

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>



Wed.1<sup>st</sup> Jun 6:30pm Mid-Week Praise (in Church)

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> June **THE DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

10:30am Family Communion

12 Noon Midday worship (Facebook page)

6:30pm COVID-secure BCP Evening Prayer (Church)

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

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

We are moving from a pandemic to endemic situation where restrictions will no longer be required. Although most people now have a degree of immunity to COVID-19, levels of immunity vary, and some people continue to be significantly vulnerable to the virus and its long-term effects. Personal risk assessments also vary. Mindful that everyone has a right to attend worship and not wishing to place barriers in anyone's way, we will continue to operate three zones, offering different levels of security. The Zone you choose to sit in depends upon YOUR assessment of personal risk. For example, if you have few concerns and are not bothered about being pinged by NHS Test & Trace app, then sit in Zone 1. **If you are clinically extremely vulnerable, you might prefer Zone 3.**

**Zone 1 (right hand side of the aisle and first 4 rows at the front on the left):** There is no requirement to remain socially distant and no expectation that you will wear a mask.

**Zone 2 (remaining pews on left hand side of the aisle – 1m<sup>+</sup> social distance):** Please use the designated pews, sitting in the space indicated by arrows, and, for the protection of others, please wear a mask unless medically exempt.

**Zone 3 (upstairs left & centre pews, rear of left-hand choir pews - 2m<sup>+</sup> social distance):** Please sit in the designated pews, sitting in the space indicated by arrows. If you choose to sit in this area, please wear a mask unless medically exempt.

**NB ZONES 2 & 3 DO NOT OPERATE DURING CHURCH PARADE.**

**Singing:** There is no need to join in and, if you wish, you may wear a mask when singing

#### **Communion:**

- Clergy will continue to preside in a COVID Secure manner.
- For now, we will not be sharing the Common Cup. Instead, after gelling their hands, clergy will carefully dip your wafer in the

wine before safely dropping it in your hands (this is known as Simultaneous Communion).

- Clergy will mask and distribute to you from the Sanctuary Steps. Please line up as directed, if wearing one, temporarily removing your mask to consume the wafer.
- Zones 2 & 3 – If you wish, you may remain seated, and clergy will come to you.

**General:**

- We will leave the doors open to enhance air circulation.
- Please gel your hands as you enter and leave the building.
- There is a collection plate on the font, but this will not be passed around.
- Although we shall now stand at various points in the service (e.g., for the Gospel), you are at liberty to remain seated throughout if you wish.
- If you are in Zone 1, please allow those in Zones 2 and 3 to exit first as they wish to maintain social distance.

Whether you attend worship in church with others, or join with us at home online, is entirely your decision. Our responsibility is to ensure you have the choice. However, if you are ill with something that might be infectious, whether COVID-19 or something else, please stay at home and join us for worship at 12 noon on our Facebook Page or YouTube channel.

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

On 24<sup>th</sup> May we have our annual meeting (7.30pm on Zoom). In common with many other parishes, usually this is poorly attended and, frankly, boring! In many ways, that's a good thing and I'm not complaining because, I suspect the only time parish AGMs are ever lively, well attended and, shall we say, 'interesting' is when the local vicar does something off the wall and annoys a lot of people.

So, I'm happy with boring and quick! Better than lively followed by a tar and feathering!

Well, not just boring and quick. How about boring but crucially important to the future of our Church? For that's what the annual meeting will be this year. It is not simply a legalistic and bureaucratic necessity, because the appointments you make (and in past years

have not made due to lack of candidates) will make a massive difference to the future of our Church.

Following the pandemic, our finances remain shot at, and regular attendance at worship has yet to return to its pre-COVID level. Some, after many years, have stepped down from roles, yet others have not come forward to take their places.

Yet, despite the ravages of the past couple of years, we still have a lot going for us.

Attendance at most of our services remains respectable. This is especially true for Mid-Week Praise and (reflecting the strength of our uniformed organisations) Parade services. We even have a small on-line congregation! Of course, if we could return to pre-pandemic attendance levels, I would be happier, but we remain viable. We are not 'at risk' in that sense.

Also, as a parish we are blessed by many people who roll up their sleeves and get stuck in. Believe me, I am grateful for everything that goes on, for the significant contribution that all you unsung heroes make!

BUT .....

Sadly, for years we have struggled to fill positions of responsibility. For example, we are short of a Churchwarden, there are several vacancies on the PCC, we could do with a Building Officer, Parish Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer, Sidesmen and women etc., etc.

We are not the only parish that struggles in this way. It is a common difficulty. It is partly caused by aging congregations. Lifestyles and working lives have changed too. However, understanding the underlying causes doesn't solve our problem or make living with the consequences any easier.

I do what I can but, with my priestly responsibilities to fulfil, there is a limit to how much I (or for that matter, Debra) can do to make up for the shortfall in lay leaders. In any event, I am fast approaching retirement and, when I do eventually retire, this parish will face the prospect of a lengthy interregnum (it currently takes 18 - 24 months to replace a Vicar), and all that that entails.

Resolving this situation is becoming urgent. Indeed, I would say crucial for the future of our parish. It certainly features heavily in my prayers, and I hope it does in yours too.

So, our parish AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May might be boring (I hope so), but the outcome will be crucial to the future of this parish.

Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC members can be found in the Church lobby. Other roles are PCC appointments.

Is God calling you to take greater responsibility within the life of the Church? Phone me for a chat.

Here's praying!

*Dave*

## **Editor's Spot ...**

Welcome to the May 2022 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine. It seems that after a long, wet winter, the Spring has finally arrived – the days are becoming brighter and warmer, the blossom is on the trees, the birds are singing in the hedges, and everything is beginning to look fresh once more. No matter what is going on in the world or in our own lives and communities, it is truly wonderful that nature and the seasons continue to quietly go about their business as they always have.

Our Parish Magazine is positively bursting with reports, information, events, and also 'thankyous' this month; as always our uniformed organisations have been busy, and the various other groups and organisations seem now to be settling into a 'post-pandemic new normal'.

A number of community events are planned for the coming months – first up is the inaugural Ainsworth Village Fun Dog Show and Friends of the Delph Fundraiser, in June there will be a Community Picnic on the Delph, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a Jubilee Fair will be held in Ainsworth Church And Community Hall the following weekend, and Ainsworth Village Day will be making a welcome return in July.

On the subject of events, don't forget the Church AGM and annual Vestry Meeting which will be held via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May; this is your church and your chance to get involved - why not click the link and join us!

Enjoy this month's magazine and 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*

## Front Cover Artwork

In recent weeks, the younger members of our uniformed organisations have been hard at work producing some fabulous artwork for the front covers of our Parish Magazine. Group members were provided with a basic outline and challenged to design a stained glass window.

A big thank you must go to Ainsworth Beavers for this month's front cover artwork – all of which are of a very high standard. Theo, Lewis, Jasper and Stanley (all aged 6 years) are this month's cover artists.

## From The Registers

HOLY BAPTISM	We welcome into the family of God
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Harry James Walsh
20 <sup>th</sup>	Iona Joy Jordan & Kirstie Ann Ward

WEDDINGS	We offer the church's congratulations to:
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Sillett & Jemma Leanne Hill

FUNERALS	We commend to God's keeping
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Janine Morris

## Parish AGM and Vestry Meeting

Our Parish AGM will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm. At the AGM PCC members and Churchwardens are elected; to assure the future and smooth running of our Church, it is essential that we have a full complement of PCC members and Churchwardens. No specific skills are required, just a heart for the Church and a willingness to get stuck in! Nomination forms are in the lobby. Please feel free to buttonhole Revd Dave or Revd Debra if you are interested or would like more information.

As always, Church organisations are invited to send a short report of their activities to Revd Dave for inclusion within the annual report.

## Jubilee Fair – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

After a 2 year break due to the Covid-19 restrictions, our Church Fair is back and we'd like it to be even bigger and better than before! To help to make the fair a success, we are looking for a number of items:

- Cakes / produce: please bring these beforehand if possible - Wednesday 9am to 11am at Church, Friday 9am to 3pm at the Church Hall or Saturday before the fair starts
- Potted plants: brought beforehand – same times as cakes/produce
- Raffle prizes: a list of the items needed is displayed in the Church porch - please sign up for the items, which will need to be brought beforehand – either to church on Sunday 12th; Wednesday 9am to 11am at Church, Friday 9am to 3pm at the Church Hall.

Thanks, The Social Committee

## **Parish Magazine - Acknowledgement**

The PCC wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Sheila Varnom for all of the time, hard work and commitment she has given during her time as Parish Magazine Secretary and Treasurer. As the Parish Magazine continues to be distributed as a PDF document, Sheila has taken the decision to retire from this position.

Regular readers may have noticed in last month's 'From The Archives – April 1997' article, that Sheila officially took on the role of Parish Magazine Secretary and Treasurer from her mum, Mrs. Doris Foster, 25 years ago; however Sheila had been informally helping with the organisation and distribution of the magazine for a number of years before this, meaning that she's actually been involved with the Parish Magazine for over 40 years – an incredible achievement!

Many thanks Sheila, your hard work and commitment have been very much appreciated.

## **Church Noticeboard – Acknowledgement**

Anyone who passes the church noticeboard on a regular basis will have noticed the gradual deterioration that has taken place over recent years. Many thanks to Mr. Tom Shore for doing such a great job of renovating the board and restoring it to its former glory. Hopefully in the next few weeks a local craftsman will be re-writing the details for us.

## **Confirmation Service.**

Christ Church Ainsworth will be hosting the 2022 Confirmation Service for our Mission Community at 6.30pm on Sunday 26th June. Revd

Debra has received some expressions of interest already, but additional candidates from Year 6 and above are welcome. Parents and carers will be provided with details of the 'Confirmation Camp' in due course. Any adults wishing to be Confirmed should contact Revd Dave.

## **Coffee And Conversation**

The next Ainsworth Community Coffee and Conversation will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Coffee and Conversation is held in Ainsworth Church and Community Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10.30 – 12 noon; "A cup of coffee shared with others is happiness tasted and time well spent" – why not come along and join us.

## **Mission Community News**

Many thanks to Revd. Donna Williams, our Mission Community Leader, for organising the Mission Community Prayer 'Meet Ups' throughout Lent. This was our first joint venture as a Mission Community; watch this space for future shared activities, and please do your best to show your support.

## **Fundraising Coach Trip To Scarborough**

2023 is the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. One of our Scouts, Dylan, has been successful going through a rigorous selection process to be chosen to attend, representing our Group, District, County and the UK. As part of his journey Dylan needs to raise £4,000, therefore, as a group, we are planning several events to help him along his way. Among these events is one our much loved "Coach Trips" - we are having a day out to Scarborough! We will be leaving from the bus turnaround in Ainsworth at 0800 on Saturday 2nd July, returning to the same place around 1830. The cost for tickets for the trip are: Adult ticket (aged 14 and over) £25.00; Child ticket (aged 13 and under) £15.00; Family ticket (2 Adults and 2 children) £65.00. We always have a great day out - to book your seats and join us simply follow the link below:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AinsworthScoutGroup1/FundraisingCoachTripScarboroughSaturday2ndJuly2022>

## Children's Society – Housebox Update

Firstly, I hope everyone is keeping well and you have had a peaceful and enjoyable Easter.

Thank you to all those people who have a Children's Society housebox and give their donation once each year. Sheila and myself had a lovely time coming round to collect the boxes and having the opportunity to chat to everyone. Thank you for being so welcoming and inviting us to step in and spend time with you all, it was wonderful to be able to do this after so long.

I have paid into the Society bank account £352.92. This is a very similar amount to last year and is very generous from a pool of only 20 boxholders. I would like to say personal thanks to our two new boxholders for agreeing to take a box and donate to the charity in this way. For the children and young people referred to the Society (sometimes by the police when they get into trouble), the money donated in this way is a lifeline. It enables the Society to plan ahead and fund the vital work that gives hope to these young people. For example, Hayley was just 16 when her life was turned upside down. A man from her neighbourhood had been grooming her since she was 11 years old.

When she took her little brother to visit the man's son, he offered to repair her phone. But then he said that she'd have to repay him, and he locked all the doors. And then he raped her.

In one afternoon, Hayley's whole life changed. For months she was in shock and felt too afraid to speak to anyone about what had happened to her. She was frightened she could be attacked again. After an incident at school, Hayley was referred to Janet, a project worker who specialises in trauma and serial abuse. She worked with Hayley to teach her coping methods for the anxiety and fear she felt, and a safe place to process her feelings of guilt and shame with someone she trusted. She helped her understand what had happened was not her fault. Hayley says, "Janet's made me believe in myself, she's made me so much stronger than I ever have been, I can trust her with anything".

The money you donate to the Society will help another young person like Hayley regain their hope, by funding specialist child sexual abuse services like the one that helped Hayley.

If you would like to help children and young people who need help and support in a variety of ways, and feel that making a donation once a year through the housebox scheme is for you, please contact me for more information.

Susan Campbell local secretary - 01204 522523

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Events Nearby**



### **Come And Sing Music For Royal Occasions - Bury**

Why not join the Bury Parish Church Choir in singing Music for Royal Occasions on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Music includes music sung at coronation services over the centuries and the new Platinum Jubilee Anthem composed by Thomas Heweitt Jones. Registration at 1.15pm (collect music and tea and coffee), followed by rehearsals from 2.00pm and performances at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

## **Christian Aid Week – 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

This year we will once again be having a collection at Bradley Fold Garden Centre during Christian Aid Week. If anyone would be available to help out for a few hours, please contact Barbara Clarkson on 07530-413149 or e-mail [theclarksonhouse29@gmail.com](mailto:theclarksonhouse29@gmail.com)

## **News From The Diocese**

In the Queen's Jubilee year, six people living in the Diocese of Manchester were awarded Maundy money in recognition of their service to the Church and community at a special service on Maundy Thursday at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The tradition of distribution of alms started in the 12-13th century with the King's Court travelling around the country. From the 15th century the number of recipients has been related to the years of the sovereign's life and since the 18th century an equal number of men and women. This year Maundy money was awarded to 96 men and 96 women, amongst them, from the Diocese of Manchester were: Mrs. Muriel Davies, Mr Geoffrey Dent, Brother Ben Harrison, Mrs. Yvonne Mackereth, Mrs. Joyce Mounfield and Mr Peter North.



## *Coffee and Conversation*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30 – 12 noon**

**Ainsworth Church and Community Hall**

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





## Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph Fundraiser & Dog Show

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 11.30am on the Delph

- *Cake Stall*
- *Refreshments*
- *Crafts*
- *Raffle*
- *Face Painting*
- *And much, much more!*

Why not come along and enjoy a great day of family fun - all proceeds towards the maintenance and improvement of the Delph.



# AINSWORTH VILLAGE FUN DOG SHOW

**SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022**

**On The Delph**

**Registration on the day**

**from 11.30am**

**Showtime 1pm**

**Refreshments  
will be available**

- 
- CLASS 1 - PEDIGREE POOCH
  - CLASS 2 - HEINZ 57 POOCH
  - CLASS 3 - RESCUE POOCH
  - CLASS 4 - NEW DOG ON THE BLOCK (PUPPY)
  - CLASS 5 - GOLDEN OLDIES (VETERAN'S 7+)
  - CLASS 6 - WAGGIEST TAIL
  - CLASS 7 - BEST TREAT CATCHER OR TRICK
  - CLASS 8 - MOST LIKE ITS OWNER
  - CLASS 9 - BEST BEHAVED POOCH
  - CLASS 10 - BEST JUNIOR HANDLER

**BEST IN SHOW**

**£2 PER DOG / PER CLASS**

**OR 3 CLASSES PER DOG £5**



Find us on Facebook @ Ainsworth Village Day

Proceeds will be donated to

Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary and Ainsworth Delph Gardeners



**CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH**  
**JUBILEE**

**FAIR**

**Saturday**



**18<sup>th</sup> June**



**11am to 2pm**

**Ainsworth Church &  
Community Hall**



*With Café  
and lots to do*



## **Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements**

### **Ainsworth History Society Meeting**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.30pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

Everyone welcome.

### **Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

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

Everyone welcome

### **Ainsworth Social Club**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**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](mailto:ainsworthsc@outlook.com)

### **Mothers' Union**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.30pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall (New Room)**

Why not join us for an evening with Maureen & Michael Hawksworth and find out more about 'LEARN' (Life changing Education For All In Rural Nepal).

Everyone welcome.

### **Christ Church Ainsworth AGM**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm on Zoom**

Save the date; more details to follow.

### **Fun Dog Show**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - The Delph, Church Street, Ainsworth**

Fun Dog Show to be held in conjunction with the Delph Gardening Team. Join in the fun classes whilst enjoying refreshments provided by Friends of The Delph. Registration from 12pm. Further details to follow.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Ainsworth Community Picnic**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – The Delph, Church Street, Ainsworth**

Watch this space for more info.

### **Ainsworth Village Day**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Ainsworth Recreation Ground**

Watch this space for more info.

## Around The Organisations ...

### Beavers

The Beavers have gained their Creative badge by colouring in Beaver masks and then snakes for St Patrick's Day, also making 'Teacup' cards for Mother's Day.

Some of the older Beavers gained their 'One Year' star and also their Skills Challenge Badge which goes towards their Bronze Award.

Evie was our Beaver of the Month.

Rikki

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

It has been quite a busy term – we had to have an online meeting, so we did some ballet moves in the comfort of our own homes! For Thinking Day, we looked at how Brownies used to carry items to help other people and we thought about how they could use these in a variety of situations. We made key rings for Mother's Day, created our own individual colour to reflect our mood and had an Easter themed meeting at the end of term, where we made Easter chicks and cards and, because it was Easter we had chocolate cake, hot chocolate and an Easter egg!

Continuing with the skills builder we started at the beginning of January; the Brownies mashed avocados, squeezed limes, peeled and grated carrots, chopped peppers and meat, grated cheese and put it all together in a fajita wrap, then we looked at some jobs which were once thought to be just for men and how women now do them – after all, girls can do anything!



All this activity meant that, once again, we have been able to present many of the girls with badges. Isabelle completed her Speaking Out interest badge; Harriet gained her Reflect Skills Builder; Bea, Erin, Grace, Harriet, Lily May, Lucy, Poppy, Rose, Tayah, Amelia, Eloise, Hattie, Izzy, Isabelle, Poppy, Scarlett and Sofia all completed their Live Smart Skills Builder. A number of girls complete their Theme awards: Harriet and Erin gained their Know Myself theme award, Isabelle her Take Action Theme award; and Bea, Erin and Poppy gained their Skills for my Future theme award. This also meant that Poppy has completed her Brownie Bronze Award and Isabelle her Brownie Gold Award. Well done to all the girls!

At the March Church Parade, Lily May carried the flag and Amelia and Lucy escorted. We were also able to present Sofia with her Brownie Gold Award. Congratulations Sofia!

Polly, Brown Owl

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

After months of waiting, we were finally given permission to reopen the Guide unit in March, so we are all very excited to be able to meet up again.

As our first Guide activity we chopped onions, crushed garlic (and the room smelt of that for some time after!), fried them, added tomatoes to make a sauce and put in extra ingredients to give it our own individual slant, then used pitta bread to enjoy it. We are also doing lots of joint activities with the 12<sup>th</sup> Brownies, which has included making Mother's Day gifts and a joint Easter party.

Polly



## **Transformation - Now!**

Many thanks to Revd. Dave for the Lady Day service of Holy Communion and for celebrating Mothering Sunday, both very special days to Mothers' Union members. We were privileged to supply and give out Mothering Sunday cards at that service. It was pleasing that members of the congregation also took extra cards to give to members of the community. Thank you to Enid who has designed and printed the cards for the last few years. On a personal level, I would also like to thank you for the surprise Birthday cake that I was able to share with members of the congregation.

We had two most enjoyable 'morning coffee, toast and chatter' sessions at the Rose and Crown in March and April, and we thank the staff there for their hospitality. They looked after us really well and I'm sure that we'll be back later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal. We sent over £55 from the branch, both in personal and collective donations

We are now back to our evening meeting times. Our first meeting, which Enid is going to chair is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

On 17th May at 7.30pm, we look forward to welcoming Maureen and Michael Hawksworth who are going to give a PowerPoint presentation and talk about LEARN (Lifechanging Education for All in Rural Nepal) and the support that is given to the school in Pokharathok. This promises to be a most interesting event and anyone is welcome. There is no charge for any of our meetings.

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May we will have our usual Service of Holy Communion in Church at 2.30pm.

The MU Bury and Rossendale Deanery is now beginning to take shape. Patricia Stokes has willingly volunteered to be the new Deanery Leader but as she was treasurer of the old Bury Deanery, she will of course need someone to fill that role and others to help make up the Deanery team.

Could you help in this way? Also, we need a General Trustee to represent Bolton Archdeaconry MU at the Manchester Diocese Board of Trustees, could this be you?

I would add that we also urgently need a branch treasurer.

In June 2020 the Mothers' Union launched the 'Thank you Key Workers' appeal. Our aim was to help families who had faced challenges or been apart, to build relationships and have fun together.

What we did during 2021 was reach over 800 individuals within 300 families with:

- A gift pack sent to 174 families throughout Britain and Ireland, including a supermarket voucher and a selection of especially selected games and stationery items to promote a sense of fun and to build family relationships.
- A short break offered to 126 families within England and Wales as part of our Away From it All (AFIA) programme.

The letters of thanks have been numerous and far too many to include here but the overall feeling was that ‘it was good to know that someone cared enough to offer a gift / holiday’.

Jennifer White (Hon. Secretary)

## **Teddies for Tragedies**

Some of you may have seen the following article in the Manchester Diocese E-news:

*“Manchester Airport Chaplaincy is accepting gifts of teddy bears that will be given to young children who are escaping conflict in Ukraine and other conflict zones. The toy cupboard at the airport could do with a restock and the teddies will help youngsters feel loved and welcome in a foreign land.*

*Teddies can be very helpful for any children arriving at Manchester Airport, and their impact is heart-warming. We are often asked to assist families who have been separated by violence or conflict, in Syria, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Yemen as well as now, Ukraine. Many young children will have been separated from their father.*

*A few years ago, a Mothers' Union branch in Chester Diocese was kind enough to supply Manchester Airport with some ‘teddies for tragedies’. Another kind parishioner (who didn’t knit) also donated a box of inexpensive teddies from IKEA. All have now been joyfully received and tightly hugged by their young recipients. The very last-minute evacuation of Afghan refugee families in August 2021 cleared out the Airport Chaplaincy’s supply of teddies, and we could really do with a restock.”*

Teddies should probably be no more than (very approximately)12” tall. I can get hold of patterns if anyone would like to respond. There are specifics about the fillings, and sewing bits such as facial features and a scarf. This is purely for safety aspects.

Jennifer White

## **Ainsworth History Society** [www.ainsworthhistorysociety.org](http://www.ainsworthhistorysociety.org)

We again 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 10<sup>th</sup> May, which will be the last one until September as we will do our history walks in June, July and August. All are welcome.

**April Meeting:** In the meeting, we saw a number of pictures of Ainsworth from about 1946 to 1953 which Dave C had found and which, with twenty five people attending, some of whom had lived in the village for many years, gave rise to quite a few anecdotes. As some of the pictures were of the area where the races used to be held, we also looked at some photos we had of the Cockey Moor races and watched a short newsreel clip of the race, which showed how well attended it had been.



## **Ainsworth Social Club**

Ainsworth Social Club is an independent social club for the over 50's, where older people can get together on a regular basis to keep fit in mind and body as well as enjoy each other's company.

Our motto is "Challenge Yourself". We offer members various games and activities (table tennis, carpet bowls, pool, board games and jigsaws) as well as visiting speakers and demonstrations. We organise trips out - for meals, the theatre and walks – why not have a look at our Facebook page to see the sort of things we get up to – 'Ainsworth Social Club'

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at Ainsworth Church and Community Hall from 7.30 to 9.00pm.

All are welcome; we ask for a minimum donation of £2, which includes refreshments.

For more information e-mail: [ainsworthsc@outlook.com](mailto:ainsworthsc@outlook.com)

## **From the Archives – May 1997**

A number of additions to the regular services were listed in the Parish Diary for May 1997 – the Day School had a service in church on Ascension Day, this was followed by Parish Communion in the evening; the Archdeacon's Visitation was to be held at St. Margaret's, Prestwich later that month – an additional note reminded folk that Churchwardens and Sidespeople should be present to be sworn into

office, other members of the PCC were invited to attend to support their chosen representatives.

A report from the PCC focused on some of the items discussed at the AGM and Easter Vestry – Mr. P. Hinchliffe and Mr. J. Maudsley had been re-elected as Churchwardens, with Mrs. M. Jones re-elected as deputy; 5 PCC members had also been re-elected. It was noted that there were currently 200 names on the Church Electoral Roll; approximately £1000 had been spent on repairs over the course of the year; a recent Quinquennial Inspection had identified around a further £10,000 of work to be completed over the next 5 years; progress on the building of the new toilet in church was said to be 'slow'; but the PCC were pleased to report an increase in church attendance and also that Sunday School was thriving and would benefit from further helpers.

Elsewhere in the reports from the different groups and organisations, Ainsworth Community Association were making plans for Village Day and invited all interested residents to a meeting to be held at The Village Centre on Well Street; members of the Women's Institute had been trying out decoupage; Young Families had been painting 'egg faces' and were planning a trip to Moss Bank Park; members of the Church Women's Fellowship had enjoyed an interesting and informative talk about the local charity, '3 Owls Bird Sanctuary'; Guides had been working on their Local History badge, Rainbows were looking for a new leader following the retirement of Hilary Gibbins after 9 years at the helm; Cubs had all successfully achieved the World Conservation badge, and Ventures were about to undertake a sponsored walk to Blackpool .

In May 1997, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Stacey White who was Venture Leader at the time; the Holiday Church featured was St. Stephen's Church, Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, South India; a really interesting and informative article told how this church had been built by and for British ex-pats and was in appearances and worship style, just like any Parish Church in England, and in many ways quite similar in design and worship pattern to Ainsworth Parish Church. The information and photos for this piece had been provided by Mr. J. Maudsley

In May 1997 there were 4 Baptisms, 1 Wedding and 2 Funerals. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 518 and the collections totalled £1265.

## Words Of Comfort

Many of us have a 'go to' passage or verse from the bible that gives us particular comfort in times of difficulty or need. According to the website [www.christianitytoday.com](http://www.christianitytoday.com) since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, online Bible searches have soared, and a record number of people have turned to online scripture for passages addressing fear, healing and justice.

At number 7 in the 'Top 10 most searched for bible quotes' in 2021:

*"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3: 6*

**Some Thoughts ...** To put this passage into context, Proverbs 3, 1 – 12 is a plea from Solomon to his son, urging him to heed his teaching and trust wholeheartedly in the Lord. He cites some of the valuable results of obedience and trust.

Sometimes, amidst the hustle and bustle of our lives, we can get bogged down when trying to decide which is the best or right 'path' to choose; we begin to wonder or have doubts about what it is that God wants us to do. This verse effectively puts our minds at rest – the only choice we actually need to make is to love and trust God and to acknowledge Him being at work in all things. When we do this, it really doesn't matter which path we choose, as God will be there leading us and guiding us no matter which direction we have taken. Now that really is a comforting thought.

If you have a favourite Bible verse which others may also find helpful, why not get in touch: [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)

## Hidden Gems

### Ordsall Hall

Ordsall Hall is a large Grade 1 listed former Tudor Mansion, situated in the parish of Ordsall, which is now part of the City of Salford. The oldest parts of the current building date back to the mid 15<sup>th</sup> century, but there is evidence of a building being on this site from as early as the 13<sup>th</sup> century, when David de Hulton was recorded as the owner of the original hall in 1251. At that time the original Ordsall Hall was described as "a moated Tudor mansion, surrounded by 120 acres of land, which included 12 acres of meadow land and 12 acres of woodland".

The manor of Ordsall came into the possession of the Radclyffe family in the early 1340s, it remained in their possession as the 'family seat' for the next 300 years.

During the early years of his ownership, Sir John Radclyffe campaigned alongside Edward III in France, and won great honours in battle. As a reward, the king allowed Sir John to take some Flemish weavers back to his Ordsall estate; here he built cottages for them, the intention being that they would instruct the local weavers and thus improve the quality of the textiles produced in the area, which were considered to be particularly poor at that time. They also began a small silk weaving industry which became the foundation of the Manchester cotton industry in later years.

Whilst the general structure of the Hall has changed little in recent years, a number of additions and alterations were made during the 17<sup>th</sup> century, including, in 1639, the addition of a small brick house at right angles to the west wing, possibly intended as accommodation for Sir Alexander Radclyffe's bailiff, as Sir Alexander himself no longer used the hall as his main residence.

As a Royalist, Sir Alexander was imprisoned and suffered much financial hardship during the Civil War, a circumstance which ultimately led his son and heir, John Radclyffe, to sell the property in 1662, thus ending over 300 years of family history.

Over the next 200 years, Ordsall Hall changed hands a number of times, both through sale and inheritance, but remained a residential property until 1871. The surrounding land was used for many years by the Mather family who were "cowkeepers and butchers", but as the industrial revolution gathered pace in the area, during the last years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Ordsall Hall became surrounded by industry and the associated workers' housing. From 1875, the Hall was rented by Haworth's Mill and used as a working men's club; in 1883 it was purchased by Earl Egerton of Tatton, and restored at significant expense. The Earl founded a clergy training school in the newly restored Hall, this including the addition of a church dedicated to St, Cyprian, and a servant's wing. During the second world war the Hall was commissioned as a radio station, with the church and servant's wing later being demolished.

In 1959, Salford Council purchased Ordsall Hall from the executors of Baron Egerton of Tatton; after extensive restoration work, part of it was opened to the general public in 1972 as a local history museum. Over time, as funding and general public interest dwindled the Hall

was once again at risk of falling into decline, but in 2007 the “Extraordinary Ordsall Campaign” was launched with the aim of regenerating Ordsall Hall and securing its future. By 2008 supporters had raised in excess of £1 million, with a significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund bringing the total to in excess of £5 million.

The Hall closed to the public in 2009 and reopened in May 2011; today, it is a welcoming and friendly historic house telling the story of the Hall and some of the people who made it their home. There’s a range of rooms to explore throughout the building, each with its own tale to tell and unique role in the hall’s history. Information sheets and room boards provide enough detail for a self-guided tour, but for those who want more detail there are friendly and knowledgeable staff on hand. The Hall hosts regular children’s activities and works closely with local schools; it also has the essential tearoom and a small gift shop.

The gardens at Ordsall Hall have also been the focus of much hard work and careful restoration, and have been designed to showcase garden elements which are likely to have featured in the Hall’s history at some point in time; a late Tudor style knot garden; a traditional 20th century allotment; a Herb Garden with medieval and Tudor herbs alongside those grown today; ornamental borders containing flowers cherished by the Tudors; and an orchard of historic fruit varieties. In 2015, a World War 1 allotment was also recreated as part of the First World War centenary commemorations, featuring varieties of fruit and vegetables which would have been used during the war years 1914-1918. The allotment has since been enlarged to provide space for a traditional allotment, a perennial fruit and asparagus bed, and a hop garden.

There are also a number of stone artefacts on display through the grounds of the Hall, challenging visitors to guess what they were. The location of the original moat is outlined and features two wooden causeways accompanied by the artworks of ‘Swans’ and ‘Causeway Edge’ by John Kennedy. The Time Garden also features the artwork ‘Timeline’ by Lesley Fallais, and by the allotment is ‘Horse’ by Angela Sidwell.

If you haven’t been to Ordsall Hall in recent years, it’s well worth a visit – truly a hidden gem tucked away within inner city Salford!

The information for this article was taken from [www.visitsalford.info](http://www.visitsalford.info) and Wikipedia.

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

### Friends

A friend is like a brightly coloured rainbow,  
That reaches out across a dull, grey sky,  
And brings a sense of sweet anticipation  
That happy times and sunny days are nigh.

A friend is like a mighty, spreading Oak tree,  
Whose living roots lie deep within the ground,  
No matter what life's storms and tempests bring us  
Beneath its branches shelter can be found.

A friend is like the sparkling, silver starlight,  
That glitters when the moonlit sky is clear;  
When clouds close in, at times we may not see them,  
But in our hearts, we know that they are near.

*If you are a secret poet and would like to share your work, why not get in touch at [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)*

### Hints And Tips From Yesteryear

*These nuggets of information first appeared in the Parish Magazines of 1997:*

- If you want cauliflower to keep the whiteness when its cooked, add a little lemon juice to the cooking water.

*If you have any interesting 'hints or tips' that others may be able to benefit from please get in touch via [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)*

### Just A Thought

If you walk in confidence, facing the sun, the shadows will always be behind you.

### May Day

Beltaine (pronounced Bee-YAWL-tinnuh), is one of two pagan fire festivals in the Celtic year. Held on the eve of May Day, April 30, it marks the beginning of summer and the light half of the Celtic calendar, and it celebrates the return of life and fertility.

While the Irish-Gaelic word for May is Beltaine, the literal translation is “bright” or “brilliant fire,” derived from the bonfires lit in honour of Bel, the god of light, fire, and healing. The central fire was made from sacred oak and was strictly maintained by Druids (the priestly sector of Celtic society). Often, a torch-led procession would make its way around the fields to evoke fertility in the plants. So important was the fire that all hearth fires were extinguished so they could be rekindled from this sacred fire every year.

Beltaine marked the end of winter’s subsistence diet of salted meats and dried produce; as Spring returned, Beltaine offered berries, herbs, and fresh greens in the evening’s feast. A special oatcake made from eggs, milk, and oatmeal was eaten by all and offered to animals and plants in return for the promise of a full harvest

## Cook’s Corner



### Beltaine Oatcakes

1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats (porridge oats can be used instead)  
2 ½ cups plain flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ cup hard fat such as lard  
½ cup dried currants  
1 ¼ cup milk  
1 egg yolk, lightly beaten

- 1) Heat the oven to 200c / 425F
- 2) Place a sheet of greaseproof paper on a large baking sheet
- 3) Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- 4) Rub the fat into the mixture until it resembles breadcrumbs
- 5) Stir in the milk to form a stiff dough
- 6) knead the dough gently on a floured surface then form into 8 cakes
- 7) place on the baking sheet, brush tops with beaten egg yolk, then place in the oven and bake for 8 – 10 mins.
- 8) Serve warm with a little butter and a nice cup of tea!

## On Reflection

### Reflection 12 – Deuteronomy / Exodus / Numbers - by Elizabeth Spiers

In Deuteronomy 1:1 we are told that it takes 11 days to go from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea by the Mount Seir road. So, from Egypt to the Promised Land, it's an 11-day journey. But it took the Hebrews escaping from slavery in Egypt 40 years. Why would a journey of a few days or months have taken years?

Well first, they didn't take the direct route. That would have taken them too close to the Egyptians and they certainly weren't ready for any kind of fight. God took them on an indirect route and the Israelites didn't like it. Some two years later, God brought them to Kadesh-Barnea, at the edge of the promised land. The land 'flowing with milk and honey'. The land God was giving to them forever that would provide all they needed for life.

The trouble was, that after being slaves for so long, the Israelites no longer had confidence in either themselves or in God. Despite the plagues, despite their escape with gold and silver, the parting of the Red Sea, and being led by the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day, they couldn't realise their position or appreciate what God had done for them. Rather than obey God and go straight into the Promised Land, they sent spies on ahead first. And only two of the 12 spies returned with a confident report that God would help them conquer the land.

At this point, the Israelites rebelled by refusing to enter the land and turned away from God and even longed for the 'good old days' of poverty and slavery in Egypt. What a tragedy! They still had so much of Egypt in their thinking and behaviour that they thought going back to slavery would be better than pressing on through adversity into freedom and a new life.

And it's just like that for us today. We become Christians, but there's so much of our old lives in our thinking and our behaviour that we often yearn for those days when we did what we liked without reference to God. He has a unique plan for each of us that he doesn't want us to miss. He wants us to enjoy the richness of our relationship with him. But it depends on our willingness to do things his way. So often, we end up in our own wilderness, wondering how on earth we got there. And unless we return to God and confess our rebellion and our sin, we may be there a long time. If you find yourself in the wilderness today, ask yourself if it's worth it. Is the dry and dusty place you're in better than living in the will of God? I can't promise you it's

easier being in God's will – you may have to make some sacrifices - but I can promise you it's far more rewarding.

## **Space To Share A Prayer**

### **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 in our mission community and the communities where we live and serve you.

Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the 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

*(Copies of our Mission Community Prayer are available at the back of church*

## **High Days And Holidays**

### **May – World Red Cross & red Crescent Day; 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is a yearly commemoration of the main principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a global humanitarian network of millions of members, staff and volunteers.

Their aim is to be on the frontline where there is disaster, conflict, health or social problems and to help those in need. The organisation consists of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as well as 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (ICRC) began in 1863, inspired by the Swiss businessman, Henry Dunant, who was appalled by the suffering of thousands of men from both

sides during the Battle of Solferino; many of whom were left to die due to lack of care. The battle of Solferino was fought in northern Italy on 24 June 1859. It was a decisive episode in the struggle for Italian unification and also a pivotal moment in the evolution of modern humanitarianism.

In response to the humanitarian crisis created in Italy, Henry Dunant proposed creating national relief societies made up of volunteers, trained in peacetime to provide neutral and impartial help to relieve suffering in times of war. These proposals led to the formation of a committee being established in Geneva, this committee was later to become the International Red Cross.

With great foresight, Henry Dunant also proposed that countries adopt an international agreement, which would recognise the status of medical services and of the wounded on the battlefield. This agreement – the original Geneva Convention – was adopted in 1864.

### **The formation Of The British Red Cross**

When war broke out between France and Prussia in July 1870, Colonel Lloyd-Lindsay wrote a letter to The Times, calling for a National Society to be formed in Britain just like in other European nations. On 4 August 1870, a public meeting was held in London and the following resolution was passed:

“A National Society be formed in this country for aiding sick and wounded soldiers in time of war and that the said Society be formed upon the rules laid down by the Geneva Convention of 1864.”

The British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War was formed. It gave aid and relief to both warring armies during the Franco-Prussian War and in other wars and campaigns during the 19th century. This was done under the protection of the red cross emblem.

In 1905, the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War was renamed as the British Red Cross. It was granted a royal Charter in 1908 by HM King Edward VII, and Queen Alexandra became its president.

The Red Cross needed many skilled volunteers for its wartime role. In 1907, a permanent structure of local Branches was adopted and extended the presence of the British Red Cross to communities around the country.

When War was declared in September 1939, the British Red Cross joined forces with the Order of St John to help the sick and wounded.

As they'd done in the First World War, they formed the Joint War Organisation, which helped to coordinate wartime activities more efficiently, and under the protection of the Red Cross emblem.

The British Red Cross carried out extensive services at home and abroad for the sick and wounded, prisoners of war and for civilians needing relief.

The IRCRCM has at its core seven fundamental principles; these were created in Vienna in 1965 and still bind together the National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

The seven fundamental principles are:

1. Humanity – IRCRCM came from the desire to bring assistance without discrimination to those wounded in battle. The movement endeavours to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, and to promote mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and peace among all people.
2. Impartiality – IRCRCM makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religion, class or political opinion; it aims to bring relief of suffering purely guided by individual's needs.
3. Neutrality – IRCRCM will never take sides or engage in any political, racial, religious or ideological controversy.
4. Independence – the national societies must always maintain their autonomy to ensure they are able to act in accordance with the principles of the overall movement.
5. Voluntary Service – any form of relief offered is always voluntary and never prompted by any desire for gain.
6. Unity – There can only be 1 red Cross / Red Crescent Society in any one country; it must be open to all and carry out humanitarian work throughout its territory.
7. Universality - The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

The first Red Cross & Red Crescent Day was held in 1948 on the 8th of May – a date which coincides with the birthday of Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross. Prior to this there had been an initiative known as the 'Red Cross Truce'. Initially this was a three day truce in

former Czechoslovakia which took place during Easter time. At that time, there was general consensus that people wanted peace following years of fighting.

The Red Cross Truce led the way for a global peace initiative to be introduced. After the Second World War, and following approval by the Red Cross Executive Committee, the proposal for a worldwide peace day was accepted. Now known as International Red Cross & Red Crescent Day, this initiative is supported by Red Cross organizations around the world.

The information for this article was taken from [www.britishredcross.org.uk](http://www.britishredcross.org.uk) and [www.icrc.org](http://www.icrc.org)

## **Strap Lines**

There is no such thing as a comfortable truth.

Your road in life is yours and yours alone; others may occasionally walk parts of it with you, but nobody can walk it for you.

Some people brighten a room as they enter it, others as they leave ...

Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

## **Time for A Smile**

A bishop was scheduled to speak at an important church convention, so he asked one of his staff to write him a punchy, 20-minute speech. When the bishop returned from the big event, he was furious. "What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded to know. "Half the audience walked out before I finished." The staff member was baffled. "Bishop, I wrote you a 20-minute speech," he replied. " and I gave you the two extra copies you asked for.

In preparation for a visit by an education inspector to her school, an RE teacher developed a fool-proof system to ensure that the children in her class displayed an impressive level of religious knowledge. When the inspector asked a question, every child would raise a hand – the left one if they knew the answer and the right one if they had no idea. In many years of teaching, she never failed to select a pupil who could supply the correct answer.

## The Parish Puzzler

### Think Of A Word

How many words can you make out of the following letters?

T H Y K I N G D O M C O M E

Bible Quiz 5 – How ...

1. How did Mary travel to Bethlehem?
2. How did Jonah end up getting swallowed by a whale?
3. How did Moses part the Red Sea?
4. How did Judas betray Jesus to the Temple Guards?
5. How did Noah know that the water had receded and the land was dry?
6. How long did Jesus spend in the wilderness?
7. How did Jesus teach the disciples humility when they met to share the last supper?
8. How did Mary remove the expensive oil from Jesus' feet?
9. How did King Herod attempt to remove the threat of a new baby King?
10. How did God create Eve?

(Answers on page 36)

## Village Trivia

Last month's question:

Q. Where would you find "Good food served daily"?

A. The Duke William

This month's question:

Q. Who manages 'Georges Wood'?

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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Family & Parade Service
12.00pm	Baptisms (Except 2 <sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday)

Weds 6.15pm Mid-Week Praise

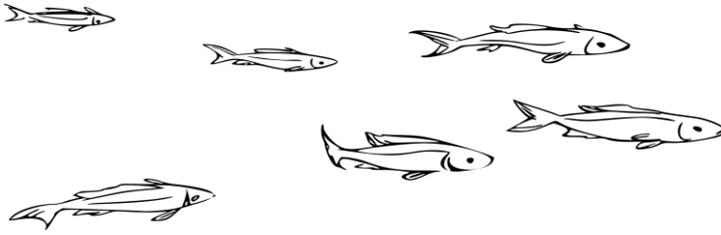
Home Communion is available for anyone unable to attend Church due to illness or frailty

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

(Answer to Bible Quiz – How? 1) On a donkey, 2) He was thrown overboard during a storm, 3)He held out his staff, 4)With a kiss, 5) The dove he had sent out returned carrying an Olive branch, 6) 40 days and 40 nights, 7)He washed their feet, 8) She wiped it away with her hair, 9) He had all children under the age of 2 years massacred, 10)He took a rib from Adam.

## Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
Sunday School		
Altar Flowers	Kathy Armstrong Rand	07748 020743
ABC First Steps Toddler Group	Fridays 10.00am - 11.30am Church Hall Jennifer White	07964 587694
Group Leader	Bill White group.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	01204 595378
Beaver Scouts	Friday at 6.00pm in the Church Hall Leader Valerie Watts	01204 398634
Cub Scouts	Friday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall	
Scouts 14 <sup>th</sup> Radcliffe	Fridays at 7.30pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
Explorers	Monday 7 – 8.30pm; last Wednesday of the month 7.30pm in the Church Hall Leader John Turner	01204 381590
Rainbows 16 <sup>th</sup> Radcliffe	Thursday at 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the Church Hall Rainbow Guider	
Brownies 12 <sup>th</sup> Radcliffe	Thursday at 7.00pm to 8.15pm in the Church Hall Brown Owl Polly Ryder	07437 519045
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# Little Fishes

Adam & Eve



## 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. For the next few months in Little Fishes, we'll be looking at some of the different people who played really important parts in the Bible.

### Adam And Eve

The book of *Genesis* is the very first book in the Bible; this book tells us the story of creation; it tells us that God created the



heavens and the earth, God created the light and the darkness, God created the sky and the seas, He created plants and trees and everything that grows, God created the sun and the moon and the stars, God created the

birds, the animals, the fish and every other living thing, and God created a man and a woman; the man was called Adam which means 'son of the earth', and the woman was called Eve, which means 'life' or 'living'.

God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in; He filled the garden with beautiful plants and trees. Flowers grew everywhere, the birds sang as they flew through the trees, the sound of insects and bees filled the air, all kinds of animals roamed freely and peacefully in the garden.



God called this place the Garden of Eden; He told Adam and Eve that it was their job to take care of the Garden and the creatures that shared it with them. God told them,



"All this is for you; you may take what you need. Of every tree in the garden you may eat freely, except for the tree in the middle of the garden; this is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Of this you must not eat. The day you eat fruit from that tree, you will die!"



Adam and Eve lived happily in the Garden and had everything that they needed; each day they would tend the flowers and trees and plants and gather fruits and berries for food.

One day, as Eve was gathering fruit, she heard a voice behind her, she looked round quickly and saw a snake curling lazily round the branch of a nearby tree.



"Did God forbid you to eat the fruit from the trees in this garden?" Asked the snake.

Eve replied, "We may eat the fruit from any of the trees except the tree which is in the middle of the garden; God said that we may not eat the fruit or even touch that tree - if we do, we will die."

The snake gave an evil chuckle.



"Ha!" he said, "You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit of that tree your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God and know good from evil."

Eve looked at the tree in the middle of the garden and she remembered what God had said, but then she also began to think about what the snake had said. Eve thought how wonderful it would be to be as wise and powerful as God.

The fruit on the tree looked juicy and ripe. Eve reached up and picked a piece of the fruit and ate it, then she picked another piece of the fruit and took it to Adam, and he also ate the fruit. As soon as they had eaten the fruit, a change came over Adam and Eve - suddenly they began to notice and worry about all kinds of things that they hadn't thought about before. They also knew they had disobeyed God and they were afraid of what would happen next.



Later that day, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden and they quickly ran and hid. God already knew what they had done, but He wanted to give them a chance to explain, and so He called out, "Where are you?"



Adam replied, "We heard you approaching and so we hid because we were afraid, and because we are naked."

God said, "Who told you that you are naked? Have you eaten the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? The one thing which I told you not to do!"

Adam felt ashamed and said, "Eve gave me the fruit and I ate it."

God said to Eve, "What is this that you have done?"

And Eve also felt ashamed - she knew that she had disobeyed God. She said, "The snake tempted me and so I ate the fruit."

God was sad that Adam and Eve had disobeyed Him, He told them that they had to leave the Garden of Eden. God said, "From now on you will have to scratch a living from the soil. You will need to make clothes and grow food. Nothing will come easily - you could have lived comfortably in the garden if you had obeyed my command, but now you must leave and spend the rest of your lives struggling."



Adam and Eve were the first man and woman; they were made by God, and God gave them everything that they needed to live

happily and told them only one thing which they must not do, but even though they had everything they needed, they were still tempted to do that one thing which they both knew they shouldn't do.

**Temptation** is when we want to do something which we know that we shouldn't do. When we say The Lord's Prayer, one of the things that we ask God is 'lead us not into temptation', but sometimes we are all tempted to do something which we know is wrong; it could be eating or drinking something that we know we shouldn't; it could be watching a film that we know our parents wouldn't want us to watch; it could be staying up later than we should; or taking something that isn't ours ... There are lots of things to tempt all of us every single day. The story of Adam and Eve reminds us that when we give in to temptation and do something which we know is wrong we have to face the consequences.

Next time you feel tempted to do something that you know is wrong here are some things that you could do:

- Think - remind yourself that there are consequences; what are the consequences of what you want to do? Who will end up getting hurt or being upset?
- Move away - if you are with a group of friends who are doing something that you know is wrong, you might not be able to stop them, but you don't have to join in; you could just take yourself away from the situation.
- Tell someone - if you're worried about doing something which you know you shouldn't do or shouldn't have done - tell someone. It's better to be honest and admit what has happened than to lie about it.



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