

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



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

Sundays

- 8am 2nd & 4th Sundays in church for COVID-secure BCP Communion
- 10.30am in church for COVID-secure Communion
- 12 Noon for live-streamed midday worship on our Facebook Page
- 6.30pm 1st Sundays in church for COVID-secure BCP Evening Prayer

Wednesdays

- 6.30pm in church for Mid-Week Praise, recording posted later on Facebook

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>



Parish Diary February 2023



Weds 1st 6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)

Sun. 5th **THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

10:30am Holy Communion (in Church)
12 Noon Midday worship (Facebook page)
6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer in Church

Wed. 8th 6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)

Sun. 12th **THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8:00am BCP Communion (in Church)
10:30am Parade & Family Service (in Church)
12 Noon Midday worship (Facebook page)

Wed. 15th 6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)

Sun 19th **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

10:30am Holy Communion (in Church)
12 Noon Midday worship (Facebook page)

Wed. 22nd **ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)
7:30pm Communion (in Church)

Sun. 26th **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:30am Holy Communion (in Church)
12 Noon Midday worship (Facebook page)

Wed. 25th 6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)

Sun. Mar 5th **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:30am Holy Communion (in Church)
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer in Church

A few words from the Vicar

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

Well, this is it, my final article for our parish magazine. I was momentarily tempted to search the magazine archive to glean a few words of wisdom written by my predecessors in their final articles, but thought better of it. That would be cheating! Instead, I turn to the wisdom we find in the Bible.

For everything there is a season, everything. And that includes my ministry here in Ainsworth, which is rapidly coming to an end.

For most people, I guess retirement is a matter of claiming their pension, then looking forward to their last day at work and the leaving do. For clergy, things are more complicated, not least for those of us who live in a vicarage. At retirement, in addition to all the usual preparations, we are obliged to move home and relocate to another community. So, in addition to continuing my day-to-day ministry in the time that remains, and preparing things for an orderly handover, Polly and I (mostly Polly!) are preparing our new home and busy downsizing, ready for our to move to Harwood.

Fortunately, we have three months before we're obliged to vacate the Vicarage. With everything we need to do at our new home, and the effort involved in moving and downsizing - I don't like parting with anything that might come in handy one day or has even minimal sentimental value - three months could be pushing it!

One thing I won't be parting with, though, are all the fond memories I have accumulated from 12 years ministering amongst you in Ainsworth.

Fond memories of seeing the funny side when things went spectacularly wrong, like the time when the organ motor gave up the ghost in the middle of a carol service and the bellows had to be hand-pumped by two volunteers.

The joys of ministry in a traditional parish: school assemblies; Parade services and uniformed organisations; coach trips; the fairs (hard work but fun); our choir who retired but then decided (I'm glad to say) to come out of retirement; those who quietly serve in many ways, without making a fuss about it; and those, both lay and ordained, who have shared leadership with me over the years.

Fond memories of summer days, working with my study window open, listening to children from our school enjoying their play time. And presenting for Confirmation youngsters I baptised years previously as babies. Fond memories.

Fond memories of our wonderful congregation, some now gone to Glory. The joy of travelling along with you for a time as we shared our journey of faith, and the privilege of ministering to you through the key milestones of family life. And fond memories of Ainsworth and the friendly villagers who make it such a great place to live.

As I look back on my time here in Ainsworth, my life has become a whirlwind of goodbyes. So, I ask myself a question, "Why retire?", but retire I must; retire and wait upon God to lead me to the next stage of my ministry. But don't ask, I haven't a clue what God has planned for me yet, only time will tell.

For true wisdom, we look to the Bible, which reminds us that for everything there is a season. Well, my season here in Ainsworth is ending and, for all of us, a new season is about to begin.

God Bless

Dave

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the February 2023 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine.

A recent article in 'The Church Times', debated whether Church Magazines are set to become a thing of the past, amidst the growing trend to connect with people and provide information and updates via social media channels. Lots of publications ceased production during the pandemic; many have never resumed; others have become 'E-Magazines'. According to the article, other factors impacting on the viability of the Parish Magazine include the ability of Parishes to find / retain an 'editorial team', the willingness of Parishioners (and others) to contribute articles and information, and the options available for distribution.

Whilst it may not be an option for us to return to a hand delivered, paper copy magazine, our 'E-Magazine' is, as always, packed with interesting reports, articles and information this month; and long may that continue!

It seems that the winter months and inclement weather have been with us for a long while now, (are winters really getting longer and

harder, or is that just an age thing??), 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. Before too much longer, the brighter days and warmer weather will be a reality, and our thoughts will turn towards Easter.

Talking of Easter, as we move through the Church Seasons, the children who attend our MidWeek Praise Service are doing a great job of providing us with a seasonal picture for the front cover of our Parish Magazine each month; why not check out the display of their artwork next time you're in church.

The coming months will bring a number of changes to our church as we move forwards into interregnum; make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Magazine and also the pew sheet to keep up to date with what's going on, and also with what help is needed throughout this period.

Enjoy this month's magazine – I hope you find something to interest or inspire you, and let's aim to prove the speculators wrong about the demise of the Parish Mag!

Alison

From The Registers

FUNERALS	We commend to God's keeping
December 14 th	Mavis Rimmer
December 19 th	Ray Openshaw
December 20 th	June Hayes

Front Cover Artwork

Over the past 12 months our front cover artwork has been provided by various members of the Uniformed Organisations; throughout 2023 our front cover artwork will be provided courtesy of members of our Mid-Week Praise congregation.

If you missed out on the Candlemas picture, make sure you look out for the 'Lent' 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 Max Hall, age 7.

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!

Fairtrade Fortnight; 27th Feb – 12th March 2023



Fairtrade is a system of certification that aims to ensure a set of standards are met in the production and supply of a product or ingredient. For farmers and workers, Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products.

Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses, and governments to make trade fair.

Fairtrade sets social, economic and environmental standards for the companies and farmers involved in the supply chain. For farmers and workers the standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, for companies they include the payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price safety net and an additional Fairtrade Premium

This Fairtrade Fortnight, why not make the small switch to Fairtrade and support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and also the planet.

Did you know cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves?

Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news.

More of us choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power, and support for those communities.

By making the small switch to Fairtrade, we can all support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

For more info about Fairtrade or Fairtrade Fortnight, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk

Easyfundraising

Our Easyfundraising total is now £890.58. We currently have 26 supporters registered, but we could always find room for more!

If you're shopping online, make sure you use #easyfundraising; over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Ainsworth Parish Church - Bolton every time you shop. And it's not just for when you're buying gifts; you can use easyfundraising when you book holidays, train tickets, even when you insure your home or car!

Our cause is registered as Ainsworth Parish Church – Bolton; why not sign up now at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=ivcmuo&char=36470&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=anwupsharebox

Mission Community News – Zoom Prayers

Following on from the success of the previous 'Zoom Prayers', the churches of our Mission Community will once again be praying together throughout Lent. The sessions will start on Thursday 23rd February and run each weekday evening up to Friday 31st March, at 6pm on 'Zoom', with each session lasting around 10 minutes.

As the sessions are led by a different church each week and a different person most evenings, there will be plenty of variety of both style and content, ranging from traditional Compline through to Celtic Evening Prayer.

If you haven't yet tried these prayer sessions, why not give it a go! If you're feeling really inspired, maybe you could have a go at leading a session; if you're unsure about 'going solo', it's always an option to share a session.

To join the prayers simply click the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOz09>

Or contact Alison for more info – 07952-709041

Mission Community Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

Bible Reading Fellowship

As Spring approaches, most people are looking forward to lighter and brighter days, and Easter embodies this feeling. In preparation for this most important of Christian Holy Days, BRF is offering several books to assist in Lenten devotions and preparations, most of which are available on Kindle.

Their main Lent book this year is "Images of Grace" by Amy Scott Robinson, a journey from darkness into light. There are other offerings from a range of authors including the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Coming Soon ... A new publication to look out for will be "The Bible in Ten", comprising 67 short snapshots of the books of the Bible, and available from BRF from 17th February.

BRF also offer Easter and everyday cards via its website brf.org.uk."

News From The Diocese

At the end of January, a service was held at Manchester Cathedral to mark the retirement of Bishop Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton.

Bishop Mark has served the Diocese for 30 years; for the past 6 years as Bishop of Bolton, but prior to that, as Archdeacon of Manchester, Area Dean of North Manchester, and Rector of St. Stephen and Christ Church Harpurhey.

Bishop Mark's ministry has always been enthusiastic, dedicated, insightful, and above all, underpinned by a deep faithfulness in our Lord.

Candlemas

Celebrated on February 2nd, the Christian festival of Candlemas commemorates the Virgin Mary's Presentation of the Lord at the Temple of Jerusalem. In line with the religious requirements of the time, this would have happened 40 days after the birth of a baby boy.

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple in Jerusalem, they were greeted by the prophets, Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus in his arms and called him 'a light to the world'.

In some Churches the 2nd 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.

In 'the olden days', candles were very important – not only because people needed them for light, but also because they believed that a lighted candle would keep away evil spirits. In churches, February the 2nd was the day on which 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.





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 14th February

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





Mission Community Zoom Prayers Are Back!

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

Starts on Thursday 23rd February, then each weekday evening throughout Lent @ 6pm on Zoom; simply click on the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOZz09>

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

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‘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.

Mothers’ Union

1st & 3rd Tuesday Of The Month

Tuesday 4th February @ 2.30pm – AGM (ACCH)

Tuesday 21st February @ 2.30pm – Beetle Drive & Pancakes (ACCH)

Lent ‘Zoom Prayers’

Starting on Thursday 23rd Feb, & then each weekday evening throughout

Lent @ 6.30pm on ‘Zoom’; simply click the link to take part:

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

Ainsworth Social Club

Tuesday 4th February & Tuesday 21st February

7.30 – 9pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

We are an independent social club for the over 50’s, our motto is ‘Challenge yourself’. Want to know more? Check out our facebook page ‘Ainsworth

Social Club’, or e-mail ainsworthsc@outlook.com

Ainsworth History Society

Tuesday 14th February

7.30pm; Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Community Walk

Every Tuesday @ 1pm; meet outside The Duke William

Why not explore your local green space and join us every Tuesday for a free circular guided walk along local country footpaths and across open farmland, taking in the beautiful surrounding scenery? For more info visit

walkwithme@bury.gov.uk

Around The Organisations ...

Cubs

It does not seem 5 minutes since we returned after our Christmas break, but already things have been busy.

We have six new cubs from our outside waiting list and a couple of lads moving up to scouts. Model making and teamwork tasks have been the order of the day, working towards both chest and arm proficiency badges. Results of their efforts next month ...

Gwen White - Baloo.

Scouts

We have only been back a few weeks following our Christmas break, but wow have we got some stuff done!

At the start of January, the Scouts visited Whitefield Fire Station and earned their Fire Safety badge.

Following that we have had a quiz night and games night.

On Friday 20th January myself and 7 of our Scouts were honoured to be invited to stand on the steps of Bolton Town Hall to welcome King Charles III and the Queen Consort to celebrate the 150 years of Bolton Town Hall.

A couple of the Scouts even got to shake hands with Camilla as she walked up our side of the steps!





February sees us start a round of 6 weeks where the Scouts will achieve their Chef, Scientist and First Aid badge.

Will keep you posted.

Stacey

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.cognitofirms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingFamilyCoachTripLlandudnoSaturday8thJuly2023>

Transformation - Now!

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

In mid December, we said 'goodbye' to Barbara Standing as she left Bury to live near her family in Poole. She has been a loyal member for several years, serving on the committee as Treasurer. We will miss you and your financial skills Barbara, and we wish you much

happiness in your new home. We were delighted to know that you have already searched out your nearest MU Branch.

We will hold our **AGM on February 7th at 2.30pm in the Church Hall**. This is the meeting when we pay our subs and elect our officers for the next 12 months. We have 3 members less on the committee since last year and would welcome any new members and also a Treasurer. If you feel that you could serve the Mothers' Union in this way, please let Andrew, Jean or myself know. Also, potential new members are welcome at this and any other meeting.

The 21st February at 2.30pm, again in the Church Hall, will see some of us don pinnies for our annual Shrove Tuesday games of Beetle, followed by pancakes. Everyone is welcome to join us for a bit of fellowship and fun.

The following day is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent when we don't meet formally. We may meet informally and will keep everyone informed about the arrangements.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to having Vicar Dave with us for his last 5th Tuesday with the branch on the 31st January at 2.30pm. We thank him and Polly for their support for over 12 years and assure them of our prayers and good wishes for their retirement at the end of the month.

Jennifer White

Ainsworth History Society www.ainsworthhistorysociety.org

We meet on the Second Tuesday of each month from 7:30pm in the upstairs room of Ainsworth Church and Community Hall (on the corner of Bury Old Road and Ainsworth Hall Road). The next meeting is Tuesday 14th February. All are welcome.

January Meeting:

Once again, the weather (and prior commitments) meant fewer people were able to make this month's meeting – although we did have visitors who used to live in the village and happened to be in the area on the day.

We looked at industrial Ainsworth, with a focus on mining - as Dave had some information about an archaeological dig on Cockey Moor that had revealed some interesting information about the 18th century bell pits there.

From the Archives – February 1998

The Parish Diary in February 1998 reflected the fact that Lent was fast approaching; Ash Wednesday Communion Services and Lenten Devotionals were the order of the day. There was also mention of the Deanery Confirmation Service to be held at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe (no Evensong at Ainsworth on that date).

The Parish News page contained a number of acknowledgements and thank yous, along with details of a Bible Study course that was to be held at the Vicarage – please speak to the Vicar for more info.

It seems that the various groups and uniformed organisations had thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas activities; the Church Women's Fellowship had enjoyed a trip to the Octagon Theatre to see 'A Christmas Carol' (interestingly, the Octagon were running that production this Christmas – 25 years later), Brownies had been to watch Aladdin, and Beavers had enjoyed a trip on the 'Santa Special'.

In other news, Bill White had been presented with his 'wood badge' at the February Church Parade, an acknowledgement of further training that he had completed, but also a nod to 37 years of warranted leadership in Scouting in Radcliffe; meanwhile, Jennifer White had been chosen as the new Presiding Member of Ainsworth Mothers' Union. It says something that 25 years later, these two dedicated individuals are still playing a huge part within these organisations!

In February 1998, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mr. William Allan Rogerson, whilst the Holiday Church featured was the church of St. Mary, Andraitx, Mallorca with an interesting and informative article written by Mrs. Doris Foster.

In February 1998 there were 3 Baptisms and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 501; (107 of these were on Christmas Day!!), with the Collections listed as £1907.

Just A Thought

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

Praying Through The Seasons ... Spring

"See the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the sound of doves cooing is heard in our land."
Song of songs 2 11-12



In the Celtic Year, Spring begins at the start of February, when the first buds of new flowers begin to emerge from the cold, dark earth. Spring is the season of new life; a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. As flowers bloom and animals are born, we are reminded of the innocence and beauty that exists in this world and that there is new life all around us.

As Christians, we are given new life and new hope every morning. Spring provides a wonderful reminder to us that we should be living a full life and leaving the old dead parts of life behind. There is always hope during the coldest, darkest winters of life. Spring will come and new life will come forth!

Heavenly Father, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise,
our hands to share,
and may our feet tread lightly
on the road that, together, we travel – Amen.

Be Inspired

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16 v33

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.

The hymn that's in my head at the moment is 'Come Down O Love Divine'.

Come Down O Love divine, was originally written as a poem in the 14th century by Bianco da Siena, and was translated into English in the 19th century by Richard Frederick Littledale. In 1906, the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams set the words to the stirring melody to which it is still sung today. When Vaughan Williams died in 1958, "Come Down, O Love Divine" was sung at his funeral in Westminster Abbey.

Come Down O Love Divine is one of a small number of hymns that features both in the 'Favourite Hymns For Weddings' chart and also the 'Favourite Hymns For Funerals' chart, and is ranked at number 68 in 'Songs Of Praise All Time Favourite Hymns'.

1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he becomes the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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



Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)



Snowdrops

I saw the first snowdrop of spring today,
Peeping its head from the ground,
I fancied that it shook itself.
And had a good look round.

It saw the other little buds
Still snuggled in their bed,
I fancied that it laughed
And tossed its delicate white head.

I thought, "I wonder how they know,
That spring is here once more,
How do they know that winter's passed
And now the ground will thaw?

How can they tell the warmth will stay,
How can they be so sure,
How do they tell it's time to grow?
It must be Nature's Law".

They really are incredible.
Those buds of snowy white,
Because year after year
They almost always get it right.

Author unknown

Straplines

Carrying a grudge is exhausting!

Silence is the absence of noise, but peace is the presence of God.

If you want to travel fast in life, walk alone; if you want to travel far,
walk together.

Hatches, Matches & Despatches - February!

Born in February ...

1466 - Elizabeth of York, Queen Consort of England and wife of King Henry VII, born in Westminster Palace, London

1707 – Frederick Louis, English prince of Wales and son of George II, born in Hanover, Germany

1901 – Clarke Gable, American Actor, known as ‘the king of Hollywood’.

1915 – Stanley Matthews, English soccer forward (54 caps; Stoke City, Blackpool; 1st British player to be knighted), born in Stoke-on-Trent, England,

1921 - Peter Sallis, British actor (Wallace and Gromit, Last of the Summer Wine), born in Twickenham, England.

1954 – John Joseph Travolta, American actor, Englewood, New Jersey.

Married in February ...

1403 – King Henry IV to 2nd wife, Joan Navarre,

1870 – Mark Twain (American writer) to Olivia Langdon

1939 – Frank Sinatra (American singer) to 1st wife, Nancy Barbato.

1957 – Elizabeth Taylor (Actress) to 3rd husband, Mike Todd.

1986 – Diana Ross (American pop singer) to Arne Naess.

1991 – Andrew Lloyd Webber (Composer) to 3rd wife, Madeleine Gurdon.

Died in February ...

1554 – Jane Grey (Queen of England for 9 days) beheaded age 16.

1567 – Henry Stuart (King Consort of Mary Queen of Scots) murdered aged 21.

1868 – David Brewster (Physicist and inventor of the kaleidoscope) aged 86.

1912 – Joseph Lister (British Surgeon and pioneer of antibiotics) age 84.

1977 – Gaus (an Orangutan who lived to the age of 59).

2012 – Whitney Houston (singer) aged 48.

Space To Share A Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that in a world of despair, You are our Hope.

We thank you that In a world of darkness, You are our Light.

We thank you that in a world of sorrow, You are our joy.

Help us to see hope in the most desperate situations.

Help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions.

Help us to see the potential you see in those around us.

Help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives.

Help us to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the word of God that our hopes in you will ever increase.

Help us to be a light of hope to those who are in need; to be an example of your love and mercy, and to share the wonderful news of your unfailing love. Amen

Cheat's Kitchen

Easy Black Forest Dessert



You Will Need:

- 1 tin of black cherry pie filling
- 1 tub of shop bought chocolate brownie bites
- 250g mascarpone
- 4 tablespoons icing sugar
- Chocolate sprinkles / flakes

Here's What To Do:

- 1) Break up the brownie bites into a shallow serving dish, or 6 small ramakins.
- 2) Spoon the black cherry pie filling over the brownie pieces, mix lightly to coat the brownies fully.
- 3) Whisk the mascarpone and icing sugar together until it begins to thicken, then spoon over the cherry / brownie filling.
- 4) Sprinkle with chocolate.
- 5) Enjoy!

Time For A Smile

A burglar broke into the house of a young curate; hearing a noise, the curate stood at the top of the stairs and shouted, 'Hey! What are you doing down there?' The burglar shouted back, 'Looking for cash!' 'Okay, hang on', said the curate, 'I'll come and give you a hand.'

The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

C A N D L E M A S

Candle Quiz ...

1. What were the earliest candles made from?
2. What by-product of honey production did the romans use to make candles from?
3. What common plant did the early colonists of America use to make candles?
4. Why would you have been unlikely to find wax candles in the homes of cottagers?
5. What has been the top ranking candle scent for almost 30 years?
6. Which 1984 film that launched John Hughes' directing career and starred Molly Ringwald?
7. What is the correct name for someone that makes candles?
8. Why doesn't a candle wick burn all at once?
9. Which part of a candle flame is the hottest?
10. 90% of scented candles are purchased by which sector of the UK population?

(Answers on page 26)

Village Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. Who was the Vicar at Ainsworth Parish Church in 1944?

A. Wilfred Metcalf

Church Trivia

This month's question:

Q. The Incumbents of Ainsworth are listed as 'Not Known Up To 1586' Who was the Vicar at Ainsworth from 1856 – 1610?

Answer in next month's magazine.

Who's Who

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Services

Sunday 8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am	Family Service, 2 nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
12.00pm	Baptisms (Except 2 nd and last Sunday)

Weds 6.15pm Mid-Week Praise

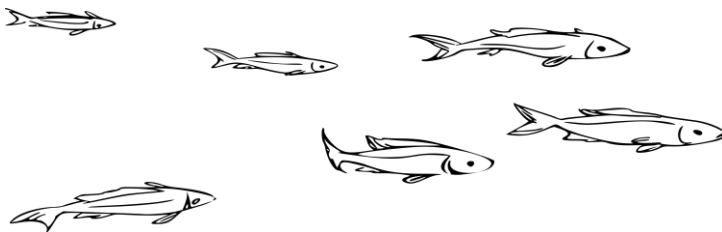
Home Communion is available for anyone unable to attend Church due to illness or frailty.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Banns of Marriage, and Funerals
Contact Revd Dave Thomson.

Answers to Candle Quiz: 1) Tallow, 2) Beeswax, 3) Tayberry, 4) Wax
candles were expensive & only used by the gentry, 5) Vanilla. 6) Sixteen
Candles, 7) Chandler, 8) It's protected by wax, 9) The top, 10) Women.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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Explorers	Monday 7.30 – 9.30pm; in the Church Hall Leader John Turner	01204 381590
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Little Fishes

Moses - Part 3



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.

Last month, Little Fishes was all about the plagues that God sent to Egypt to try to persuade Pharaoh to let the Israelite people go free. Moses had led the Israelites out of Egypt, and they had almost got trapped when they reached the Red Sea, but at God's command, a path opened up between the waves, and Moses and the people of Israel ran through to safety. As Pharaoh's army tried to follow the path, the waves came crashing back down, and the Egyptians were all drowned.

Moses - Part 3

Moses and the Israelites rested for a while on the shore of the Red Sea; they had escaped from Egypt, but their journey to the promised land was only just beginning.

Moses led the people through the desert; day after day they travelled onwards and night after night they camped in the open under the stars. As they travelled, God made sure that there was always something for the people to eat and water for them to drink. The people had seen all of the wonderful things that God had done through Moses and his brother Aaron, when they were still



trapped in Egypt, so most of the people were happy to accept that Moses had been chosen by God to lead them, but as the days passed and the Israelites were still travelling through the desert,

some folk began to grumble and moan; some folk even began to suggest that Moses was lost!

But God was with Moses and the people, and at last He led them



to a huge mountain called Mount Sinai. The people set up their camp at the foot of the mountain, where there was food and water and shelter.

Moses went up the mountain to talk to God, and God said to him,

"Remind the people of Israel what I did to the Egyptians, and how I have brought them and their families through the desert to this place; and tell them that if they will listen to Me and obey Me, I will protect them and they will be blessed in everything that they do."



So, Moses went back down the mountain and told the people of Israel what God had said, and the people answered together, saying, "All that the Lord has spoken, we will do."

Moses told God what the people had said, and God was pleased.



God told Moses to prepare the people of Israel because He planned to come down from the mountain and speak to Moses so that the people

could hear Him and would know without any doubts that Moses had been chosen by God to lead them.

Moses told the people this; he warned them that they should wash themselves and their clothes and that in three days time, the Lord would come down from the mountain and they would hear Him speak to Moses. He warned the people that the mountain was very, very special to God, and that no one should try to go up it or even touch it.

On the third day, a thick cloud came down and covered the whole of the mountain, the sky went dark; lightning flashed and thunder crashed, louder and louder, so that the whole mountain trembled and shook! The people of Israel gathered together in fear, and watched as



Moses climbed the mountain once again. And then God spoke, saying,

"I am the Lord your God who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of slavery. You shall have no other gods than me."

And then God went on to give Moses 10 really important laws that he and the rest of the people must follow; these laws are known as the Ten Commandments, and they told the people of Israel how they should live their lives.

The 10 commandments are:



1. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me* - by this, God meant we should not put anything or anyone higher than God. God is the most important part of life, He is the Lord our God, and loves us so much, and we are to love him in return. It is not sensible or good to love or put other things as a higher priority in our lives.
2. *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image* - by this, God meant that we should not make things and worship them; nothing that humans create can ever compare to the importance that God holds.
3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain* - by this, God meant that His name is special, and we should worship it; we should not say God's name in a mean or bad way.
4. *Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy* - when God says this, He is reminding us that we should take a day to rest and honour Him.
5. *Honour thy father and thy mother* - God tells us to be kind and respectful to our parents. Our parents generally know more than we do, so if we are respectful and listen to them, we may be able to avoid making some of the mistakes that they have made themselves.
6. *Thou shalt not kill* - God tells us that we must not take someone else's life away from them. Our lives were given to us

by God, and it is not a single person's decision to make when someone else's life ends.

7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery* - when people get married, they make certain promises to each other; they promise that they will love each other always and that they won't be tempted to fall in love with anyone else - God wants us to keep the promises that we make to each other.
8. *Thou shalt not steal* - when God says this, He is reminding us that it is wrong to take something that doesn't belong to us; even if it is something very small or something that doesn't seem very important.
9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour* - when God says this, He means that we shouldn't tell lies or make things up about other people; we should always tell the truth.
10. *Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbour's* - God wants us to be happy with what we have; in this commandment He is telling us that we shouldn't be jealous of things that other people around us might have.

And so, Moses and the people of Israel received the 10 Commandments; these were God's rules for life, and they were so important that we still learn about them and follow them even today!

After Moses had received the Commandments, he and the rest of the people of Israel continued on their journey, always heading towards the land that God had promised would be theirs.

Sometimes the journey went well, sometimes it was difficult and the people got fed up and began to cause trouble, but always God guided Moses, and Moses did his best to lead the people on.

So Why Exactly Do We Need The 10 Commandments?

God gave Moses His laws to help the people of Israel, but He didn't just want to help those people, He wants to help all people, and that includes us!

God's 10 Commandments are not just for one group of people or one age group. They can be helpful to children and adults from all

different countries and backgrounds. God's commandments are for everyone, and if we break these good laws, we are likely to get bad results, or see things starting to go wrong.

The 10 Commandments show us how to love God. He made us, and He loves us deeply; the first four commandments help us know how to love Him back.

The last six commandments show us how to love other people. It starts with our parents in the Fifth Commandment. Then the last five show how to get along with other folk around us.

Thinking about what the commandments mean, can help us to be better, nicer people, and obeying them can help to make other people happy, and most likely help us to be happier too.

Loving God, help us to remember to pray and to trust You with important matters throughout our lives.

Help us to try to keep your commandments, even when things are difficult or feel unfair.

Help us to remember that you will always love us and want what is best for us;

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Here's Something Fun To Do

Can you work out which commandment is which?

1 Don't ... V C T O E

2 Honour thy ... RTHAFE DNA TRMHOE

3 Don't make ... NRGVAE GEISMA

4 Don't ... LKIL

5 Keep the ... BSBHATA

6 Don't bear ... SFLEA STSIWEN

7 Don't ... LAEST

8 Don't commit ... YRTLUD

9 Don't take God's name ... NI NIAV

10 Thou shalt have ...ON ROHET SGDO TBU EM

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