

For years, Ruth wasn't sure she could keep her family alive. 'Now we can protect ourselves and our children from diseases,' she says.

It costs £60 to 'twin' a toilet; this money not only provides a safe and hygienic toilet area for families and communities, it also funds an education process within that community. For many communities, hearing about the link between sanitation and health is a revelation: a light bulb moment. Many have never known why diarrhoea is so common, and why their children have fallen ill or died.

Where possible the whole community will be involved in this process and also the process of constructing the toilet facility, because a community that has built its own latrine is much more likely to use it and look after it.

In some places, of course, this approach isn't possible. So, in conflict areas or places hit by a natural disaster, specialist water and sanitation teams will be drafted in to dig wells and build latrines.

And so, we agreed that our Church should try to raise £60 to twin our church toilet – thanks to an incredibly generous donation from a member of our congregation this has been achieved before we have even finalised the campaign details!! Look out for a 'Toilet Twinned' certificate being displayed in our Church loo in the coming weeks.

But did you know that safe water is just as important?

Here's why it all matters:

Bridget lives in south-west Uganda. She has four sisters. Her father is a banana farmer and Bridget often helps him in the plantation.

Every day Bridget walks to a spring to fetch water. The water is contaminated by animal and human waste from household toilets that have been built in the wrong place.

During assembly at Bridget's school, children are chosen to go and fetch water from a spring quite far away. Often, by the time they get

back to school classes have already started. Children are getting left behind in their education every day.

Thankfully, due to people twinning their taps a tap-stand has now been installed at Bridget's school so that pupils now have clean water on site and don't have to miss their lessons anymore!



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

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

Eco Church Top Tip for May:

“Say no to the mow. Mowing your lawn less, and letting parts of it grow long, saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact for wildlife, don't mow your lawn or a section of it all until August to help even more animals.”

Online Giving

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

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

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

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



Once you've done that, choose the amount you wish to donate – the suggested options are £5, £10, £20 or £50, but there is also an option to click and choose your own amount. Next, simply follow the on screen instructions - fill in your personal details, (if you are a tax payer you can choose to add Gift Aid to increase your donation), then enter your card details. When you're finished, you'll get a 'Thank You' message on screen and you can request a receipt via email for your own records – simple!

Mission Community News

Our Mission Community will once more be joining together in prayer for 'Thy Kingdom Come', the 10 day period between Ascension Day and Pentecost, which this year falls from 18 – 28th May.

As previously, prayers will be held each evening at 6pm on 'Zoom', for approx 10 minutes. Each Church covers 1 session, ensuring plenty of variety of content and leaders.

If you haven't joined in with this initiative previously, why not give it a go; simply click on the following link, sit back and enjoy!

<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

Ascension Day

During the 40 days after Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to many different people and did many good deeds.

Jesus also spent a lot of time with his friends, teaching them and praying with them. He told them, "Soon, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and receive the power of God. You must tell my story to the people in Jerusalem and to people all over the Earth; tell the people to believe in me even if they can't see me."

On the 40th day after Easter Sunday, Jesus and his friends went to The Mount of Olives to talk and pray. Whilst they were there a bright

light shone from the sky and a large cloud came down. The cloud wrapped itself around Jesus and he was taken up to the heavens. This is what we call the Ascension.

Jesus's friends remembered what he had told them and returned to Jerusalem to wait for his promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thy Kingdom Come 18 – 28th May 2023



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

Praying for five people to come to know the love of Jesus, is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. There are lots of ways to do this. You could write down the names of the 5 people you're praying for on your phone, on your mirror or on a little card as a reminder to pray for them throughout the day. You could use a band and tie 5 knots, each one representing your 5 or maybe each time you drink a cup of tea or coffee, you could remember to pray for them. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking – holding one person each day in prayer then praying for them all collectively on the last day.

As part of the 'Praying For 5' initiative, we've produced some simple bookmarks with spaces to write down the names of the 5 people that you will pray for throughout this period. Make sure you pick up your 'Praying For 5' bookmark next time you're in Church.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby



Christian Aid Week 14 – 20th May 2023

The breaking-ground work of 'Christian Aid' began in 1945, when the charity was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War.

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

During the 1940's, Christian Aid raised more than £80,000 (£3 million plus in today's money) for emergency supplies to support refugees in mainland Europe. Alongside practical assistance, the charity also supported, equipped and enabled partner churches in affected areas to meet the needs of their people.

Christian Aid week was launched in the 1950's to raise extra funds as support from the Charity was in ever greater demand.

Since its inception, Christian Aid has supported refugees in many different parts of the world; those who are displaced through conflict, political tension, or climate change. Christian Aid supported the establishment of the Voluntary Service Overseas, to enable young people to 'make a difference'. Christian Aid works to educate communities that are in need of support to encourage them to become self-sufficient over time; they also educate supporters around the world regarding the root cause of poverty, and work with partners overseas to eradicate it.

Christian Aid is currently heavily involved in supporting those in Malawi who have been adversely affected by Cyclone Freddy; the impact of the recent cyclone has been devastating - floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives.

Christian Aid has partnered with various other aid agencies to respond to the immediate recovery needs of communities. This includes:

- Providing corn soya blend for porridge for breastfeeding mothers and children under 5 years
- Providing mosquito nets for families to provide protection against malaria.

- Providing temporary toilets and bathrooms, water containers and water treatment to help prevent the risk of cholera.
- Setting up and running mobile clinics to help people process the emotional trauma of the cyclone.
- Distribution of cash to 1,000 households so that families can purchase goods to meet their immediate needs.

People often make the mistake of thinking that the charity only supports people in third world countries, but the reality is that wherever in our world there is injustice or deprivation, you can be pretty certain that Christian Aid will be on the case. Their aim is to ensure that **everyone** has the chance to live a full life, free from poverty.

So, what can we do to help?

This year Christian Aid Week is 14th – 20th of May; during this week we're encouraged to Give, Act and Pray to support the work of Christian Aid.

Our Church has supported Christian Aid for a number of years, both through Christian Aid week giving and also through supporting specific crisis appeals.

This year our main Christian Aid Week 'bucket collection' will be held in church on Sunday 21st of May; we'll also be joined at that Service by Mr. Les Johnson, who has kindly agreed to come along and talk to us about the work of Christian Aid; please do your best to join us at this Service if you can, but please also hold the work and workers of Christian Aid in your prayers.

King's Coronation Online

For those who may not be able to join us for our Coronation Services, an online service for the Coronation of King Charles III will be streamed from the Church of England's website, and Facebook and YouTube channels, on Sunday 7th May 2023, and made available on-demand immediately after its conclusion.

Just A Thought

Common sense, is genius dressed in its working clothes.



Candlelight Prayer



*An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week;
why not join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and
reflection, each Friday at 8pm on Zoom.*

Simply click the following link to join in:

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

Or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the
light that shines within you."*





Coffee and Conversation

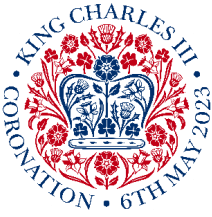
Tuesday 9th May

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





King's Coronation "Songs Of Praise"

Sunday 7th May 6.30pm
Christ Church Ainsworth,
followed by refreshments in
Church.

Why not join us as we
'Sing for the King'!





THE BIG HELP OUT



**Christ Church Ainsworth
Monday 8th May
11-3pm**

***Can you spare an hour or two on
Bank Holiday Monday?***



***Why not come and help us
to tackle some of the
jobs in and around***



***Church, that just never seem to get
done?***



Refreshments available all day!



Ring For The King!!

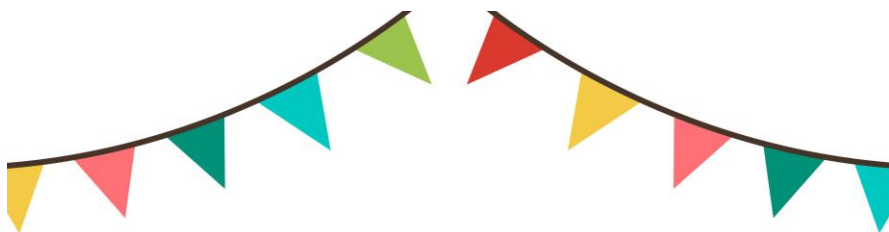
Saturday 6th May

5.30 - 6pm

We'll be ringing our church bell for 30 minutes to celebrate the King's Coronation Why not come along & take a turn as we 'Ring for the King'!

Why not bring a hand bell with you & join us in a 1 minute bell ring at 6pm!

Meet outside Church @ 5.30pm; all age groups welcome, but please note - children under 16 years of age must be accompanied & supervised by a responsible adult.



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH

SPRING FAIR



SATURDAY 20TH MAY
11am - 2pm

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Cafe Serving Lunch

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 9th May

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome

Candlelight prayer

Friday evenings, 8pm on Zoom

Join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection; an oasis of calm at the end of a busy working week.

Christ Church Ainsworth APCM

Sunday 21st May

Following on from 10.30 Service, in Church

All parishioners are entitled to attend; why not come along and find out what our Church has been doing over the past 12 months, and what plans we have for the coming year.

Thy Kingdom Come Zoom Prayers

6pm each evening from Fri 19th – Sun 28th May

Why not join other members of our Mission Community as we join together in prayer. Simply click the following link to join the ‘Zoom’

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOzZ09>

Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair

Saturday 20th May

11 – 2pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Refreshments, stalls and much, much more! Everyone welcome.

Sing For The King! Songs of Praise

Sunday 7th May 6.30pm

Why not come along and join us as we ‘Sing for The King’, followed by refreshments in Church after the Service. Everyone welcome; why not come along and help us to mark this historic occasion.

The King’s Coronation ‘Big Help Out’

Monday 8th May 11 – 3pm Christ Church Ainsworth

If you could spare an hour on bank holiday Monday, why not come along and help us to tackle some of the jobs that need doing in and around Church? Sign up form at the back of Church; refreshments available.

Around The Organisations ...

Beavers

The Beavers made chocolate nests complete with small chocolate eggs for the Easter weekend. After Easter, on Sunday April 23rd, St George's Day, there will be a District Fun Day at the Giant's Seat Camp Site.

Lewis, Alfie, Alexander and Theo have gone up to Cubs and we wish them well on their next part of their Scout journey. There will be four new Beavers joining us at the beginning of the Summer Term.

In May the Beavers are going on a 'Sleep Over' at Giant's Seat camp Site which all are looking forward to and the theme is going to be 'Pirates'.

Rikki

Scouts - Summer Coach Trip

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

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

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

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

12th Radcliffe Guides And Brownies

Another month of varied activities for the girls: Guides created biospheres and used them to plant herbs; they did more first aid – looking at the signs for emergencies caused by diabetes and allergic reactions. Brownies looked at the things that they need rather than just want and displayed them on a washing line. They also did a traditional knot tying activity. All the girls did Mother's Day coasters, sewed a badge onto their camp blanket; made glove puppets and got very creative decorating eggs!



We have awarded first aid skills builder badges to Lily May and Lucy, Amelia, Beatrice, Eloise, Erin, Grace, Grace, Hattie, Isabelle, Poppy, Poppy, Rose, Sofia and Tayah. Lily May also achieved her Brownie Be Well Theme award. The Guides have been doing interest badges as well, with Hattie completing the geocaching badge; Amelia, Eloise and Grace the confectionery badge; and Grace also completed the meditation badge. Well done to all of them.

At Church Parade; Scarlett and Eloise carried the Union and Guide flags with Amelia; Izzy and Erin escorting. Lucy carried the Brownie flag.

12th Radcliffe Guiding Leaders

16th Radcliffe Brownies

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

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

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

completing our King's Coronation Badge, involving several more outdoor activities!

16th Radcliffe Brownie Leaders

Transformation - Now!



Our first meeting in May is on the 2nd at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. Following opening worship, we will share our memories of the Coronation of our late Queen and also the family/street parties that were held at her Jubilees. Photographs would be a bonus. We would like to have special refreshments so, if those attending could bring just one little cake each, we can have our own Coronation afternoon tea. Something like one fairy/cup cake, a piece of tea bread, one slice from a cake or even a fancy chocolate biscuit. Everyone is welcome, just bring a cake!

We have recently received confirmation that the Deanery Festival will take place on **Thursday 11th May 7pm** at St Mary the Virgin, Bury Parish Church on the Rock. It would be good if we could be represented.

Due to various circumstances, we have cancelled the meeting for the 16th May. However, we will be meeting on the 30th May at 2.30pm in the Church Hall for a '5th Tuesday' Worship time.

As a preliminary notice, we will be welcoming Tricia Stokes and her husband to our branch on the 6th June. Frances Brough will also bring items from the Mothers' Union shop for sale. Now is the time to stock up on very reasonably priced birthday, get well, sympathy cards etc.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – May 1998

In May 1998 there were a number of additional Services listed in the Parish Diary; an Ascension Day Communion Service; a School Service; and the Archdeacon's Visitation (to be held at Bury Parish Church).

The 'Parish News' page included a note of thanks to Ainsworth Community Association for the planting of hundreds of daffodil bulbs which 'are likely to bring pleasure to the community for many years to come'. Also, a short article about a scheme called 'Work Aid', which collected and repaired unwanted tools to pass onto people in

countries affected by flood, fire and famine, thus enabling individuals to work again and 'help themselves'. In other news, the PCC had elected 8 members to serve on PCC for a 3 year term but noted the loss of 7 longstanding members over the previous 12 month period., Elsewhere, a working party planned to repaint the church railings; a Christian Aid collection was to be held on 'Christian Aid Day' (16/05/98); Mothers' Union members had enjoyed an evening of rest, relaxation and reflexology with Marilyn Wildin; The Church Women's Fellowship had enjoyed an 'Evening of Music and Song'; Young Families were about to do a Sponsored Sing Song; Brownies had been on an epic visit to 'Cadbury's World', and Cubs had reported on a successful 'Job Week'.

There was also a request for anyone who had an unused and unwanted Bible to please get in touch, as a small contingent was heading out to various parts of the world to supply aid and bibles.

In May 1998, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mrs. Doris Isabel Foster, *'a tireless worker for the Church in so many areas of Parish life, that to list them all would require a special magazine supplement'*. whilst the Holiday Church article, provided by Mr. John Maudesley, gave an interesting account of the Church of St. Aiden, Bamburgh.

In May 1998 there were 5 Baptisms and 1 Funeral recorded from the previous month, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 303, with the Collections listed as £1464.

Space To Share A Prayer

A Prayer For The Coronation Of King Charles III

Father in heaven, we pray today for our new King Charles III.
Grant him your peace as he commits himself again to your service.
Give him strength and perseverance as he promises to serve us all as King.

May he know you are walking with him day by day.

Help him to fulfil his vows and promises.

May he follow the example of Jesus – the ultimate King of Kings.

God bless the King. Amen

(Courtesy of "hope together")

Praying Through The Seasons ... Summer

“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”



Genesis 8:22

In the Celtic year, Summer starts at the beginning of May; it is a time when the world seems full and abundant; the land is awash with warmth and colour, and the sun seems to bring joy to the world. Summer reminds us that there is hope in the world, that the light within can spread to the far reaches of the globe and inspire others.

Summer is a time of warmth and growth, but it should also remind us that God wants us to grow and prosper, nurtured and comforted by His warmth and light. Let us remember also that, just as the Sun nurtures us, so we can nurture others.

God of love, who loves us with a father's love, who laughs when we laugh and suffers when we suffer; bring your light into the dark places; bring your warmth into hearts that are chilled; bring your peace into minds that are troubled; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord – Amen

The Hymn That's In My Head



Hymns and music play a large part in Christian worship; you can't beat listening to (or singing along with) a joyful, rousing hymn - whether it's in church, on the radio or listening to a CD. There are literally hundreds of fabulous hymns and worship songs out there.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord (David J. Evans)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,

We stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J. Evans was born in Dartford, Kent, in 1957. As a child he lived in Winchester; he was educated at the University of Southampton and is a music teacher who has been involved in leading contemporary worship in a number of 'new' churches. Although he has written many worship songs; by far the best known is 'Be still, for the Presence of the Lord'.

David Evans was only in his twenties when he wrote both the words and music of this comparatively modern hymn; a hymn that immediately gained widespread popularity. Published in 1986, it made it into the Church of Ireland's book *Irish Church Praise* by 1990—just four years in a church that took two hundred years to officially allow some of Wesley's hymns to be sung!

Those who are up bright and early on Easter Sunday morning will know that we sing this hymn at our Easter Dawn Service. The hymn is both profound and very simple and is filled with Biblical references and allusions, which start in Genesis and run right through to the book of Revelation. The words express a strong sense of God's glory, but also remind us that it isn't just about being overawed by God, it is also about making space for God in our lives; often it is by being still that we know that God is there.

As we sing these words in the grey light of dawn, standing around the brazier in our churchyard, accompanied only by bird song, these

words are incredibly poignant and beautiful. It never ceases to send a shiver up my spine.

If you have a hymn that you just can't get out of your head, why not share it; simply email the words, the first line, or the phrase / verse that you have 'running on repeat', to ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com

Hatches, Matches & Despatches - May!

Born in May ...

1852 – Calamity Jane, American Frontierswoman

1879 – Nancy Astor; American born, British Politician; 1st female MP in the British House of Commons.

1899 – Fred Astaire, American tap dancer, singer & actor.

1909 - Ethel Jane Cain, British telephonist and original UK Speaking Clock voice.

1915 – Denis Thatcher, husband of British PM, Margaret Thatcher.

1953 – Victoria Wood, British comedienne and actress.

Married in May ...

1880 – Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, to Fanny Van Der Grint Osbourne.

1959 – Elizabeth Taylor, English born American Actress, to 4th husband, Eddie Fisher

1959 – Julie Andrews, British actress & singer, to Tony Walton

1967 – Elvis Presley, King of Rock & Roll, to Priscilla Beaulieu

1998 – Lance Armstrong, Cyclist, to Kristin Richard

2018 – Prince Harry, to Meghan Markle

Died in May...

1431 – Joan of Arc, burned at the stake aged 19

1834 – Charles Wesley, English writer & Composer, aged 67

1885 – Victor Hugo (French author – Hunchback of Notre Dame) aged 83.

1941 – Herbert Austin, English automobile designer & builder – aged 74

1984 – Doris Day (silent film actress) aged 81.

1994 – John Smith (British Labour Party Chairman) aged 55

Cheat's Kitchen



Seriously Simple Mushroom Soup

You Will Need:

- 2 x 250g packs of ready sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 x onion finely chopped
- 1 tsp garlic granules / garlic puree
- 2 x vegetable stock cubes
- 500ml water
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil

Here's What To Do:

- 1 – Heat the oil in a large pan, then turn down the heat and fry the sliced mushrooms, onion and garlic for approx 8 minutes.
- 2 – Mix in the stock cubes, then add the water
- 3 - Simmer for around 25 mins
- 4 – Remove from the heat and use a stick blender to create a thick, tasty soup.
- 5 – Enjoy with fresh, crusty bread!

Straplines

Ambitious people climb, but faithful people build.

If a cluttered desk means a cluttered mind, what does an empty desk mean?

Instead of counting your days, make your days count.

Never say no when it comes to what God can do.

Be Inspired

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding' – Proverbs 3; v 5

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Ascension

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot,
To his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King...
Thou hast raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand:
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with thee in glory stand,
Jesus Reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine ascension,
We by faith behold our own.

Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885, Bishop of Salisbury

Time For A Smile

He was a Christian and he loved swimming in the sea. One day, a passing boat saw him swimming in a rough sea a long way from shore and someone shouted, "Do you need help?" The swimmer replied, "No, I am sure God will save me." Later, a fishing boat passed near, and the fisherman called out, "It's pretty rough out here, can I help you get back to shore?" The man replied, "It's OK thanks, I know God will save me." The story goes that the man drowned and went to heaven. He asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" And God replied, "Didn't you see the two boats?"

The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

K I N G S C O R O N A T I O N

King Quiz ...

As we're in the thick of the Coronation, it's a 'King' quiz this month!
The answer to each of these questions is a 'King' ...

1. A small, brightly coloured riverside bird
2. A large shellfish
3. A large yellow flower found near ponds and wetlands
4. A large bed or duvet
5. A fictional giant ape
6. A Shakespeare play
7. A type of potato
8. A translation of the Bible
9. A small type of Spaniel
10. An elderly nursery rhyme character

(Answers on page 32)

Church Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. Which Incumbent was in post for the shortest length of time?

A. John Lever 1660 -1662

This month's question:

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

Answer in next month's magazine.

Sidesmen and Lay Assistant Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant
7 th May 10.30am 5 th Sunday of Easter	Mags Gillman Dennis Gillman	Carole Butler
7 th May 6.30pm King's Coronation Songs of Praise	Chris and Lillian Haworth Susan Campbell	
14 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Barbara Clarkson Brownies/Guides	Parade and Family Service
18 th May 7.30pm Ascension Day	Chris Haworth Lillian Haworth	Alison Hartley
21 st May Sunday after Ascension Day	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Jan Burrow
28 th May Day of Pentecost	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	David Holden
4 th June Trinity Sunday	Mags Gillman Dennis Gillman	Lorraine Holden

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
7 th May 5 th Sun of Easter	Enid Horrocks	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10 John 14. 1-14
14 th May 6 th Sun of Easter	Guides	Acts 17. 22-31 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14. 15-21
21 st May Sun after Ascension Day	Jenny Johnson	Acts 1. 6-14 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 John 17. 1-11
28 th May Day of Pentecost	Lorraine Holden	Acts 2. 1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20. 19-23
4 th June Trinity Sunday	David Holden	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31. 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13 Matthew 28. 16-20

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Sunday 8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2 nd & 4 th Sunday
10.30am	Family Service, 2 nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) 1 st Sunday

Weds 6.15pm Mid-Week Praise

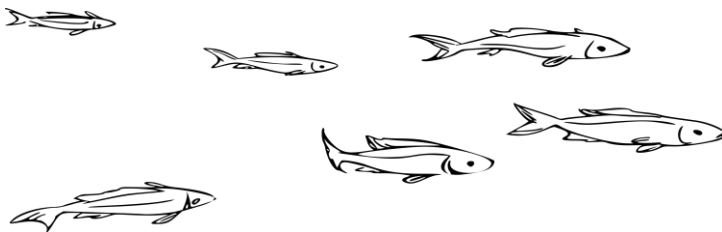
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Answers to King Quiz: 1) Kingfisher, 2) King Prawn, 3) Kingcup, 4) King Size, 5) King Kong. 6) King Lear, 7) King Edward, 8) King James, 9) King Charles, 10) King Cole.

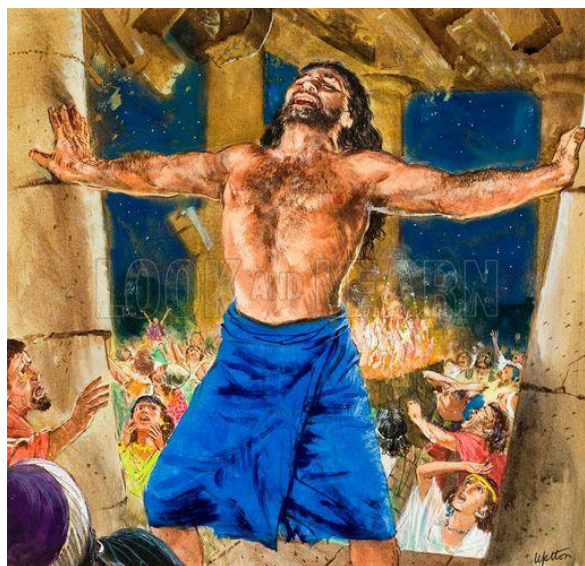
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Little Fishes

Samson



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.

Many years had passed since Moses had led the people of Israel out of Egypt. As time passed, the people forgot how God had saved them and how they had promised to obey the 10 Commandments that God gave to Moses. They began to argue amongst themselves, they said and did things that were wrong, and they forgot that there is only 1 true God and began to make other 'Gods' up and worship them.

Obviously, God wasn't too impressed with this behaviour, and so as a punishment, He allowed their enemies, the Philistines, to take charge and rule over the people of Israel. The Philistines took all of the best food so the Israelites went hungry; they took all of the best land so the Israelites had nowhere to live or grow crops; and they also took all of the Israelite's weapons so the Israelites couldn't fight them.

The people of Israel were very unhappy, and so they pleaded with God to forgive them and to get rid of the Philistines. Because God always forgives us if we are truly sorry, God heard their pleas and forgave them.

One of the Israelites was a man called Manoah; one night an Angel came to Manoah's wife and told her, "You will give birth to a son, who will grow up and save Israel from the Philistines. For this to happen, you



must do as I say; your son must never drink any wine, he must let his hair grow long and not cut it, and he must become a Nazarite Priest."

Soon after that, Manoa's wife gave birth to a baby boy; they called him Samson; you can read Samson's full story in the book of Judges, chapter 16 - 19.

Samson

Samson was incredibly strong! He was so strong that he could lift things that grown men couldn't move! He was so strong that He could uproot trees! He was so strong that he could kill a lion with his bare hands!



When Samson grew up, he fell in love with a Philistine woman and married her; his parents were very unhappy about Samson marrying a Philistine, they didn't realise that this was all part of God's plan to rescue the people of Israel.

After a while Samson and his wife began to argue, and Samson left. But when he heard that his wife had fallen in love with 1 of the Philistine men, Samson flew into a great rage and set all of the Philistine's crops on fire! Obviously, the Philistines weren't very pleased about that, and so they came up with a cunning plan to capture Samson and punish him.



They caught Samson and tied him up, but suddenly the power of God came upon him, and he stretched out his arms and snapped



the thick ropes as if they were only made of string, and then he attacked the Philistines - just Samson against a whole army of Philistine soldiers, but Samson was so angry and so strong that he easily beat them all and escaped!

The Philistines were furious; they plotted how to get back at Samson and came up with another cunning plan ...

Samson had fallen in love with a woman named Delilah; the Philistines went to Delilah secretly and told her that they would

give her lots of money if she could find out where Samson got his strength from and how he could be defeated.



And so, Delilah made Samson his favourite meal and then she pretended to be curious and asked him what made him so strong. Delilah asked Samson 3 times, and each time Samson lied to her. The first time he told her, "If you bind me with 7 fresh cords, all my strength will leave me".

The second time he told her, "If you tie me up with ropes that have never been used, my strength will leave me".

The third time he told her, "If you weave all the braids in my hair together, my strength will leave me".

But none of these answers were true.

Eventually, Samson got fed up with Delilah asking him the same thing over and over again, and so he told her the truth, "If you cut my hair, all my strength will leave me".

When Samson was asleep, Delilah carefully cut his hair off, then



she sent word to the Philistines. When the Philistines came to capture him, Samson tried to fight them off, but all his strength was gone, and the soldiers quickly tied

him up and threw him into prison.

It seemed to the people of Israel that God's plan had gone wrong - Samson was supposed to be going to save them, but instead the Philistines starved him and put him to work turning a great stone wheel. Day after day, Samson turned the heavy wheel.

But then his hair began to grow back!

One day, the Philistine leaders were having a great victory celebration and they decided to bring Samson in so that they could have some fun laughing at him. They made Samson stand by the huge columns of the temple where they were celebrating. No one noticed that Samson's hair had grown back. As they were laughing and making fun of him, Samson was quietly praying, "Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines".

Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might and down came the temple and killed the rulers and all the people in it.



God gave Samson the strength to kill more enemies when he died than while he lived, so many of the Philistines were killed when the Temple came crashing down, that the people of Israel were once more able to be free from them.

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

Samson might seem like an unlikely person for God to use. He was prideful, had a bad temper, and disobeyed God. But God still used him and ultimately Samson brought God glory. Samson gave his life so that he could defeat the Philistines and the Israelites could be freed. Remember that God made each of us for a reason and that we are all very special to him. God does hear us when we pray, and all our strength comes from him.

Prayer Time ...

Loving God, help us to remember that the Bible is there to teach us about You. Even though Samson wasn't always doing the right thing, he was part of your plan. Help us to remember that You are there for everyone, and will give us Your strength and guide us if we trust You - Amen.

Here's Something Fun To Do

Can you find 8 words from Samson's story scrambled up below?

1. L I D L E A H L

2. E L P M T E

3. I R H A

4. H O M A N A

5. S S N O M A

6. T I S E R A I L E

7. G H S R T N E

8. T I P L H I I N S E

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