



This † Week

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October 5th – The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship here today.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available at the back of church

A loop system is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. Please switch it to 'T'. Please switch off mobile phones.

Parents with young children: don't worry if your child makes a noise during the service – we don't mind!

If it helps, there are some books, toys and 'busy bags' suitable for young children at the back of church.

5 th October The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p181) Ephesians 3:13-end; Luke 7:11-17 (MV)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) Prayers AF Communion Hymns: <i>TBD</i> Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 (SW); Philippians 3:4b-14 (JH); Matthew 21:33-end
	12 noon	Baptism of Freya Ann Jones and Donna Marie Branthwaite
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 136 (pg 522) Prayers JJ Readings Ephesians 3:13-end; Luke 7:11-17 (CH)
Tuesday	9:15am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
Saturday	4:00pm	Harvest Meal (<i>in ACCH</i>)
12 th October The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p184) Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 14:1-11 (BA)
	10:30am	Harvest Parade & Family Service Readings: Luke 12.16-30 The Parable of the Foolish Farmer (Guides) <i>Followed by Coffee Morning on behalf of Rainbows</i>
	6:30pm	Harvest Communion Readings 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-30 (TB)

FOR OUR PRAYERS this week we pray for:

The Church: Our Bishops, (David, Chris and Mark), Archdeacon David, Area Dean Alison, our ministry team, our PCC, our Churchwardens (Jean and Andrew). The PCCs of the Radcliffe and Ainsworth parishes as we work towards establishing a four parish team in this area. Debra as she explores a possible call to ordination and that others from within our fellowship will answer God's call to Ordained, ALM or Reader ministry. Someone to come forward as our new Sunday School Leader.

Mission: We pray for those who have yet to encounter the love of God in Jesus Christ. As we implement our Mission Action Plan, we pray that we will continue to grow numerically, in faith and in discipleship. We pray that all of us might be good witnesses to the love of Christ in our day-to-day lives and that our footprint in the community might grow. We pray that our uniformed organisations, ABC, and Sunday School will continue to thrive and that Messy Church will grow. We ask for discernment as we explore additional possibilities for serving the young people of this parish.

Our finances: Future building work as we firm up on the work required and investigate the possibility of applying for grants. That we will meet our obligation to the Diocese to cover the cost of ministry in this parish and to support the cost of mission within the Diocese generally through the Parish Share.

Our families, friends, and our local community: Those facing financial or other difficulties. The children and staff of Christ Church School. Parliament as it seeks to discern a fair constitutional settlement for the UK overall. Those who care for the frail and sick. Those living on Burghley Close.

Our nation & the world: The Queen, her Ministers, our MP (Ivan Lewis), our councillors (Sharon Briggs, Peter Bury & Jane Lewis). Those serving overseas in the armed forces. Those affected by war and conflict. The persecuted Church, especially Christians in Sudan, Pakistan, Kenya, Nigeria, Iraq and Syria. Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad.

Those in need: Those being cared for in local hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. For all who are ill, especially for: Louise Singleton, Noah Barnes, Mary Brooks, Winnie Horrobin, Irene Ellison, Adrian Atkinson, Louise Roston and Brian Martin..

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Alice Heys. Trusting in God, may they find healing, peace, strength and courage to face the future.

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

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**'Celebrating, encouraging, proclaiming and supporting faith, hope and love
in Jesus Christ our Lord..'**

PCC News:

The PCC met on Tuesday evening and as usual many important matters were discussed – we are still seeking a new Sunday School leader; we discussed the progress achieved so far regarding the formation of the Radcliffe Team; we agreed to seek Heritage Lottery Funding towards the cost of forthcoming building work and, we agreed to support Debra Johnstone as she explores the possibility of ordination with a view to becoming an Ordained Local Minister (OLM) for this parish. Regarding our 500th anniversary celebrations: Mari Wildin reported on the progress achieved by the working party who are putting together next year's flower festival (theme: 'Commonwealth – Celebrating Christianity'; we also agreed to mark our anniversary by purchasing pew cushions for the comfort of the congregation during those long sermons (watch this space for details of how you can contribute financially). Finally, we all had a good moan about our Parish Share, which we are told will be increasing next year by a whopping £2,136 to £49,039!

NOTICES – 5th October 2014

- **Harvest Meal:** we will be celebrating harvest with a 'bring and share' meal at 4pm **this Saturday** October 11th in ACCH. We will enjoy a time of fellowship and sing some of those old favourite Harvest Hymns. Anyone (or any group) brave enough to entertain us with a 'turn' is welcome to try! Please see the Churchwardens if you are available to help set up, serve refreshments etc. P.S. the timing has been chosen to suit young families and those who don't like being out too late.
- **Harvest Sunday** (October 12th) and our annual appeal to help this local charity is The Three Ts----- tins, toiletries and teabags. There is a box in the church porch for donations or why not bring them to any of the three services on the 12th? They will be very gratefully accepted. We will also be giving flowering plants to the sick and housebound members of the congregation. A small financial contribution for this annual gift would be very welcome. Please place the amount in an envelope and hand to the Vicar or Churchwardens. Thank you in advance of your support.
- **Mothers' Union** All are welcome at Mothers' Union this Tuesday (7th) for a recipe and remedy sharing evening. We will meet in the Church Hall at 7.30pm.
- **Christmas Cards** please consider using the Church Magazine to send a general greeting to all your friends here at Church and beyond. For a donation, your greeting will be included on a Christmas card insert in the December Magazine and any profit, after costs, will go to Church funds. Just put your greetings (and donation) into the red velvet box at the back of church by 2nd November (or you can email) - full details are in the magazine "reduce your carbon footprint")
- **Grace's Place:** there is an opportunity to look round the new children's hospice before it opens. If you wish to do this, please contact Mary Bamber (0161 763 6921) by this Tuesday (7th) so that she can organise a tour.
- **Flower Festival July 2015** Following our successful meeting, we still need two willing volunteers to complete our team. One for Promotion and Advertising, and one to oversee the main raffle. If you feel you can help please contact Marilyn Wildin, either at Church or on 0161 764 6739.
- **Yellow envelopes:** if you usually fill in a yellow gift aid envelope, can you please consider joining the regular giving scheme (blue envelopes). You don't need to use every envelope, just use it when you come to church – it will save you writing out an envelope every time (and saves us making a note of your details every time!). To join the scheme simply complete one of the forms which are in the porch and hand it to one of the Church Wardens
- **Portable Appliance Testing:** A reminder that equipment must be PAT tested if used in the Church or the Church & Community Hall. Laura is doing this at various times from 18th Oct to 24th Oct - please see church magazine for timetable/availability.
- **Iraq:** The Church of England is asking Churches and individuals to: **Pray** for the dire situation in Iraq; **Act** by displaying a poster (follow link https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2054392/nazarene_poster.pdf) and by writing to their MPs urging them to press the Government to increase Britain's humanitarian efforts for all those affected by the crisis and to ask for asylum to be granted to a fair number of those who will be unable to return to their homes; and **Give** generously. Donations can be made to the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf <http://cypgulf.org/iraq/> or the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, which supports the work of Canon Andrew White & St George's, Baghdad <http://frme.org/> Also, to Open Doors, to which donations can be made via its website <https://partners.opendoorsuk.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=497>
- **A Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short:** Manchester Cathedral: 17 October 7.30pm. The service is organised in partnership with "Support After Murder and Manslaughter", a national network who offer support and help for families and friends bereaved through homicide. Please contact Revd Canon Steve Williams (saintgabriel@talktalk.net / 0161-773 8839) if you want a particular name to be read out.
- **Intercessions:** More volunteers are needed to lead our prayers both at our 10.30am service and, especially, at the 6.30pm service. If you feel led to volunteer, speak to Gwen White or Revd Dave.

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If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s). This enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings and in 2013 this boosted our funds by £7436. Envelopes for occasional givers are in the pews and forms for regular givers are in the porch. **The only details that need to be given,** are your **full** name, address and post code and an acknowledgement that you pay tax to the value of the amount to be claimed. Bank Standing Order forms are also available in the Church porch. Completed forms can be put on the collection plate with your offering.