

# Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



First Signs Of Spring Time  
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Our church building is COVID-secure, so you can either attend worship physically or worship with us on Facebook:

### **Sundays**

- 10.30am in church for COVID-secure Communion
- 12 Noon for live-streamed midday worship on our Facebook Page

### **Wednesdays**

- 6.30pm Mid-Week Praise posted on Facebook only throughout lockdown 3.0

To join us on Facebook, follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAinsworth/>

*NB: If you are not on Facebook, you can still watch the service – when it says “Log in” “Create New Account” simply click “Not Now” (which is below these two options)*

If you missed any of our livestreamed services, some of them can be found on our website <https://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/online-worship.html> or our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1kRCPBlymPoDSyhH9CZYrw>

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

## **Planning to attend our church building for worship?**

### **The following COVID-19 Secure restrictions apply:**

- **Unless you are legally exempt, you must wear a facemask**
- Our seating capacity is normally limited to 28 downstairs but can be increased slightly when members of the same household / bubble attend together. There is also limited capacity upstairs.
- Services are basic and short.
- Everyone must gel their hands as they enter the building.
- There is a collection plate on the font, but this will not be passed around.
- Worshippers are expected to remain 2m socially distant from each other, unless from the same household / bubble. This means sitting down promptly (where the paper is on the pew) and no gathering in the aisle or immediately outside the main door for a chat. **NB. School bubbles do not apply in church.**
- **When worshippers enter, they must sit in the next available pew, filling from the front and from the wall, taking care not to touch any part of the pew as you move along. There must be no heading for that favourite pew!**
- **Everyone (except the presiding priest) will remain seated throughout each service. Unfortunately, this means any children attending must also remain seated throughout the service.**
- There is no singing.
- A PowerPoint version of the order of service is projected in church. A version is available to download (Sunday only), but is not available to collect on the way in.
- A Test & Trace QR Code is displayed at the entrance for those worshippers who have downloaded the NHS T&T app. Others are asked to complete a registration form each week. The forms will be destroyed after three weeks. A GDPR compliant privacy notice is posted inside church.
- We leave from the rear pew first.
- The toilet is for emergencies only, and anyone using it is expected to spray disinfectant on all surfaces they have touched.

Churches are allowed to remain open for worship during lockdown 3.0, provided they can do so safely, however some people will feel that it is currently better not to attend in person. Indeed, the Church of England advises that certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Whether you attend worship in church with others, or prefer to join with us on Facebook, is entirely your decision. Our responsibility is to ensure you have the choice.

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) should not join us at 10.30am due to the risk that they pose to others; they should self-isolate at home immediately with other members of their household.

### **A few words from the Vicar ....**

As I write, we are in lockdown, and expect to be until half term at the earliest.

But there is some good news. I have heard on the grapevine that some of the older members of our congregation have been given their first dose of the vaccine. So, at long last, we are on the road back to some sort of normality!

Another piece of good news, excellent in fact, is how quickly Christ Church School adapted to this latest lockdown. Closed with just a few hours' notice, plans were quickly implemented so that all the children can receive a decent education, whether they are studying at home or are in school because their parents are essential workers.

This is testimony to the hard work and dedication of everyone who works at our village school. Brilliantly led, all have worked extremely hard (and long hours) to make this happen. They deserve the thanks of our community. Well done! Gold stars all round!

For now, under this latest lockdown, churches can remain open for worship, providing this is done safely. Fortunately, with all the restrictions we have in place, we can open safely, and do so at 10.30am on Sundays for a COVID-secure Communion service.

Who knew having a draughty old church building would be such an advantage!

How long we shall be allowed to continue worshipping in church is unknown and, should we be unable to open safely, we will close for the remainder of the lockdown.

In the meantime, most of our congregation continues to worship online.

Looking at the calendar, I can see a challenge looming. Ash Wednesday is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. COVID-secure ashing anyone?

Currently, Mid-Week Praise is meeting online only which, assuming we will still be permitted to worship in our church building by then, allows us to host a COVID-secure Ash Wednesday service at 7.30pm. Doubtless the Church of England will issue guidance before then, but it should be possible to incorporate (all be it with a certain amount of faff) the imposition of ashes.

Such are the wonders of modern technology, at precisely the same time, I shall post a modified version of the service on our Facebook Page.

Unfortunately, you will need to supply your own ash for the online service. By tradition, old palm crosses are burnt to produce the ash so, if you have one stashed away somewhere, you have a ready supply of your own ash. A warning though, palm crosses are difficult to burn. If you do not have an old palm cross handy, another source of ash will do.

On Tuesday evenings (7.30pm) during Lent, on our Facebook Page, I will be leading a Lenten devotional. These follow the theme ‘#Live Lent: God’s Story, Our Story’.

Then, on Wednesday evenings (7.30pm) I will be hosting a Lent discussion group on Zoom. This will be an opportunity to chat about some relevant Bible passages. The Zoom link can be obtained by emailing me. Further details will follow on our weekly newsletter, Facebook Page etc.

Now, I wonder what to give up during Lent!

God Bless

*Dave*

## **Editor’s Spot ...**

Welcome to the February 2021 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is once again packed with interesting reports, articles and updates.

It seems that the winter months and inclement weather have been with us for a long while now, but there are definitely signs of Spring – slightly lighter nights and mornings, bird song and a few hardy bulbs peeping up, are all encouraging and give us something to look forwards to!

Talking of things to look forwards to, we may still be in lockdown at present, but there are still plenty of church things going on, particularly throughout Lent and on the run up to Easter – make sure you keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for more details.

I hope you'll find some inspiration and encouragement in this month's magazine, but most importantly enjoy the read, and do your best to keep safe and well. As always, please keep your reports and articles coming in by the second Sunday in the month, to [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com). *Alison*

## Vacancies ...

We are praying for a new Treasurer to take over from Geoff who, sadly for us, is moving soon, **plus** a second Churchwarden to focus upon building issues. These are both crucial ministries in our church, necessary for the efficient functioning of this parish. Of the two roles, the Treasurer vacancy is the more urgent, but it is difficult to foresee how we can function fully without either. **Please do not assume that the clergy will cover building maintenance and finance until such time as these vacancies are filled – they do not have the time!**

## Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs)

We are looking for volunteers to become ALMs. ALMs are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership.

They work collaboratively alongside the Vicar and the wider ministry team, with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing, and serving the wider parish community. Areas of ministry include: Children & Families; Community Outreach & Social Action; Digital Church & Online Media; Ecology & Creation; Mission & Evangelism; Parish Admin, Finance & Governance; Pastoral Outreach & Listening; Prayer & Spirituality; Worship & Liturgy; Youth Work.

Further details can be found by clicking on this link: [Diocese of Manchester | Authorised Lay Ministry \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/dioceses/manchester/authorised-lay-ministry)

Interested? Simply contact the Vicar to start the ball rolling, with a view to applying for the 2022 course.

## **PCC News**

The first PCC meeting of the new year was once again held via 'Zoom', thus ensuring that the business of our Parish is able to continue in spite of the current lockdown situation. PCC members were pleased to welcome Mr. Jonathon Tranter, who has been co-opted to serve on the PCC; Jonathon has experience of serving as a PCC member in other Parishes, so will doubtless bring new perspectives and ideas to our meetings.

Whilst it seems incredible that almost 1 year on, we are still being held to ransom by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions which affect so many parts of our lives, the roll out of the vaccination programme hopefully brings encouragement that there are brighter times ahead.

It's amazing to look back and see how far things have evolved over the course of the past 12 months; in the early days of 'Lockdown 1.0' there was much discussion about " .. when we get back to normal ...", but as it became apparent that "back to normal" was unlikely to happen any time soon, so many people have gone above and beyond to ensure that the things we previously took for granted in everyday life have continued, all be it maybe in a slightly modified format.

Things that we would probably never have tried without the necessity created by lockdown, have actually worked really well, and in many areas these adaptations have, over time, become "the new normal"; things that will continue even after the restrictions due to Covid-19 have been relaxed.

Many of our Church committees and working groups, and also our church and uniformed organisations have continued to 'meet' regularly via Zoom, ensuring that members continue to be involved and supported by others, "together but apart" has become the new norm for them, and in some areas new members have joined in from further afield than would usually be possible – just 1 of the wonders of modern technology! Likewise, with our church services, our clergy team have done a great job of "reimaging" our regular 'in church' services, to ensure that worship opportunities are accessible to as many people as possible; live streaming is definitely something which will continue "post Covid".

In a recent letter to Parish officials, Canon Philip Blinkhorn, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, stated “...*The national and local lockdowns have been challenging for all our parishes and it has been inspirational to see the response from clergy and laity over the last 8 months. Creative on-line liturgies have been used in most parishes, congregations have responded to new pastoral situations, and great efforts have been made to open our churches whenever possible.*

*The pandemic is having an enormous financial impact on all our parishes and our diocese just as many families and individuals have experienced significant challenges. Parish income from hire of rooms, use of church buildings by clubs and other fundraising efforts have all been wiped out.*

*Unsurprisingly, the loss of parish income has had a direct effect on receipts of Parish Share by the Board of Finance. At the end of October our receipts from parish share were £4,399,000, down by £888,000 or 16.8% on the same time last year...”*

In our regular finance update, our Treasurer, Geoff Whittle reported that, whilst many sources of income within our Parish have been adversely affected by Covid restrictions, planned giving via the envelope scheme and standing orders hasn't been hugely impacted – as a result, although we have had to dip into our Parish Reserves, Christ Church Ainsworth is one of the few Parishes within our Diocese that has managed to support the cost of local ministry **and** pay our Parish Share in full for 2020. A huge thankyou must go to everyone for their continued support and generosity in these challenging times.

Staying on the subject of finance, a big vote of thanks must also go to Geoff Whittle, our PCC Treasurer. Geoff will be standing down from this role in the very near future as he and his family 'move to pastures new'. Geoff has done stirring work during his time as Treasurer and will be greatly missed. Thankyou Geoff, and good luck for the future.

Alison Hartley

## **News From The Diocese – Lay Courses Offer Wider Access**

Manchester Diocese is now offering a new general lay training pathway, which opens up and offers wider access to the current lay training courses and comes out of the vision to see all lay people empowered, enable and equipped; not just those seeking authorisation or licensing through the existing programmes such as Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) and Reader Ministry.

ALM and Reader Ministry will still remain as a distinct training pathways but they will no longer be the only way to access lay training courses. All nine of the Ministry Training Electives offered on the ALM course are now also open as stand-alone courses to any lay people wanting to develop their calling and gifting to Christian ministry and service.

The new pathway involves a much simpler application process, but will still require a recommendation from an appropriate parish representative. To find out more visit [manchester.anglican.org](http://manchester.anglican.org)

## **Harvest Thanks From Porch Boxes**

Dear Friend/s

It is with sincere appreciation that we send this letter of thanks for your recent kind Harvest donation to Porch Boxes. Your contribution will most certainly make a positive impact to our work in and around the Borough of Bury, more especially with the additional needs brought about by Covid-19.

With all the regular gifts from around the Borough of food & toiletries etc., plus financial donations, we know that all your gifts have, and will, go a long way to helping us service an ever-growing need.

So, it is with great joy that we say a big THANKYOU.

The need of course, never goes away, but seems to be with us all year – every year, and we are a long way from our ultimate target: “to be able to close the Porch operation down because the need has gone away”. Unfortunately, the target is nowhere in sight despite the “prosperity” that we associate with the United Kingdom, in common with many other nations around the world.

We look forward to the extra contributions that we have had in past years over the Christmas, Easter & Harvest period, and of course the continued and important regular contributions that many organisations, such as Churches, Schools and Businesses make over the year.

More than ever, we thank you so much for your kindness, your generosity, and your care.

Sincerely,

*Alan Wood*

Secretary  
Porch Boxes

## Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

### Lenten Devotionals

Tuesday evenings throughout Lent at 7.30pm on our facebook page; to join us simply follow the link

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAinsworth/>

### Lent Discussion Group via 'Zoom'

Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 7.30pm. For more info e-mail vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk

### BCP Services

The Prayer Book Society lists some churches livestreaming BCP services:

<https://www.pbs.org.uk/churches-and-services/-1>

### Missed Any Of Our Livestreamed Services?

Some of them can be found on our website

<https://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/online-worship.html>

or our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1kRCPBlymPoDSyhH9CZYrw>

### Porch Boxes

During lockdown it is not possible to receive donations for Porch Boxes in Church. However, if you shop at any of the following, they have somewhere to receive donations: ASDA (Radcliffe; Pilsworth & Bury); MORRISONS (Whitefield & Ramsbottom); TESCO (Bury & Ramsbottom) OR we can still support Porch Boxes through a donation: A cheque made payable to "The Porch" sent to Michael Perrin, 14 Kenmore Avenue Bury BL8 2DY or Bank transfer to Account number 81643089 sort code 09-0155 account name The Porch or Online <https://porchboxes.wordpress.com/>

### Daily Hope

This is a free phone initiative which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

## **Around The Organisations ...**

### **Cubs**

A belated Happy New Year to everybody and here's hoping that it is a much better one than 2020 and that we can eventually get back to face to face scouting in Ainsworth.

We are continuing with our Zoom meetings each Friday, and at the moment everyone is working towards the Chefs activity badge and the Personal Challenge. Kitchen hygiene, pizza making, and cakes have been completed as well as a scavenger hunt – hope the house was not too untidy when we finished.

Four of the older Cubs Oliver, Max, Ethan and Spencer have now moved up to Scouts and because of all their hard work outside the Zoom meetings they have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award – well done! We hope it may not be too long before they can receive their certificates at a parade service, but we will not hold our breath.

Eight boys have transferred from Beavers and they all seem to enjoy their first visits to Cub Scouting online – welcome William, Callum, Oscar, Roman, Arthur, William, Harvey and Fraser. Several of the boys' parents were also Cubs years ago – it makes me feel quite old at times!

Our next big event is a second “Virtual Camp” being held with Scouts on the weekend of February Half Term and based on the Chinese New Year – hopefully, a full-on fun weekend.

Gwen White

Baloo

### **Scouts**

Apologies for not putting anything in for last couple of months, but we have been very busy bees!

The Scouts have completed their Astronautics badge, building rockets that fly, eating astronaut pudding and building satellites.

We have also had the Percival family working away in the church yard moving leaves for the Church Yard Team. Three Saturdays on the trot they were in there and collected nearly 30 bin bags full of leaves in total.

The Scouts have also been working towards their Naturalist badge. We are looking at litter bugs, conservation projects and recycling to name but a few.

Now we are back in lockdown Scouts will remain as online Scouting only. This is now causing a few problems, as Scouts are working on line all day doing their school work, and don't want to be on line on a Friday night also; not that we blame them. We are therefore looking into ideas that we can do with them without actually having to see them on line. More news on these when we do them.

We are also planning another virtual camp for February half term. We will be doing the camp based around Chinese New Year, so that will give us lots of ideas to carry on with.

Stacey,

On behalf of Mollie, George, Ben and Aled.

## **Christmas Raffle**

Thank you to all those who supported us for our Christmas Raffle. We made just over £3000 selling tickets. The winner of the iPad lives in the Village. Congratulations to all 5 lucky winners. Our next raffle will be held around Easter time - more information next month.

## **Cash For Clothes**

Thank you to all those who supported us by giving us bags of clothes to recycle. This idea was suggested by one of the parents and seems to have gone down a treat. We are always more than willing to take away any bags of clothes you may have (not bedding). If you want more information on what we can take, or would like to arrange a collection, please drop us an email at:

[scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk)

## **12<sup>th</sup> Radcliffe Brownies**

As we approached Christmas, we planned our Brownie end-of-term Zoom party, making decorations and cards to put around us; planning the food we would eat, and then at our party we played a quick-change outfits game – and what an amazing collection we saw; with outfits for going to a wedding; to the beach; to bed; for a walk in the rain; exercising; baking a cake; making a snowman - and the fancy

dress round saw a whole range of outfits from Hermione Granger and princesses to Gangsta Grannie; and finally we all got changed for a Christmas party – and that’s what we wore for the rest of the meeting, when we ate our party food (healthy and less healthy options!), sang Christmas songs and finished off the meeting with us all singing “We wish you a merry Christmas” – never a very harmonious activity on Zoom due to the time delay - but that didn’t matter as we all had good fun and, with that, our last meeting of 2020 was over!



Polly, Brown

## Rebuilding Hope and Confidence

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* (Philippians 4v4 NIV)

Do you know how many times the word 'rejoice' appears in the Bible? According to Pollyanna, the girl with the unfailingly optimistic outlook, it's over 800 times. I 'Googled' it and that answer varied between 192 and 3657! Anyway, whichever is correct, it's a lot of times that God wants us to recognise our blessings and be thankful. With that in mind and in consultation with a few other members, we came up with a Lenten plan to enthuse, cheer, and encourage each other.

It's called a '**Daily Diary of Delight!**'

From Ash Wednesday (17th February) through to Easter Sunday (4th April), either in a diary, on a calendar or just on a piece of paper, write down every day something for which you are thankful. It can be a serious blessing, a brief anecdote or even something you've seen or heard that's tickled your sense of humour. It might be mundane, extraordinary or spiritual. Whatever reason to rejoice, write it down and hopefully, later in the year, we'll be able to share all of our reasons for rejoicing. There's no compulsion to do it, but it is an easy way to raise our spirits during the difficult weeks ahead. It isn't restricted to Mothers' Union members either; anyone can give it a try.

As I mentioned last month, subs of £32 are due now. Please can you send a cheque made out to 'Christ Church Ainsworth Mothers' Union', to Barbara Standing. However, only go to the postbox if it is safe for you to do so and within Government guidelines.

Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, has been appointed a Member of the Order of Service of Guyana. Sheran has also been awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement for long and exceptional service to Mothers' Union in the Anglican Diocese of Guyana and internationally.

Sheran said: "This award is a fantastic recognition of the work of Mothers' Union in Guyana and around the world. I am honoured to receive it. At Mothers' Union, we are a global family, and this award recognises the achievements of the movement as a whole, as well as individuals."

Finally, on behalf of all the members of our branch, I extend deepest sympathy to Sue Johnson on the death of her husband Christopher.

Sue, please be assured that we will be upholding you in prayer in the weeks and months to come.

Jennifer White (Hon sec.)

## **From the Archives – February 1996**

In addition to the regular weekly services, the Parish Diary in February 1996 listed a number of seasonal extras; The Ash Wednesday Service marked the start of a 6 week series of Lenten Devotional Services which all were encouraged to attend as part of their personal Lent preparations. Also, in February 1996, a Confirmation Service was to be held at Christ Church Ainsworth, led by the Bishop of Bolton, it was noted, however, that as this would be the only Confirmation Service for the Radcliffe Churches, admission would be strictly 'ticket only'.

This edition of the Parish Magazine also included a number of 'notices' – at the end of the first year the Parish Lottery had raised £1222; Mr. Gib. Hawarden had been appointed to the position of Caretaker for the Church Hall; and an urgent plea was made by "Shivering Sidesmen", for anyone who had a small unwanted electric fire to please get in touch as the Sidesmen were finding it very cold working in the Vicar's Vestry during what seems to have been a very chilly, wintery period!

Elsewhere, the various groups and organisations had been working hard and had lots of exciting plans for the coming year. Young Families had celebrated their first birthday with a big birthday party; Brownies were taking part in the North West England Silver Jubilee Celebrations and had a number of challenges to get their teeth into; Guides were holding a Self Defence course which seemed to be going down a storm; Cubs meanwhile were celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Cub Scouts, and again had lots of exciting activities planned. The other big news from the Scouting section was the relaunch of a Venture Scout section at Ainsworth, with Stacey White leading a group of 10 lads and space available for others to join.

In February 1996 there were 3 Baptisms recorded from the previous month and 2 funerals, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 582 and the collections totalled £2060.

## Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

### The Sun And The North Wind

The North Wind was a cold, cruel wind,  
Who thought that it was fun,  
To chase the clouds across the sky  
And wrap them round the sun.

He'd blow until the grass lay flat  
And leaves fell from the trees,  
He'd make a mighty storm,  
And toss the ships upon the seas.

He'd rattle at the window panes  
Of every house in town,  
He'd buffet at the roofs until  
The chimney stacks fell down.

"There's none as strong as I!" he screeched,  
"There's nothing I can't break,  
The tallest trees I topple,  
Whilst the deepest roots I shake."

But as he spoke, a laugh rang out,  
Both warm and full of fun,  
And from behind a cloud appeared  
The happy, smiling sun.

"You're very strong indeed, North Wind,  
But strong's not always best,  
And now, to show you what I mean,  
We'll try a simple test.

You'll find a climbing rose grows in  
The hedge beside the woods,  
Although the plant grows strong and green,  
It's flowers are yet still buds.

The task is not to crush the rose,  
Nor fling it round a room,  
The task I set is simple –  
Just to make the flowers bloom."

The North Wind took a great, deep breath,  
And then he blew and blew,  
“I am the Great North Wind”, he cried,  
“There’s nothing I can’t do!”

The North wind blew with all his strength,  
He blew with all his might,  
The rose just shivered in the cold,  
And curled it’s buds up tight.

The North Wind shrieked and howled and blew,  
So hard it made him cry;  
At last, the sun spoke quietly,  
And said, “Now let me try.”

The sun shone brightly in the sky,  
A warm and gentle glow,  
And as he beamed and smiled and shone -  
The rose began to grow.

The sun was patient, beaming down,  
He didn’t rage or shout,  
And as he waited, one by one,  
The flowers came peeping out.

They turned their faces to the sun,  
Who smiled and gently said,  
“Dear rose you look quite lovely  
With your blossoms pink and red.”

The sun turned to the Great North Wind,  
And said, “I think you’ll find,  
That sometimes it is better to  
Be gentle, warm and kind.

You’re very strong indeed, North Wind,  
But strong’s not always best,  
I hope you’ve learned that lesson  
From this simple, little test!”

*A. Hartley*

## Space To Share A Prayer

Heavenly Father,

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders to us that You are at work renewing the earth.

As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives too.

Open our eyes to the changes needed in our lives this Spring and awaken us to new life and perspective.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

## Through The Seasons

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies.

*Refrain:*

Christ, our Lord, to thee we raise

This, our hymn of grateful praise.

These words are the first verse of a popular hymn written by Folliott Sandford :Pierpoint, in the Spring of 1863. As he walked through the English countryside outside his native city of Bath, Pierpoint took a moment to rest, looking down upon the winding path of the River Avon and admiring the wonderful view. As he looked on the peaceful beauty surrounding him, he was inspired to reflect on God's gifts to his people through creation, and wrote the above words.

Although 'lockdown' has brought many challenges, the first lockdown, with the seemingly endless days of sunshine, allowed many people to take some time out from the usual routine of rush and bustle associated with work, commuting, childcare etc, and reconnect with nature in some way; whether that was heading out into the local countryside for that precious once daily exercise; spending time in the garden, or watching the birds through the kitchen window. In whatever way you are able to connect with nature, it invariably brings with it a big 'feel good factor'.

I never cease to be amazed by the variety of wildlife to be found in our small corner of the world, or to be inspired by the wonderful resilience of nature; even if you walk the same route every single day, there is

always something new and interesting to look at. Whatever is going on in the world, nature and God's creation quietly continues its endless cycle; there is definitely reassurance and comfort to be taken from that; if Winter is here, it must surely mean that Spring is on the way!

## Ainsworth in January

*"January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow" (from 'The Garden Year' by Sara Coleridge)*

Well, January very definitely did bring the snow to Ainsworth - it also brought rain, sleet, freezing fog and some very cold winds; in fact, 'Storm Cristophe' brought all of the above in quick succession! Taking a walk around Whitehead Lodges, the rainwater surged down the lane in front of the Weaver's Cottages off Knowsley Road, taking a large quantity of gravel with it and further swelling the already angry stream, which in turn had flooded a large part of the bottom field at Paddock Leach – definitely a day for wellies, waterproofs and warm layers.



Looking at the water pouring off the surrounding hills and into the



lodges, it was incredible to think that not many months ago there was a wide pebbled beach area the whole length of the middle lodge, where so many families had skimmed stones, paddled, picniced and played. The only signs of life that day were the various water birds – Canada Geese, Coots,

Mallards, some part grown Cygnets and a lone Cormorant perched on the water tower on the top lodge.

But even on such a wild, wet January day there are always signs of

hope – there is a saying that “when the gorse is out of flower, the season for kissing is over”, whilst somewhat less spectacular than it was through the summer months, thankfully for all the romantics out there, a bright splash of yellow gorse continues to add a little



colour to the landscape; in more sheltered areas, despite the mud, wet leaves and patches of snow, the first bulbs are beginning to come up; if you look closely, the first hint of buds can be seen on the Horse

Chestnut trees around what was formerly Ainsworth Nursing Home – definitely a promise that Spring is on the way.

And the perfect round up to a cold, wet walk? A break in the clouds, a glimmer of sunshine and, not the best picture ever, but yes, a rainbow arching across the sky.



The next lines to Sara Coleridge’s poem are, “*February brings the rain, thaws the frozen lake again.*”

Watch this space for an Ainsworth in February update, or why not e-mail your own ‘signs of Spring’ discoveries to [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)

### **Just A Thought ...**

Worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrow, but it does empty today of strength.

### **Some Things You Can’t Take Back**

Once there was a little boy who had a very bad temper. To try to help him to control his anger, his father handed him a bag of nails and a hammer and said that every time the boy lost his temper, he had to hammer a nail into their garden fence.

On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into the garden fence.

Over the following weeks, the boy gradually began to learn to control his temper, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased.

Eventually he realised that it was easier to control his temper than to hammer the nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn’t lose his temper at all. He told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day that he kept his temper under control.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. His father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

“You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like the scars the nails have left in the fence. It is easy to say ‘I’m sorry’, but the wound is still there.”

## **Olde Worlde Weather Lore – February**

(A precursor to the modern day ‘weather app’ maybe??)

If February doth give much snow,  
A fine summer it doth foreshow.

## **Did You Know ... February Facts**

1<sup>st</sup> February – On this day in 1884, the first edition of The Oxford English Dictionary was published.

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas.

3<sup>rd</sup> February – On this day in 1815, the world’s first commercial cheese factory was established in Switzerland.

4<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1927, Malcolm Campbell of England, reached over 174.883mph (281.447kph) in Bluebird on the Pendine Sands in Wales to set a new land speed record.

5<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1922, the first Reader’s Digest magazine was published.

6<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1685, the Duke of York became King James II of England and VII of Scotland upon the death of his brother Charles II.

7<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1812, Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth.

8<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle.

9<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1969, the first flight was made by a Boeing 737 jumbo jet.

10<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1824, Samuel Plimsoll was born.

11<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years..

12<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1809, Charles Darwin was born in Shrewsbury.

13<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1542, Catherine Howard was executed in at The Tower of London, for high treason.

14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine’s Day.

15<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1971, the UK and Ireland went decimal.

16<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1846, 1st commercially designed helicopter tested, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

17<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1876, Sardines first canned by Julius Wolff in Eastport, Maine

18<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1516, Queen Mary I, England’s first Queen regnant, was born.

19<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1985, the first episode of ‘East Enders’ was shown on BBC1.

20<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1712, the last recorded witchcraft trial in England took place.

21<sup>st</sup> February – On this day in 1952, the government of Winston Churchill abolished ‘Identity Cards’.

22<sup>nd</sup> February – World Thinking Day for members of the Scout and Guide Associations.

23<sup>rd</sup> February – On this day in 1689, Dutch prince William III was proclaimed King of England.

24<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1920, Nancy Astor, became the first woman to speak in Parliament.

25<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1793, the first US Cabinet Meeting was held at George Washington’s home.

26<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1797, the Bank of England issued the first £1 note.

27<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1693, the first women’s magazine, “Ladies’ Mercury”, was published in London.

28<sup>th</sup> February – On this day in 1953, James Watson and Francis Crick, both Cambridge Scientists, announced that they had decoded the structure of DNA.

## **Why Do We Say That Then ... ?**

Have you ever wondered where some of the more diverse phrases we use in general conversation come from?

To “bark up the wrong tree...” – we use this phrase to mean someone has got the wrong idea or misunderstood. The origin ... Hunting dogs often chase animals up trees, only to have the animal jump to a branch on another nearby tree to try to escape. If the dog misses this happening, it would then be barking up the wrong tree.

## **Time For A Smile**

An elderly lady was running late for the Sunday service at her local church and had been driving rather too fast, when a Police car pulled alongside her at a set of traffic lights.

“Hey you! Pull over!” shouted the officer.

The lady explained that she was rushing due to being late for church, but nevertheless she was issued with a fixed penalty notice and a £50 fine which she paid by cheque. She was very anxious about this because she didn’t want her husband to find out, and she knew he had a habit of going through the cheque book stubs. Then inspiration struck and she wrote on the stub – “One pullover - £50”

A new young Vicar arrived at church and found only one elderly farmer had shown up for the Sunday Service.

“I think maybe we’d better cancel the service,” he said, whereupon the farmer, in his Sunday best, replied “I don’t know much about preachin’, but I do know somethin’ about farmin’ and if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I’d still feed ‘im.”

Somewhat chastened, the young Vicar put on his robes and delivered the service, including a 45 minute sermon, after which he asked the old farmer what he thought of it.

The farmer replied, “Well, Vicar, all I can say is that if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I wouldn’t give ‘im the whole bale.”

## **Strap Lines**

Children normally need love the most when they deserve it the least.

Children seldom misquote you; in fact they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn’t have said.

## **The Extended Parish Puzzler**

### **Valentine's Day Quiz**

1. Who was the first woman in space?
2. Who abolished St Valentine's Day, Hogmanay and Halloween as being altogether too frivolous and irreligious?
3. Who, in the title of a Shakespeare play, are Valentine and Proteus?
4. Who was the Greek goddess of love?
5. Where do you "wear your heart" if you are quick to show your feelings?
6. Which British city did Shirley Valentine abandon for her Greek holiday?
7. According to an old English tradition, what is supposed to happen to the first man a woman sees on Valentine's Day?
8. True or false: Doves mate for life
9. What does the word Valentine actually mean?
10. Worldwide, plus or minus 5%, what percentage a year of Valentine's Day cards are romantic compared to humorous?

(Answers on page 27)

### **How Well Do You Know Our Village?**

Last month's inscription can be found on the right hand gate post at the entry to 'Ainsworth Recreation Ground'. There are three churches in Ainsworth, but do you know at which one this inscription can be found? Answer in next month's mag.

**NEW CONNEXION  
CHAPEL**

## Well Known Saints Word Search

There are 20 well known saints hidden within this grid; can you find them all? (Answers on page 28)

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## Riddle-Me-Ree

Can you solve the riddle? The answer is someone or something that you'll find in the Bible.

He led Israelites out of Egypt,  
And went up Mount Sinai alone,  
He came back down with ten Commandments  
Written on two tablets of stone.

Who am I?

(Answer on page 28).

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	10.30am	Family Service 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Family & Parade Service
	12.00pm	Baptisms (Except 2 <sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion (Book of Common Pray)
		Healing Service (see Parish Diary)
Weds	6.15pm	Mid-Week Praise

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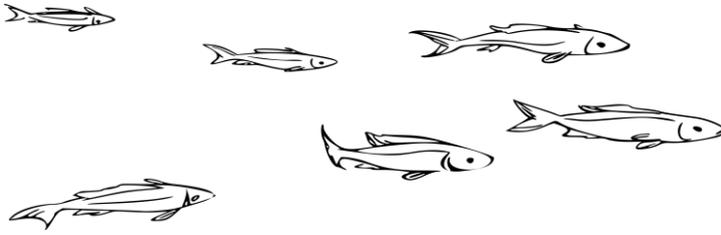
(Answer to Valentine's Day Quiz on page 25: 1) Valentine Tereshkova; 2) Oliver Cromwell; 3) The Two Gentlemen Of Verona; 4) Aphrodite; 5) Sleeve; 6) Liverpool 7) He marries her; 8) True; 9) Sweetheart; 10) 75%.

## Who's Who For Church Organisations

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Answers to Well Known Saints Word Search: Agnes; Andrew; Anne; Augustine; Barbara; Bridget; Cecilia; Christopher; Francis; Joan Of Arc; John; Jude; Luke; Matthew; Monica; Patrick; Paul; Stephen; Teresa; Valentine.

Answer to Riddle-Me-Ree: Moses.



# Little Fishes

Little Candle Burning Bright



(Photo courtesy of Kat Sowden)

## Candlemas

Last month's Little Fishes was all about Epiphany and the story of the three Kings; in the Church of England Epiphany is celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, but did you know that the season of Epiphany carries right on up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February?

### **So What happens after Epiphany?**

At the time when Jesus was born there were many customs and traditions which people had to follow; certain things they could do and other things which they couldn't do.

One of the really important traditions at that time was that women were not allowed to go to Church or take part in any religious festivals straight after having a baby - if they had a baby boy they had to wait 40 days, if it was a baby girl they had to wait 60 days! Then at the end of this time, the woman had to go to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified and to present her baby to God and give Him thanks. After the ceremony the woman was allowed to take part in religious services again.

With a little bit of maths, we can work out that the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February is exactly 40 days after the 25<sup>th</sup> of December - the day that Jesus was born, so this is the day that Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified after Jesus' birth, and also to present the baby Jesus to God.

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple in Jerusalem, they met 2 very important people, Anna and Simeon. Anna and Simeon were prophets, which means they were messengers of God; Simeon held the baby Jesus in his arms and called him 'a light to the world'.

In some Churches the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February is known as "The Presentation of Christ In the Temple", in others it is known as "The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary", but it is also known as Candlemas.

## So What Is Candlemas?

As time went on, many people began to observe this religious festival with lighted candles. In olden times, candles were very important - not only because people needed them for light, but they also thought that candles would give them protection from bad things.



In churches, the 2nd of February was the day when all of the candles which were to be used in church throughout the coming year were brought into church and blessed; over time it became known as the Festival of Candles, or Candlemas.

Candles are extra specially important to Christians because, as Simeon predicted, Jesus is 'the light of the world'; without Jesus in our lives the world can seem like a dark, lonely place where people can feel as if there is no one to help them or look out for them; with Jesus in our lives there is always someone that we can turn to for help and comfort.

## Did You Know ...

Snowdrops are also known as Candlemas Bells because they flower early in the year. According to legend, Eve was walking in the Garden of Eden and crying in despair over the cold and death that had entered the world. An angel heard her and helped these little flowers to bloom, even though it was cold and desolate, and pointed them out to Eve as a sign of hope. Many Christians see these flowers as a symbol of Jesus Christ being hope for the world.



## What Am I?

I get shorter the more I'm used, but I'm not a pencil.

I'm made of wax, but I'm not a crayon.

I can help you to see in the dark, but I'm not a torch.

I'm often found on a birthday cake, but I'm not icing.

What am I?

## Jesus Bids Us Shine

Susan Bogert Warner (1819-1885)

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night;  
In this world of darkness, we must shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;  
Well He sees and knows it if our light is dim;  
He looks down from heaven, sees us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around  
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound:  
Sin, and want, and sorrow—we must shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, as we work for Him,  
Bringing those that wander from the paths of sin;  
He will ever help us, if we shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

### Time For A Chuckle

Q. What did one candle say to the other candle?

A. I'm going out tonight

Q. Why did the candle not do very well in school?

A. It wasn't that bright.

Q. Why do you put candles on the top of a birthday cake?

A. Because it would be too hard to light them if they were on the bottom.

## Next month - Lent

If you enjoy colouring in, why not colour the picture below. Whilst church is closed you could get a grown up to e-mail it to [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com) Each month we'll choose 1 picture to go on our front page. Closing date Sun 14<sup>th</sup> February.

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