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## Parish Diary April 2026

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	School Easter Service
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion & stripping of the Altar
Fri 3 <sup>d</sup>	7.00pm	Good Friday Reflection

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.15am	Easter Dawn Service in the Churchyard <i>(followed by light breakfast in Church)</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>(followed by refreshments)</i>

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	View From The Pew
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation <i>(Ainsworth Church &amp; Community Hall)</i>

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion & Relight The Candle
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	'Bee Joyful' Mission Community Spring Worship Event
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>(Followed by refreshments &amp; drawing of the April Lucky Lotto)</i>
	12noon	APCM
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

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### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 3 <sup>d</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

## Interregnum Update

*“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”*

*(Ecclesiastes 3;1)*

Throughout our lives each one of us will experience many times of transition and change. Some changes we plan, and others arrive uninvited. Some changes we eagerly await, others we may find unsettling or intimidating. The possibilities of what lies ahead may seem endless and cause great worry, when we don't know what the future holds.

The same is true in the life of our Church; nothing stays the same forever; the world around us is constantly changing; the people who make up our Church family and our groups and committees also change, and are changed, as time passes.

In recent weeks, some of our long-standing PCC members have indicated their intention to step down at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April; a time of change & transition for them and also for our Church. But in all of these changes it's important that we look for the gift of God's perspective, beckoning us to expectation, hope, and renewal.

'Stepping back' from something allows us to consider where the next stage of life's journey might lead us and what God might be calling us to.

Stepping back also creates opportunities for others to 'step forward'. This time of change could be a 'nudge' for someone who has a sense of calling but hasn't yet found the opportunity to explore it further; or for someone who would like to be more involved but wonders what they could possibly have to contribute to the life & governance of our Church.

Change can be unsettling, but it doesn't have to be negative.

As the changing seasons are reminders to us that God is at work renewing the earth, as Christians we know that our God of renewal, is always at work in our lives, and in the life of our Church also.

*God of all seasons, thank you for the new things that you are doing at Christ Church Ainsworth. Help us to see the opportunities in these changes and to step into the future with faith and expectation - Amen*

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

## Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of the Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine. It seems incredible that we are once again preparing to celebrate Easter and already a quarter of the way through this year!

As always at this time of year, there are a number of additional Services being held throughout Holy Week & on Easter Sunday, please check the Parish Dairy & Weekly Pew Sheet for specific details & timings to avoid disappointment!

Alongside our usual reports & articles this month, you'll find details of our APCM which will be held following the 10.30am Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April, plus information about the role of our PCC and the need for additional PCC members; an update from this month's 'MidWeek Praise Reporter'; a write up from our latest 'Forest Church Day' at Christ Church Ainsworth School, and lots of 'save the dates' for activities and events that are planned for the coming months – make sure to get these dates booked in your diary!.

Hopefully there will be something for everyone in this month's magazine, so enjoy the read, & if you or your organisation has an event or write up that you would like us to include in a future edition, please get in touch at [ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com)

*Alison*

## Flower Rota

5<sup>th</sup> April     Stacey White

19<sup>th</sup> April    Alison Hartley

3<sup>rd</sup> May        Jean Story

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Vestry Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting will be held in Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April following on from the 10.30 morning Service.

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

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

## **What Is A PCC?**

A Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England Parish and consists of the clergy and churchwardens, together with elected representatives of the congregation. A PCC is classed as a Charity and so its members are also trustees. Whilst PCCs are charities, they are governed by Church of England legislation, called Measures. These define the principal function, or purpose of the PCC as “promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church”.

More details about PCCs, their role and governance can be found on the Manchester Diocese website via this link:

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/support/for-parishes/parish-admin/parish-governance/>

Legally the Council is responsible for the financial affairs of the church and the maintenance of its assets, such as Church buildings and church halls. It also assists the clergy in the management of church affairs in the parish and promoting the mission of the church. The PCC also has a voice in the forms of service used by the church and may make representations on matters affecting the welfare and pastoral care of the parish.

To be an elected representative of the congregation, a person must be a communicant, aged 16 or over, and must be on the church electoral roll; they must be nominated and seconded by persons who are also on the electoral roll.

Christ Church Ainsworth PCC is currently made up of our Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Deanery Synod representative and 2 additional Lay representatives. We meet roughly every 6 weeks, to discuss the day to day running & governance of our church, and also to review existing mission, ministry & outreach within the parish and to consider / develop new opportunities.

The PCC delegates areas of work to a number of subcommittees, which meet with different frequency depending on their delegated tasks and projects.

## **Why Would I want To Be On The PCC?**

Being a member of our PCC allows you to be part of actively shaping the mission, ministry, and future direction of our church in Ainsworth. As a trustee, you would play a vital role in decision-making, managing

finances, caring for buildings, and promoting mission and ministry within the parish.

Being part of the PCC offers a chance to build strong, collaborative relationships with our clergy, fellow parishioners, and the wider diocese. It is a great way to contribute your skills, time, and heart to our church's ministry.

Our PCC is relatively small, and we really need new members to come on board and bring fresh ideas and energy to the church's shared life and witness.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church following the 10.30 service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April, and we would love to be able to elect some new PCC members at that time. Could God be calling you to participate in mission and ministry as a member of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC?

If you're unsure or would like to find out more with no obligation to commit, please speak to any of our Clergy, Churchwardens or existing PCC members – we look forward to hearing from you!

## **MidWeek Praise Reporter**

We have been learning about things that are to do with Lent. Each week we have a story from the Bible then we have a game or do some craft, then we have prayers and sing a song.



We made a Holy Week wreath this week and next week we are having an egg hunt

From your young MidWeek praise reporter (Year 3)

## **CCA Litter Pickers**



8 intrepid litter pickers and their parents took part in our March CCA litter picking expedition; this time the weather was glorious.

The good folk of Ainsworth must have been feeling thirsty with the warmer weather as 1 of our groups collected 16 drinks cans!

As a special treat, our litter pickers enjoyed chocolate cake when we got back to Church.

Our next CCA Litter Picking afternoon will be Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at the earlier time of 2pm due to school finishing a little earlier for the Easter break..

## CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a copy of our March Quiz League Quiz Sheet – the list of *actual* answers is below.

Jill Ainsworth, Sue Campbell, Brian Oseman & the Sowden Family all scored 28 + 2 bonus points this month – congratulations to the winner, drawn at random, Brian Oseman.

April quiz sheets are now available in Church (films & movies this time); don't forget that the scores will accumulate throughout the year feeding into our overall CCA Quiz League Winner at the end of the year.

The total amount raised from the March Quiz was £28-00!

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Acid rain perhaps                             | Lemon Drizzle            |
| 2. Strumpet found in a North West city           | Manchester Tart          |
| 3. Cake found in a town in the North West        | Chorley Cake             |
| 4. Cake found in town in the North West          | Eccles Cake              |
| 5. Sumptuous fabric in a hot colour              | Red Velvet               |
| 6. Biscuit for a wealthy person                  | Millionaire's Shortbread |
| 7. Leavin' the car somewhere up North            | Yorkshire Parkin         |
| 8. Bath accessory used by a Queen                | Victoria Sponge          |
| 9. Gymnastic manoeuvre from Switzerland          | Swiss Roll               |
| 10. Warm but grumpy treat                        | Hot Cross Bun            |
| 11. Strumpet found in Derbyshire                 | Bakewell Tart            |
| 12. Male donkey in a tizz                        | Flapjack                 |
| 13. Cake found on a Portuguese Island            | Madeira Cake             |
| 14. Cake found in an Italian city                | Genoa Cake               |
| 15. Racquet with a large chunk of ice maybe      | Battenburg               |
| 16. Spirit gets angry                            | Brandy Snaps             |
| 17. Made from pixies & elves perhaps             | Fairy Cakes              |
| 18. Really cold digit                            | Iced Finger              |
| 19. Eaten by rabbits so they can see in the dark | Carrot Cake              |
| 20. Pretender to the throne, enjoyed at Easter   | Simmnel Cake             |
| 21. Savoury food for a redhead                   | Gingerbread              |
| 22. Treat enjoyed at a flower show down South    | Chelsea Bun              |
| 23. Medieval town in Perthshire, Scotland        | Scone                    |
| 24. Cake favoured by those in search of love     | Date Cake                |
| 25. Small section of a nut                       | Almond Slice             |

26. Lady Baden Powell's helpers	Brownies
27. Savoury food enjoyed by monkeys	Banana Bread
28. For planting in the garden perhaps	Seed Cake
29. Cake for a specific genre of music	Rock Cake
30. Fuel from a Confectioner's tree	Chocolate Log

Tie breaker: A) Name 3 'cakes' which aren't actually cakes? Jaffa Cake, Pontefract Cake, Pancake, Teacake, Fish cake, Potato Cake ...

B) In the book 'Matilda', who was forced to eat an 18" chocolate cake as a punishment? Bruce Bogtrotter

## **Forest Church – Experience Easter At Christ Church Ainsworth School**

After a few glorious days of Spring sunshine, it was tempting to think that we really would be able to hold our Experience Easter Forest Church Day outside in the school grounds, however the wind picked up, the temperature plummeted, the hail stones came rattling down ... and we decided to revert to 'plan B' – indoor Forest Church!

Children from each year group took an interactive journey through Holy Week, beginning with enthusiastic waving of palm leaves & the clippity clop of a donkey; working through the Last Supper & Jesus's betrayal on Maundy Thursday; the sadness of Good Friday & finally the excitement & hope of Easter Sunday.

The children made Easter cards & created 'Hope Stones' to represent the boulder being rolled away from the mouth of the tomb & the hope received from the resurrection. The Hope Stones are now displayed in Church – why not have a look next time you visit.

## **Christ Church Ainsworth Book Of Remembrance**

If you have lost a family member or loved one and would like their name to be recorded in our Book of Remembrance, please speak to a member of our Clergy or one of the Churchwardens, or email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com) . This option is available for those who have been a part of our local or worshipping community, or those whose funeral has been held in Church.



Please note there is a charge of £5-00 per entry for this service.

## Palm Sunday

It was wonderful to join together once again with our friends from Ainsworth Methodist Church to celebrate Palm Sunday. A good number of people from both churches eagerly awaited the arrival of our Palm Sunday donkeys, in spite of the cold, wet weather.

Following a short time of outdoor worship led by Methodist Lay Pastor, Glen Atkinson, we were pleased to make our way up the village to continue our service indoors!

As in previous years, some of the children from MidWeek Praise led the readings & prayers – and what a good job they all did.

Thank you to Charles, Beth, Elsie, Ilaria, Giovanna & Alaia, and also to their parents for their continued support.  
*(Photo courtesy of Carol Nicholson)*



## Eden Singer's Summer Concert

Save the date!! Local community choir, 'The Eden Singers' will be joining us in Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7pm for an evening of entertainment, performing 'Hits Of The Decades'. This fabulous repertoire includes hits from each decade from 1900 onwards, complemented by newsreel footage of events which were in the news at that time. Tickets £7, including refreshments; more info soon.



## Children's Society Housebox Collection March 2026

Thank you to all those box holders who make an annual donation to the Children's Society. At the time of writing, I have yet to collect the houseboxes, so I will report next month on the amount raised.

If you do not have a housebox, but would like to make a donation to The Children's Society, please let me know. My number is 07508 106590.

As a little bit of fun, I thought some readers would like to have a try at the Housebox Quiz. See the picture below. Look at the pictures of houseboxes through the decades and see if you can put them in the correct order - oldest to most recent. No prize sadly, but hopefully some fun!

Can you put these house boxes in order from the mid-1900s to the present day?



(Answers on Pg 13)



## Reflecting On The Seasons – Easter

*“Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

*They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.”*

*(John 20; 11-14)*

Although there may be times in our lives when we somehow think we are invincible, when we are hit with life’s struggles, or come face to face with painful events, we quickly remember, we need help. We need a Saviour.

In Jesus, we do have a saviour, one who also was broken, in ways that we can never fully comprehend, yet he remained strong and chose to endure it all - for us.

He extends His grace to remind us that we don’t have to stay stuck in our struggle and pain. He holds good in store through it all, He is able to bring us greater purpose, greater beauty, greater strength. He never intends for us to remain in the pit of our despair. For he breathes fresh life.

God brought beauty out of the brokenness of the cross, His sacrifice offers forgiveness for our sin. The power of the Resurrection gives hope for our future.

*Risen Lord, as You appeared to Mary in the garden, to the disciples in the upper room, to the travellers on the road to Emmaus, be known to us. Be in our homes, in our work and in our journeying.*

*Christ Jesus, risen in glory; scatter the darkness from our hearts and from your world, and let us walk in your presence and peace – Amen.*

## Just A Thought

Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.

(Answers to Housebox Picture Quiz: A H I G F C E D B K J)

## The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The March Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, with the lucky winner walking away with £12-50!

This fabulous fundraiser runs each month; tickets cost £1 each and are available at the back of Church; you can enter as many times as you like!

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto is drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month, when the winner receives 50% of that month's ticket sales!!

To enter simply fill in a '50/50 Lucky Lotto' ticket, then place it in the box at the back of Church; all proceeds to Church funds.

To make it even easier, you can now enter the Lucky Lotto via direct payment, either monthly or annually. For more details, please email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)

*And Remember ... You have to be in it to win it!!*

## Gift Aid

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Gift Aid significantly boosts the funds available to many charities and organisations, including our Church; in the 2024/25 tax year, Christ Church Ainsworth claimed an additional £6,786.20 through Gift Aid - more than the total annual cost of gas, electricity, and water used by the Church and equating to 15% of the total annual expenditure!

Thank you to everyone who currently supports our Church by Gift Aiding. If you are a UK taxpayer and don't already Gift Aid donations, please complete a Gift Aid form and return it to Church or post it through the door of the Vicarage. You can find out more about Gift Aid and download an application form by clicking the link below:

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## Easyfundraising



A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising. If you're not signed up yet, why not join today! You can raise free donations for Ainsworth Parish Church - Bolton every time you shop online. All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you.

We currently have 29 people who have registered to support our cause through Easyfundraising, although there must be many others who shop / order goods online. Anyone who shops online can support us in this way; it's a really simple way of raising much needed funds for our Church.

Our current Easyfundraising total is £955-58; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2026?

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/ainsworthpc/ivcmuo/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/>

## Mission Community News - 'Bee Joyful'

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community invites you to "Bee Joyful", an evening of worship to nourish, refresh & celebrate all that is joyful in our Churches & wider communities. This will be a 'Songs of Praise' style Service, led by Revd Phil Cansdale, Director of Mission & Ministry, and with traditional hymns and organ accompaniment.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at Christ Church Ainsworth



Everyone welcome.



## News From The Diocese – Bury & Rossendale Deanery Gathering; Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 2026, 6.45 for 7.15pm, St. Peter's Church, Manchester Rd, Bury. BL9 9QZ

Please join us for the Bury & Rossendale Deanery celebration event, when people from our parishes, chaplaincies, and schools will come together to reflect on how God is renewing lives and communities and to explore the next steps we can take together.

We'll find out more about the Manchester Diocese vision, hear stories of hope from our deanery, and an receive an outline of the national

support and investment that is strengthening mission and ministry across the diocese.

We will explore the four themes at the heart of our diocese's strategy and how national funding will support our deanery:

- Parish Renewal
- Growing Younger
- Church Planting and Revitalisation
- Developing Missional Leaders

The evening will be led by one of our bishops alongside members of the teams responsible for supporting the delivery of our shared vision. Through worship, prayer, and conversation, we will celebrate what God is doing, acknowledge the challenges we face, and highlight the support, resources, and investment available to help us flourish.

These gatherings are for everyone: clergy, lay leaders, members of PCCs, school staff, chaplains, volunteers, new worshippers, and anyone curious about where God might be calling us. We hope you'll leave inspired and equipped to share this vision in your local context. To book your place click on [Celebrating Our Shared Journey: Bury and Rossendale Deanery Gathering Tickets, Wednesday, Apr 15 from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm | Eventbrite](#)

## **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

*Please pray for all of the Churches within our Mission Community –  
Christ Church Walshaw, Christ Church Ainsworth, St. Andrew's,  
Radcliffe, St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, St. Mary, Radcliffe, All  
Saints Stand, St. Andrew's, Hillock and St. George's, Unsworth.*



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# Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

## Prayer Diary



April 2026

1 <sup>st</sup>	We pray that the Holy Week & Easter Services being held throughout our Mission Community, will provide comfort and challenge, love and inspiration to all who attend.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for all who are involved with ministry to children, families & schools; praying especially for those who will welcome children into their Churches during Holy Week & Easter. Praying that the seeds of faith would be sown in young hearts.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
4 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for Christians around the world who are preparing to celebrate Easter; praying especially for those who live in fear & risk persecution for their faith.
5 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the many Easter Services which will be held today; we pray for those who will be leading them, & that those who attend may be filled with the joy of the Resurrection.
6 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be taking part in Spring Harvest; that they would find spiritual refreshment, inspiration & renewal.
7 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for & pray for all Clergy members within our Mission Community.
8 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the team at Christ Church Ainsworth, that they may have wisdom & inspiration as they consider the best way to recruit new PCC members & explore new opportunities for mission.
9 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
10 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
11 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry, praying also for the families they serve
12 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
13 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be part of the new book club being held at St. George's, Unsworth this evening; that it would bring people together from Church & the wider community.
14 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.
15 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who are preparing for 'Bee Joyful'; that they would be guided & inspired by the Holy Spirit as they plan & prepare for this event.
16 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for & pray for all who will represent their Churches at the Task Group meeting this evening; praying that this would be a time of inspiration, sharing & support.
17 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for the work of the Food Pantry Team at St. Andrew's, Hillock; praying also for all of the individuals & families who access this service.
18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who will be attending 'Chocolate Bingo' at St. Andrew's, Hillock today - that this would be a well-supported & successful event.
19 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who will be leading & attending 'Bee Joyful' at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening; that they might find inspiration, encouragement & spiritual refreshment.
21 <sup>st</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We give thanks for 200 years of faith and worship at All Saints, Stand and ask for God's blessing for the celebratory events taking place throughout the year, and on those involved in organising them. We pray that the year may be a time for building closer relationships with the local community.
24 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
25 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who lead & participate in the prayer groups & Bible study groups which are run by our Churches; may they know God's presence & grow in faith.
26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray those who will be involved with the APCM to be held at Christ Church Ainsworth today. We pray for Churchwardens, PCC members, and all who volunteer or hold Office within our Churches.
27 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union within our parishes & beyond. We pray for Mothers' Union members throughout our Mission Community.
28 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will join together for Jesus Prayer on Zoom this evening; praying also that others might feel called to be part of this time of prayer.
29 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the green spaces within our parishes & pray that we would be good guardians of this world. We give thanks for all who work for environmental sustainability & climate justice.
30 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.

*"What wings are to a bird, & sails are to a ship; so prayer is to the soul."*



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- All proceeds to Church funds

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

***And Remember ...  
You have to be in it to win it!!***



## *Coffee and Conversation*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30 – 12 noon**

**Ainsworth Church and Community Hall**

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





## CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH



### !!QUIZ SHEET QUIZ LEAGUE!!

- Each month we'll be producing a fun quiz sheet; sheets are only £1 each. You can pick up a sheet next time you're in Church.
- Make sure you place your completed quiz sheet in the box at the back of Church no later than the last Sunday of the month.
- There will be a prize each month for the winner, but also a league table so that you can accumulate points throughout the year, with a prize for the overall Quiz Sheet Quiz League winner.
- You can also enter by BACS payment or standing order & we'll email a quiz sheet out to you each month; for further details email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
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# CCA Litter Pickers



First Thursday of the month

**2pm - 2.45pm April only**

Meet outside school, finish  
at Church for a drink & a  
biscuit.

Equipment provided.

Children must be accompanied  
by a responsible adult.

Next date Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April





## **RECYCLE FOR CHARITY**

**Did you know, many of your unwanted items could be recycled?**

**Do you have any of these items stuck in a drawer or cupboard?**

**Please bring along your glasses, hearing aids, foreign currency, stamps, keys, ink & toner cartridges (branded only) & bra's & place them into the boxes provided in church.**

**All items will be collected at the monthly Mission Community Task Group meetings where they will be sorted and sent to where they are needed most.**

**Thank you**



**RADCLIFFE & WHITEFIELD MISSION COMMUNITY**



## *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:*

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*Or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041*

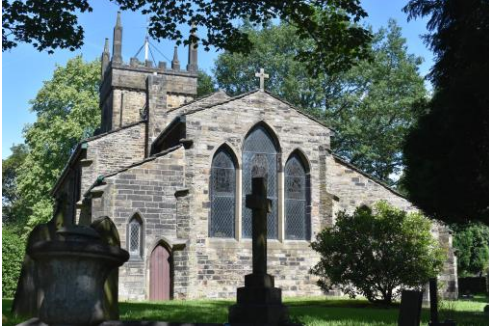
*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the  
light that shines within you."*



# HEALTHY BODY ... HEALTHY MIND

Exercise Isn't Just For The Gym!

Doing something active is a form of exercise.



Being active with others is good for social and mental health.

There are many local opportunities to get active through volunteer work;  
Ainsworth Churchyard

is one opportunity.

Every Wednesday, volunteers come together to help tidy the churchyard – clearing leaves, mowing grass, tidying the graves. There are jobs for any age or capacity.



Tea, cake and a chat split the session into two halves. All are welcome.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**COME RAIN OR SHINE!**

**9:30 – 11.45 A.M.**



## **Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community**

*Are working with 'The Recycled Wax Company' to keep candles out of landfill.*

### **We can take:**

- 🕯 Church candles
- 🕯 Tea lights
- 🕯 Tapers
- 🕯 Domestic / scented candles (including those in glass jars)
- 🕯 Wax melts

Simply bring your unwanted candles & melts to Church & we'll do the rest.





**Radcliffe and Whitefield  
Mission Community invites  
you and your friends to:**

# **BEE JOYFUL**

An evening of Songs of Praise style worship  
with speaker

Rev Phil Cansdale

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm

Christ Church, Ainsworth BL2 5RU



*Refreshments available*



## **Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements**

### **Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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

Everyone welcome.

**!! Save The Date – Eden Dingers Summer Concert !!**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**7pm Christ Church Ainsworth**

More info & tickets available soon. Everyone welcome

**!! Save The Date – Spring Fair !!**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11 – 2pm**

**Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

An evening with Diane Gray- Stephenson, Diocesan Racial Justice Lead, exploring unconscious bias, the impact it can have & how we can be more inclusive. Everyone welcome; no need to book, just turn up.

**‘Bee Joyful’**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

**Christ Church Ainsworth**

Please join us for Songs of Praise style worship, celebrating all that we have to be joyful for in our individual Churches & wider Mission Community.

**!! Save The Date!!**

**Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community**

**Ascension Day Prayer Journey 2026**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

More info coming soon.

**Christ Church Ainsworth APCM & Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 11.45am**

**Christ Church Ainsworth**

All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting

**Candlelight Prayer**

**Each Friday @ 8pm on Zoom**

An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week. Why not join us for 10 minutes of prayer and quiet reflection each Friday evening. Simply click on the link below to take part:

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## Around The Organisations ...



Thank you, Andrew, for facilitating a very thoughtful afternoon meditation on 'From Candlemas to Calvary' in early March. Members appreciated it very much.

We have been very grateful for the use of a smaller, cosier room in the Church Hall for our meetings over the winter period. At the time of writing, we have had a mini 3 day Spring season, the sun is shining and the spring bulbs are all out in the garden. We are hoping that the weather in April is going to be warmer still, so we will move back to the 'New Room' for our first meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

Following worship, we will talk about Easter Traditions of Yesteryear. Yesteryear might be last year, memories of when we were younger or even traditions that we heard about from our parents or grandparents but have never experienced ourselves.

At this meeting, we will also confirm the venue for the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer runs from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This is the special time each year when we pray for our link branches around the world. There should be prayer leaflets available from the Diocese soon which we will distribute to members, via email, for use in our own homes.

Earlier in the year, we received a letter of appreciation (abridged below) from Dr Gill Smallwood MBE, the CEO at Fortalice, for the duvet covers and money which we handed over to them.

The money was for Father Christmas to be able to purchase selection boxes for the children (he can't make sweeties!) and the extra, to buy more bed linens.

*'To everyone at Christ Church Ainsworth Mothers' Union*

*I would like to thank you for your donation to our Charity following your tea and cake afternoon and collections in your services. Without people such as yourself we would struggle to continue to give the victims, survivors and their children the invaluable service we provide to keep them safe and enable their recovery.*

*As ever, the refuge is continuously working at full capacity. We are also seeing an increase in referrals to our community projects, of which there are now 24. Our education programmes help children and*

*young people to develop skills to form healthier relationships with their peers and family units.*

*Our Outreach Support Centre continues to be busy providing counselling to both adults and children and is a base for a range of our domestic abuse services.*

*Recently, one of our service users said, “I want to thank you again for all the help you have given me and my family. Fortalice is an amazing charity; they have been there for me so much. We wouldn’t have got through the hard times without them.”*

*Please accept our best wishes from all at Fortalice and thank you for your on-going support. Please continue to hold us in your prayers.’*

Finally, the ‘Make a Mother’s Day Appeal’ is still in progress. This year, we are holding in mind teenage mothers in Rwanda, where 5% of girls aged 15–19 have begun childbearing. Many women long for the comfort and protection of family, yet find themselves facing motherhood alone, at the very moment they most need love, care and support. This year, we want to give you the chance to honour Mothering Sunday by celebrating the mothers and maternal figures in our own lives, whilst supporting young mothers across Rwanda as they build secure futures for themselves and care for their children.

You can do this by sharing a [Gift of Belonging](#) with your loved ones. These ethical gifts help to support life-changing work in Rwanda, changing the lives of young mothers like Grace. Read her story here: [www.mothersunion.org/appeal/make-a-mothers-day-2026](http://www.mothersunion.org/appeal/make-a-mothers-day-2026)

Jennifer White.

## **An Announcement from Mary Sumner House.**

Mothers’ Union is delighted to be working in partnership with [The Girls’ Brigade England & Wales](#) to develop two new educational programmes: Respectful Relationships and Respectful Communities.

Throughout our 150 year history, we have championed the safety, dignity, and voices of women and girls. This collaboration reflects that enduring commitment. Working alongside The Girls’ Brigade, the Clewer Initiative & safeguarding charity thirtyone:eight, Mothers’ Union has helped shape resources that equip young people to build healthy, respectful relationships and contribute positively to their communities.

The Respectful Relationships and Respectful Communities programmes are designed to help girls and young people engage

thoughtfully with real-world issues through expert-led, accessible, faith-based materials. Rooted in listening to lived experience and community-led action, the resources encourage empathy, inclusion, and compassion, while helping participants recognise their own worth and the value of others.

Steph Nunn, Mothers' Union Director of Membership, said:

*“One thing we love about these resources is how they help girls recognise their own worth and the value of others, equipping them to build relationships that are safe, respectful, and rooted in compassion.”*

The partnership brings together complementary strengths: The Girls' Brigade's long-standing expertise in providing faith-based, engaging programmes for young women, and Mothers' Union's focus on supporting family life, promoting respectful relationships, and challenging injustice and violence. Together, we are helping to foster safe and respectful environments in which young people can flourish.

The new, expert-written materials are now being implemented within local Girls' Brigade groups across England and Wales, supporting leaders as they guide girls in exploring what it means to live out respect, dignity, and faith in everyday life.

Mothers' Union is proud to stand alongside partners who share our vision of communities where every individual is valued, heard, and empowered to thrive.

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

We have had such a busy start to 2026. We celebrated World Thinking Day with the Rainbows. Girls got passports and visited Italy to make pasta necklaces, France to eat croissants drink appletise and learn some French, USA for a food tasting challenge, India for henna painting and mandel craft and Ireland for Irish dancing and soda bread.

We are doing our folklore badge. Girls have made a clay folklore character, acted out stories and heard some too.

Some of our pack also took part in voyage under the stars a virtual sleepover.

Yours in Guiding

Sarah McAnulty - Snowy Owl.

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

This half term, we have welcomed Autumn and enrolled Annabelle and Paige. And there has been quite a lot of badge work!

The half term virtual sleepover gave Lilly P and Paige their overnight interest badge, which in turn gave Lilly her Have Adventures Theme award. And the girls have been very active with Amarah, Annabelle, Elise, Erin, Esmi, Keeley, Lilly P, Lilly S, Paige and Scarlett gaining their Athlete interest badge.



Mother's Day saw us making sweets and decorating the box they were to be put in, an activity which also gave Phoebe and Serena their confectionery Interest badge.

We completed our skills builder badge by looking at how different poses can give us confidence and also did more relaxation techniques by making mindfulness jars and trying out some basic tai chi moves. This completed the "Feel Good" skills builder for Amarah, Annabelle, Elise, Erin, Esmi, Georgia, Gracie, Keeley, Lilly N, Lilly P, Lilly S, Lucy, Paige, Phoebe, Rubi, Scarlett and Sofia and gave Lucy her Be Well theme award.

And we have been “codebreakers extraordinaire”, solving a variety of ciphers, which meant that Amarah, Annabelle, Autumn, Elise; Erin; Esmi, Georgia, Gracie, Keeley, Lilly P, Lilly S, Lucy, Paige, Phoebe, Rubi, Scarlett and Sofia all gained their codebreakers interest badge. This also completed the Skills for my Future theme award for Erin, Lilly P and Lucy which gave Lilly her Guide Silver award and Lucy her Guide Bronze award. So again, lots of sewing! Well done to all the girls!

To round off the term, we coloured stained glass window decorations for Easter, and all got an Easter Egg.

12<sup>th</sup> Radcliffe Guide Leaders

## **From the Archives – April 2001**

As Easter fell in the month of April, the sketch on the inside cover of the April 2001 magazine depicted Jesus flanked by Roman soldiers standing before Pontious Pilate

Alongside the usual Services, the Parish Diary for this month included details of the last in a series of Lenten Devotional Services, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services, ‘Follow The Cross’ procession of silent witness starting from Festival Gardens in Radcliffe, and the APCM & Vestry Meeting.

The Parish News included congratulations on the celebration of a Golden Wedding Anniversary & thanks for the help & support received during a bereavement.

In other news, the various groups & organisations were planning their stalls for the Church Spring Fair, with various requests for produce & help on the day; 12<sup>th</sup> Brownies were preparing for their Pack Holiday; 16<sup>th</sup> Brownies had a Coffee Morning coming up; a small group of Guides had attended an event in Harrogate, called ‘Global Footsteps’; Beavers had been working on their first aid skills & members of Cockey Moor Women’s Institute had enjoyed a meal out at The Watermillock.

In April 2001, there were no Baptisms recorded from the previous month, but 1 weddings & 6 funerals. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 260; with collections listed as £1335.

## Everything You Need To Know About - April ...



**April 1<sup>st</sup> 1662** - King Charles II granted royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics founding the Royal Society of London

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1801** – Admiral Horatio Nelson, aboard HMS *Elephant*, defiantly ignored orders from his commander-in-chief to withdraw his forces, and proceeded to sink the pro French Danish fleet off its home port of Copenhagen.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1721** - Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Great Britain.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> 1964** – The Beatles took the first 5 places in the US singles chart with “Please Please Me”, “I Want to Hold Your Hand”, “She Loves You”, “Twist and Shout” and “Can’t Buy Me Love”.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 1964** – The 1st driverless trains ran on the London Underground.

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 1119** – King Richard I died from an infected wound while besieging Chalus Castle.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 1739** – Notorious Highwayman, Dick Turpin, was hanged in York.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 1838** – Brunel’s new steamship *Great Western* left Bristol on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to Boston.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 1806** - Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers, he designed railways, bridges, tunnels, viaducts and ships

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 1633** - Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 1869** – The coronation of William III, Prince of Orange and his wife Mary II took place in London.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 1606** – The Union Flag became the flag of Britain.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 1668** – John Dryden was appointed the first official Poet Laureate.

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 1983** – The 1<sup>st</sup> cordless phone went on sale in Britain.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 1755** - English lexicographer Dr Samuel Johnson, published his *Dictionary*; he had taken nine years to compile it.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> 1746** - Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor in Scotland by an English Army under the command of William, Duke of Cumberland.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 1969** – The age at which a person is eligible to vote in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 1881** - London's Natural History Museum was opened.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 1587** - Sir Francis Drake sank the Spanish fleet in Cadiz

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 1912** – The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of *Count Dracula*, died at his London home, aged 65.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 1509** – Henry VIII became King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1838** - The first steamship to cross the Atlantic, the British ship *Sirius*, arrived at New York; it made the crossing in 18 days.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1616** – The death of William Shakespear, playwright & poet, aged 52.

**April 24<sup>th</sup> 1858** - the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, was finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 1807** – William Wilberforce's bill to end Britain's role in slave trading was given Royal Assent after many years of campaigning.

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 1923** - The Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, were married in Westminster Abbey, London.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 1828** - The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological garden in Regent's Park.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 1770** - English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> 1884** - Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, woman are not to be awarded degrees.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> 1945** - In his hideaway bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler shot himself. His wife of 48 hours and former mistress, Eva Braun, took a cyanide capsule. In accordance with Hitler's instructions both bodies were then burnt.

## **Space To Share A Prayer - Easter**

Lord, as we gather together this Easter weekend as family and friends; we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection colour our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving. May the truth in your word guide our journeys, and may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes and our lives now and always - Amen

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

### Little Robin Redbreast

When winter days are short and cold and snow lies on the ground,  
And all the other birds are still, you'll hear a merry sound.

And when you look, perhaps you'll see him, perched upon the shed,  
With shining eyes, and pointed beak and feathers brown and red.

He'll cock his head and look at you then hop along the wall,  
He'll ruffle up his feathers, then repeat his cheerful call.

But why the robin's breast is red, we really all should know;  
It comes from an act of courage, from a time now long ago.

When Jesus hung upon the cross a robin was nearby,  
He watched all that was happening, then down to help did fly;

As the little robin tried to pluck the thorns from Jesus' head,  
A drop of blood splashed on his breast and stained his feathers red.

The robin keeps his bright red breast, and still his call is heard,  
To remind us of the courage of this small, but caring bird.

### Simple & Delicious!

#### Arctic Pudding



You will need:

- 1 large Swiss roll sliced into  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rounds
- 2l tub of ice cream

Here's what to do:

- 1 – Line a large basin with clingfilm, leaving a good overhang.
- 2 – Line the basin with the Swiss roll rounds, pressing firmly together
- 3 – Slightly warm the ice cream, then tip into the middle part of the basin, smooth the top, then draw the cling film across & place in the freezer for 2-3 hours.
- 4 – Remove from the freezer, draw the clingfilm back & place a serving plate over the top.
- 5 - Flip over onto the plate & carefully remove the rest of the clingfilm – enjoy!

## The Parish Puzzler

### Easter Quiz – Who Was / Were ...

1. The Jewish leader, a secret follower of Jesus, who visited him under cover of darkness?
2. The High Priest who led the accusations against Jesus?
3. The woman who poured perfume on Jesus's feet & wiped it away with her hair?
4. The disciple that betrayed Jesus?
5. The 3 disciples who fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane?
6. The High Priest's Servant, whose ear was cut off?
7. The Governor to whom Jesus was taken?
8. The Governor's wife?
9. The prisoner that the people demanded should be released?
10. The disciple who denied 3 times that he knew Jesus?
11. The person who carried Jesus's cross to Golgotha?
12. The 3 women who stood at the foot of the cross (same name)?
13. The owner of the tomb where Jesus's body was laid?
14. The woman who discovered the stone had been rolled away from the tomb?
15. The disciple who didn't believe until he saw Jesus for himself?

(Answers on Pg 43)

### Time For A Smile

A minister was completing a Temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365, "Shall We Gather at the River."

## Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
5 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Mags Gillman	Peter Holden	Alison Hartley
12 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Barbara Clarkson Jan Burrow	N/A	Jenny Johnson
19 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lorraine Holden	David Holden
26 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	Alison Hartley

## Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
5 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday (Gold) <i>BM</i>	Peter Holden	Acts 10.34-43 Colossians 3.1-4 <b>John 20.1-18</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter (White)	Beryl Sixsmith	Acts 2.14a,22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9 <b>John 20.19-31</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter (White) <i>BM</i>	Lorraine Holden	Acts 2.14a,36-41 1 Peter 1.17-23 <b>Luke 24.13-35</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter (White) <i>BM</i>	Alison Hartley	Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 2.19-25 <b>John 10.1-10</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter (White)	Gwen White	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10 <b>John 14.1-14</b>

## Who's Who

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Answers to Easter Quiz: 1) Nicodemus, 2) Caiaphas, 3) Mary, 4) Judas Iscariot, 5) Peter, James & John, 6) Malchus, 7) Pontious Pilate, 8) Procula (Procla), 9) Jesus Barrabas, 10) Peter, 11) Simon of Cyrene, 12) Mary (Jesus's mother), Mary Magdalene, Mary (wife of Clopas), 13) Joseph of Arimathea, 14) Mary Magdalene, 15) Thomas.

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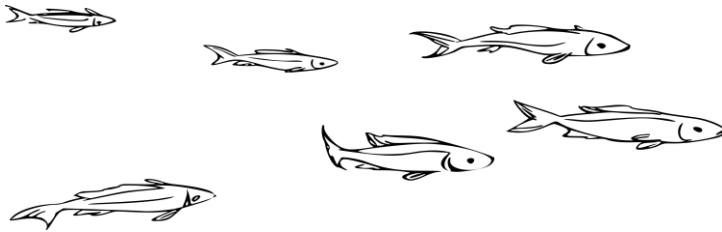


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Easter



# The Easter Story

Over 2000 years ago, a man called Jesus, brought a message of hope and love to the world. Many people listened to Jesus as He spoke of God's love and were inspired by what He said and by the things that He did. Jesus had a small group of friends who were especially close to Him and had begun to help Him to spread the good news of God's love - these were Jesus's disciples.

Jesus was the Son of God; He had been sent to spread the word of God and to save mankind from sin. Although the disciples didn't fully understand it, Jesus knew that the only way that this could happen was through His own death - this is what happened ...

**Palm Sunday** ... One day, Jesus and His disciples were on their way to visit Jerusalem; as they came near, Jesus stopped and asked 2 of His disciples to go on ahead, He told them,

"When you get to the town you will see a donkey tied up, untie it and bring it to me. If anyone questions you tell them that the Lord needs the donkey, and He will return it later."

So, the disciples did as they were asked and brought the donkey to Jesus. Some of them put their cloaks on the donkey's back and then Jesus rode the donkey on towards Jerusalem.



Many people had heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem - they had heard about some of the miracles that Jesus had performed in other places, and they were very excited to see Him and hear



Him themselves. When the people spotted Jesus riding towards Jerusalem they came running to greet Him; they knew that He was special, and so some threw their cloaks down onto the road for the donkey to walk on, and many others threw Palm leaves down - a bit like putting a red carpet out for someone really important to walk on!

As they got closer to Jerusalem, more and more people joined them, they waved their Palm branches and shouted out,

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!”

But some people were not happy about all this, the Chief Priests and Pharisees were religious leaders, so you would expect them to be really happy to see Jesus and listen to Him, but actually they thought that Jesus was getting far too much attention, they didn't like what He was saying, and they wanted to get rid of Him.

Jesus didn't go right into the city that day because the time wasn't right.

### **Mauddy Thursday - The Last Supper**



The following Thursday was the first day of the feast of Passover; Jewish people have celebrated the Passover ever since the time of Moses, when the Lord 'passed over' their houses and so saved all of the Israelite babies.

The disciples asked Jesus where they should meet to eat their Passover meal. Jesus replied to them, "Go into the city and you will find a man. Tell him that we would like to come to his house for Passover."

The disciples did as Jesus asked and prepared the Passover meal. Later that evening, Jesus met with his friends; the disciples were worried because they knew that the Chief Priests and the Pharisees weren't happy about Jesus becoming so popular; in fact, the Pharisees were trying to work out a way to get rid of Jesus once and for all!



Before they all sat down to eat, Jesus did something which surprised His friends - He took water and a towel and insisted on washing their feet; this was a job that the lowest of the servants would usually have been expected to do. Jesus was a very, very special person,



so imagine that, to the disciples, this would have been like a huge celebrity coming into your home and beginning to clean your shoes or tidy your bedroom!! Jesus did this to teach the disciples that they should all serve and help other people, no one is too great or too grand to look out for people around them.

Then Jesus sat down for supper with his friends. He thanked God for the bread and shared it with the disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you". Then He took a full cup of wine, He thanked God for it and said, "This is my blood, which will be shed for many people so their sins may be forgiven." They all took a sip from the cup.



Just as Jesus had shared a loaf of bread and a cup of wine with His friends, he told them they should always do that in future "in remembrance of me".

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples, but he had secretly decided to betray Jesus - he promised the Guards at the Temple that he would show them where Jesus was; they even agreed a secret sign to make sure the Guards knew they had got the right man. Later



that night, Judas went with the Guards to the place where Jesus was praying with His disciples, Judas walked straight up to Jesus and kissed Him - this was the secret sign, and quickly the Guards arrested him.

### **Good Friday - The Crucifixion**

The Guards took Jesus to their Governor, Pontious Pilate, who asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "You say that I am."

This upset the Chief Priests because they were jealous of him and the friends He had made.



Pilate listened to the things that the Chief Priests and the Pharisees were saying about Jesus, but he really couldn't see any reason to punish Him, it didn't seem that Jesus had done anything

so very wrong. Pilate asked Jesus lots of questions - he was actually really interested in the things Jesus said, but Jesus didn't stick up for himself - it was almost as if He knew that the people wouldn't listen anyway, even though He had done nothing wrong.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people. He said to them, "I have talked to Jesus, and I find no reason to kill Him."

But the people didn't like that at all and shouted, "Kill Jesus! Release Barabbas instead!" Barabbas was in jail because he had killed someone, and the people wanted him to be free, and Jesus to be punished. That probably sounds a bit strange, but the people who didn't like Jesus had done such a good job of telling lies about Him that lots of other people had become scared and now they really believed that Jesus was a bad person!

Pilate didn't like this at all; he tried to talk to the angry crowd; he asked them what Jesus had done; he told them that Jesus didn't deserve to die and that they should release Him. But the crowd just became more and more angry. Pilate didn't want the crowd to begin a riot, so in the end he agreed to hand Jesus over to the guards and released Barabbas instead.

The soldiers dressed Jesus in a purple robe and put a crown of thorns on his head, they laughed at Him and made fun of Him, then they lead him away to a hill named Golgotha. There were three crosses on the hill, and the soldiers nailed Jesus to the one in the middle; then once again the crowd started laughing and jeering; they made a sign that said,

### **JESUS OF NAZARETH - KING OF THE JEWS**

They shouted, "If you can save other people, why don't you save yourself?"



Jesus could have saved Himself, but He chose not to - He wanted to save us instead.

Later that same day, as Jesus hung on the cross, He cried out, "It is finished!", and then He died. At that same moment a great



darkness came over the whole land, it completely covered the sun, and the people were terrified. In the temple in the city a huge curtain suddenly tore in half, but no one could see why it had happened, until one of

the soldiers who had wanted Jesus to die, suddenly understood and said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Too late he realised he had been wrong about Jesus.

### **Easter Sunday - The Resurrection**

After Jesus died, His friends took His body away and placed it in a stone tomb, this would have been a bit like a cave.

They wrapped Jesus's body in white cloths and, before they went away, they rolled a huge boulder in front of the tomb so that nothing and no one could get in.



Jesus's friends were very sad, but they were also very scared - wondering if the crowd might turn against them next.

On the third day, which was Sunday, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went back to the tomb early in the morning, taking special oils with them. When they reached the tomb, they saw that the boulder had been moved and the tomb was open. Not only that - Jesus's body wasn't there!!

The women were very scared, but just as they were wondering



what to do, an angel appeared by the tomb and said to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who has died, but He isn't here; He has risen just as He said He would! Come and see for yourself,

the tomb is empty."

The women were confused; they were sure Jesus had died, so how could He be alive? They looked in the tomb - the cloths Jesus had

been wrapped in were lying on the ground and the tomb was empty. Then the angel spoke again, "If you want to find Jesus, He is on his way to Galilee."

So, the women turned and hurried away, they were laughing and crying all at the same time. As they ran back down the path,



suddenly, there was Jesus! The women quickly knelt down and worshipped Him, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, tell my disciples to come to Galilee - that is where they will see me."

The disciples quickly made their way to Galilee, they were all sitting together, talking, and wondering what to do next, when Jesus walked into the room and said to them, "Peace be with you."



The disciples immediately stopped talking. Even though they had heard He was alive, they were still shocked to see Him standing there with them.

Jesus said to them, "Why do you look at me as if I am a ghost? Why don't you believe what you are seeing? Look at the scars on my hands and feet. It really is me!"

The disciples were astonished, even though Mary and her friends had told them about Jesus being alive again. They were so full of joy, and yet, was it really possible? Jesus understood what they were thinking, so He said, "This is what I told you would happen, that everything must happen that has already been written in the Bible."

The Easter story might seem like a really sad story, but when you read it all and begin to understand a bit more about who Jesus really was and what He did, it's actually the greatest story of all times.

Jesus died to save everyone else; He died so that our sins would be forgiven. Jesus died on the cross because He loves us, no matter who we are or what we do! Each and every one of us must try to remember that and to do our best to love Jesus in return.



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