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Christmas At Christ Church Ainsworth

Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm - Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December 10.30am - All Age Christmas Service

Sunday 21st December 10.30am - Christmas Carol Requests

Sunday 21st December 6pm - Joint Carol Service at Ainsworth
Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2pm - Christmas Eve At The Crib

Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm - First Communion of
Christmas

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 10.00am BCP Communion

Please join us at any of the above Services



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Parish Diary December 2025



Weds 3 rd	6.30pm	Christingle Service
Thurs 4 th	10.30am	Celtic Advent
Sat 6 th	7.00pm	Candlelit Christmas Concert
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Tues 9 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 10 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thurs 11 th	10.30am	Celtic Advent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun 14 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	All Age Christmas Service
Weds 17 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thurs 18 th	10.30am	Celtic Advent
Fri 19 th	9.15am	School Christmas Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun 21 st	10.30am	Holy Communion with Carol requests <i>(Followed by seasonal refreshments)</i>
	6.00pm	Joint Carol Service at Ainsworth Methodist

CHRISTMAS EVE

Weds 24 th	2.00pm	Christmas Around the Crib
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thurs 25 th	9.00am	BCP Communion
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		

Sun 28 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>(followed by refreshments & drawing of the December Lucky Lotto)</i>

JANUARY

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sun 4 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer



Interregnum Update

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Psalm 37; 7

Life is full of waiting; we find ourselves waiting on a daily basis. Waiting in queues, waiting at traffic lights, waiting for the internet to connect, waiting for the kettle to boil ... In our non-stop, drive through society we often find waiting difficult; we long for activity, to get onto the next thing.

Advent is the start of the Church's year; it is a time of waiting; a time of preparation; a time where we slow down and reflect; a time to look back and remember, but also a time to look forward with hope.

But our Advent waiting is not simply an excuse for doing nothing and hoping for the best; it is not an excuse for inactivity or laziness; it is not a screen for apathy. Isaiah chapter 40 verse 31 tells us: "But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint".

Waiting on God, means that we put our trust in Him and have faith in His timing, and in the belief that God knows the plans that He has for us, and that through the Holy Spirit, He will tell us when and how to act. Waiting on God, means claiming His promises by faith and trusting in what God is doing in our lives so that we can faithfully follow His principles and keep His values and priorities.

As we approach the end of our third year of interregnum, it's easy to feel frustrated and maybe disheartened at times, but interregnum, like Advent, is a time of waiting. A time to look back and remember, but also a time to look forward with hope; a time to put our trust in God's timing; but also a time of preparation when we do our best to make sure that as individuals and as the wider Church, we are ready whenever the time is right.

There is a huge amount of activity going on at Christ Church Ainsworth during Advent this year; times for quiet prayer and reflection, times for coming together and sharing friendship and fellowship, times for looking back and nostalgia, and hopefully also times that fill you with inspiration and hope for the future.

However you approach this season of waiting, let's not forget that God is with us, and that is surely worth celebrating.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the December 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; the final edition of another year – it seems no time at all since we were planning our Christmas activities and events last year!

As always, December is a busy month in the life of our Church; this year there seem to be more seasonal activities and events coming up than ever before; our Bring Your Own Christingle Service starts the ball rolling, followed swiftly by our Christmas Concert, then a whole host of other seasonal activities in quick succession.

Make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary and also the weekly Pew Sheet for details of special Services and seasonal events, both within our Church & the wider community.

If your group / organisation is holding an event that you'd like us to publicise, please get in touch ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

Enjoy this month's magazine and do your best to support the many things that are going on within our Church and wider community in the coming month.

Alison

From The Registers

Baptisms:

We welcome to the family of God:

23rd November Oliver Sage

Flower Rota

7th December Mrs H. Hartley

21st December Ms. J Hayes

Church Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way; those who work so hard behind the scenes preparing stalls & setting things up; those who donated produce; those who gave their time on the day to man the stalls; and everyone who went along to support this event. The total amount raised for Church funds was a fantastic £2379-39!

The Season Of Remembrance – Lest We Forget



On a rather damp, grey October afternoon, a number of families gathered in Church to learn more about the Season of Remembrance. Revd Debra began by explaining about the origin of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance; the children then embarked on a variety of Remembrance themed crafts & activities – making poppies out of pipe cleaners, writing letters to the soldiers named on our roll of honour, colouring in poppies to create a poppy wreath and creating peace doves.



Whilst the children were busy, a group of incredibly creative parents got to work to create the wonderful poppy fall which was displayed on the altar throughout the Season of Remembrance, before all heading out into the Churchyard for a 'meaningful meander', working our way through a series of prayer stations where we were encouraged to think about the many different groups of people who would have been involved in or affected by the war.

CCA Litter Pickers Design A Poster Competition

A huge thank you to all those who took part in the Radcliffe Litter Pickers' 'Design A Poster' competition – there are some incredibly imaginative and talented children out there! The winning poster (pictured right) was designed by Roman Murray from Year 3. Look out for Roman's poster, and also the other designs, being displayed around our village in the coming weeks.



Thank You From The Royal British Legion



Each year our open plate collection taken at the main Remembrance Sunday Service is donated to The Royal British Legion; below is an extract from their letter of thanks for the monies given this year.

“Dear Supporters,

I would like to thank you for your contribution of £260.70 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We really appreciate your support for everyone who has served, or is still serving their country and their families, and we’re proud to have you with us.

Vital donations, like yours, make it possible for us to provide much-needed help and support to the many thousands of Service personnel, veterans, and their families who call on us in their hour of need. With the amazing support of people like you, last year we secured over 22,500 grants to beneficiaries of which £1.5 million was for emergency food and clothing, and £2.3 million was spent on mobility needs, ensuring people have independence. Support like yours also helped us to care for older veterans in our Care Homes, and to support carers for people living with dementia through our Admiral Nurses Scheme.

On behalf of the many who will benefit from your kindness, thank you.”

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit, with a fabulous programme of Christmas music provided by Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band.



Enjoy Christmas Classics, mince pies and mulled wine, all in our beautiful candlelit Church.

Saturday 6th December, 7pm; tickets available now; adults £7-50, children £5-00, seasonal refreshments included. For more details or to book tickets contact Alison on 07952-709041, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Churchyard Team - Christmas Wreaths



The churchyard team are once again going to be doing wreaths this Christmas.

To order a wreath, please take an envelope from the back of church (or use your own) and place the completed details in the envelope with the money – cash only. Place the completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church. Please state if you want the churchyard team to place the wreath on a grave for you, or if you wish to collect it yourself.

If you want the churchyard team to do it, please state where the grave is and the names on the grave so we can find it for you. If there is more than 1 wreath to be placed, please state the name & location of each grave.

For wreaths which are to be collected, please write your name & contact details on the envelope with “TO BE COLLECTED”.

As in previous years, the cost will be £11 per wreath; orders must be placed on or before **Friday 5th December**. Collection date for the wreaths is **Wednesday 10th December between 9.30 and 11.30am**. Wreaths will be placed on graves at this time as well.

Please note that we cannot deliver wreaths.

Completed envelopes can also be sent by post (with monies included) to: Jan Hayes – 14 Browns Rd, Bradley Fold Bolton BL2 6RQ (or hand delivered to this address). Any enquiries please call 01204 796404.

Christingle Service 2025 - Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm

Join us for a celebration of the work of The Children's Society. It is a beautiful service where we sing familiar carols and join together to light our Christingle candles as the lights in the Church are turned off. We remember all the children and young people who feel alone and frightened and say thank you to The Children's Society that they are able to help provide support. Services like ours in Ainsworth will be held in Churches up and down the country, helping to fund the important work that is done.



Jesus is the light of the world, and in dark times we need to see a light in the darkness to give hope. Join us as we bring the hope into children's lives. Thank you for your support - Susan Campbell

Make Your own Christingle – A ‘How To’ Guide

If you are planning to come along to the Christingle Service on Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm and would like to know how to make a Christingle read on!

You Will Need:

- 1 piece of roundish fruit
- Red tape or ribbon
- 1 candle
- Small piece of tin foil or foil milk bottle top
- 4 x cocktail sticks
- Dried fruit eg raisins, or soft sweets eg Haribos

Here’s What To Do:

1. Choose your fruit, usually an orange. You might want to cut the bottom off your orange, so it doesn't wobble around.
2. Use red tape (electrical tape or coloured sellotape) to stick around the centre of the orange. If you don't have any tape, you can pin a red ribbon around the centre of the orange or colour a strip of paper in red and then sellotape it in place around the middle.
3. Push a pencil into the top of the orange to make a hole for the candle.
4. Use a foil milk bottle top or cut a square of foil approx 4cm in size then make a slit in it so that it fits over the candle. Position at the base of the candle.
5. Place your choice of fruit (grapes, raisins, sultanas, satsuma segments or your own favourite), and sweets (jelly type sweets work best as they need to be pushed onto the sticks) on the table and carefully thread them onto the 4 cocktail sticks.
6. Push the 4 cocktail sticks into the orange above the red tape. Make sure they point upwards at an angle and do not touch the candle (like this \ /).

Your Christingle is now ready to bring along to the Service. Don't forget there will be a collection for the Children's Society during the Service.



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 . 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.

Christ Church Ainsworth - Grave Cleaning & Maintenance

If you choose to have a memorial stone on your loved one's grave, you are welcome to tend the grave and place flowers yourself, but if you are unable to do so, our Churchyard Team offer a number of options:

- Regular cleaning of headstone £30-00 / year
- Regular cleaning of headstone, flowers placed monthly & wreath placed at Christmas £210-00 / year

For more information about grave maintenance please contact Janet Hayes on 07895-033736.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals



On Sunday 21st December at 6pm, members of Christ Church Ainsworth will once again be joining with members of Ainsworth Methodist Church for a joint Candlelit Carol Service, to be held at Ainsworth Methodist Church.

This was a wonderful 'whole community' gathering last year, and a great way to begin the Christmas festivities.

If you would be interested in joining the Christmas Choir for this Service, rehearsals will be held each Thursday throughout December at 7.30pm at Ainsworth Methodist Church. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join in; no need to book, just turn up.

Just A Thought

Being grateful does not mean that everything is necessarily good. It just means that you can accept it as a gift.

EcoChurch



Caring for our environment isn't limited to our church-based activities; we can all make small changes to our lifestyles which, collectively, would undoubtedly make a difference.

In the coming months we'll be giving you a 'Make a difference' idea each month, letting you know what we're doing to implement these ideas in Church, plus suggesting small changes that you might like to try to incorporate into your own home or daily routine.

Make A Difference - December:

Recycling – *More waste ends up in landfill at Christmas than at any other time in the year. The Churches of our Mission Community already collect & recycle a number of different household products, but there's always more that we could do.*

This December, could you take the opportunity to review and improve your recycling & the opportunities available for recycling in your local area? How about making sure that you don't use sparkly gift wrap; perhaps you could purchase, or make, some reusable gift bags instead of using wrapping paper.

Also, don't forget to check out where 'real' Christmas trees can be recycled; some organisations will collect your tree for a small fee which is usually donated to charity.

Porch Boxes – Christmas Meal Appeal



Throughout Advent, we'll be running a Porch Boxes 'Christmas Meal Appeal'.

Week 1 - we're asking people to donate tins of soup, or something similar that could be eaten as a 'Starter'.

Week 2 – please bring something to be eaten as a 'Main Course' – tins of stew, meat balls, spaghetti etc.

Week 3 – we'd love it if people could bring "Dessert" items eg. tins of rice pudding or tinned fruit.

Week 4 - we're asking for donations of something that's either 'a little extra' (this could be a treat such as a packet of biscuits, a box of cereal), or 'something useful' such as toothpaste or toiletries.

Please give as you are able and help us to support this fantastic local charity.

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The November Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 30th November, with the lucky winner walking away with £20!

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

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

Online Giving

We understand that many people no longer carry cash, however thanks to the wonders of modern technology, we can accept online donations to support the work of our church.

Online giving is done via a website called 'Give A Little'; you can access our page by clicking on the following link:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/4e852de9-3667-426f-ae72-1747784eda0c>

Or by scanning the following QR code with your mobile phone:



Once you've done that, choose the amount you wish to donate – the suggested options are £5, £10, £20 or £50, but there is also an option to click and choose your own amount. Next, simply follow the on screen instructions - fill in your personal details, (if you are a tax payer you can choose to add Gift Aid to increase your donation), then enter your card details. When you're finished, you'll get a 'Thank You' message on screen and you can request a receipt via email for your own records – simple!

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities to reclaim the tax already paid on donations from UK taxpayers.

Did you know your donation could be worth 25% more at no extra cost?

If you're a UK taxpayer, completing a Gift Aid form allows the Church to reclaim the basic rate of tax on your donation. For every £1 you give, the Church receives £1.25.

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:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=gift+aid+declaration+form+pdf&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-gb&client=safari>

Bury Homeless Project – Winter Clothing Appeal



As in previous years, Bury Homeless Project will be running their 'Winter Clothing Campaign', to collect warm clothing for local people who are in need this winter.

Items required include coats, jumpers / fleeces, hats, scarves & gloves – or anything else warm & cosy. Sadly, there are many families who need to access this service, so donations of warm children's clothing are also greatly appreciated.

Please place any clothing donations in the large box in the Church porch; please note that all donated garments must be clean & in a wearable condition.

We are also looking for volunteers to drop off the collected garments at our local drop off point, "The Rose & Crown", on a regular basis. If this is something that you would be able to help with, please speak to Alison or Revd Debra.

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

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 £939-57; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2025?



Raising Awareness – National Robin Day; 21st December 2025

National Robin Day is a time to celebrate the nation's love of songbirds and encourage people to take action to help them through the tough winter months; as temperatures fall and natural food becomes scarce. It can be very hard for songbirds to survive day-to-day.

Why do songbirds need our help in winter?

Winter can be a hard time for robins and all songbirds. Songbirds are suffering massive decline in the UK. Providing them with food, shelter and water in wintertime is one of the ways we can help prevent further declines.

The 3 key challenges for songbirds in the colder months:

Food - Songbirds eat lots of different things including bugs, flower buds, pollen, grasses and fruit berries. In the winter, many flowers and plants die back, and numbers of insects are much lower. When the ground is frozen, birds also struggle to get to worms and other invertebrates that live in the ground.

Water - Although it may feel to us as if it is always raining, during the colder months there are fewer places for birds to find water to drink and bathe, as the small amounts of fresh water they would usually access easily freeze.

Shelter in the cold - As temperatures drop, cold winds pick up and we start to see regular hard frosts in our gardens, birds need shelter to keep warm, conserve energy and stay safe from predators.

What happens to songbirds in a cold winter?

Small birds such as wrens, goldcrests and long tailed tits can be particularly badly hit by extreme cold and frosty weather, because they don't have such high levels of fat reserves, and so struggle to keep warm. When there have been harsh winters, birds that weigh below 10.5g (just over two teaspoons of sugar) have had significant reductions in their numbers.

How You Can Help

Food - Choosing a high-quality bird feed, made for small birds or high in protein, will attract the largest variety of birds into your garden. Fat balls and suet balls and blocks are also a great energy source. One premium high street fat ball can provide enough energy for 17 robins for a day!

You could also share some healthy food scraps, like chopped up apples or pears or finely chopped unsmoked bacon rind. Robins also love Christmas cake!

Refreshing food twice a day is a good rule of thumb. Once first thing in the morning to help the birds replenish fat supplies lost overnight, and late afternoon to get them through the cold night ahead.

Water - Providing fresh, clean water daily will help attract more birds to your garden. It doesn't have to be in a fancy birdbath; birds are more than happy to use a shallow dish or container to drink and wash in. If it's freezing, place a small ball in the dish to help stop the water from icing over. Think carefully about where best to position the water bowl to avoid attack by predators such as cats.

Shelter - Leaving things to get a bit wilder in your garden in the winter months, and leaving fallen leaves on the ground, can give shelter to small birds & also animals.

Numbers of songbirds are at a record low, but small actions can make a big difference. For more info visit [National Robin Day - how you can help songbirds](#)

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News From The Diocese - Authorised Lay Ministry

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community.

ALMs are nominated by their incumbent and PCC for training in line with their parish Mission Action Plan (MAP) and diocesan selection criteria. Once trained they are authorised by the Bishop of Manchester to carry out a mutually agreed ministry role back within their local parish context. An ALM's authorisation lasts for three years after which time it can be reviewed, updated and renewed.

ALM training begins each January with an 8-session Core Leadership Module followed by a 12-session ministry elective course. Current courses on offer include:

- Children & Families
- Community Outreach & Social Justice
- Ecology & Creation
- Mission & Evangelism
- Parish Admin, Finance & Governance
- Pastoral Outreach & Listening
- Prayer & Spirituality
- Worship & Liturgy
- Youth Work

Applications are now open for 2026 courses. Please find more information and details at www.manchester.anglican.org

Mission Community News – Recycling Initiative

Our joint recycling initiative began in July 2024; since then, between us, the Churches of our Mission Community have collected:

- Over 1,000 pairs of unwanted prescription glasses
- Over 4kg of used stamps
- Multiple bags of unwanted bras
- And also raised over £30 for Christian Aid via recycled ink cartridges.

Recycling means that these items are not only being kept out of landfill; they are helping people in the UK and abroad who are in the greatest need.

Advent Zoom Prayers



Once again, the churches of our Mission Community will be coming together for 'Advent Zoom Prayers'.

As previously, the prayer sessions will be held each evening at 6pm on Zoom, for approximately 10 minutes, with each of the churches within our Mission Community contributing. The sessions are generally led by a different person each evening, which ensures a wide variety of prayer themes and approaches to prayer are included.

The Zoom prayer sessions are not only a powerful way of easily praying together but are also a great way to begin to get to know people from other churches; if you haven't already joined in, why not give it a go.

Advent Zoom Prayers begin on Monday 1st December and will be held at 6pm each weeknight throughout Advent, finishing on Tuesday 23rd December. Simply click the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

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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Thank you for your support!

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Prayer Diary



December 2025

1 st	We pray for Revd Marie Pattison, as she is licensed as Incumbent of the Radcliffe Team Churches and starts her new ministry, and a new chapter in the life of these Churches; we pray also for Revd Marie's family.
2 nd	We pray for those who will be leading or attending the events to be held at St. Andrew's, Hillock in the coming days; the sing along session this afternoon & the Winter Wellbeing event tomorrow.
3 rd	We give thanks for the work of The Children's Society and pray that the Christingle Service at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening will be well supported. We pray also for the children & families who will benefit from the money which is raised through Christingle.
4 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
5 th	We pray for those from St. George's, Unsworth who will be litter picking tomorrow morning; praying that they might have meaningful encounters as well as helping their community.
6 th	Praying that the Candlelit Christmas Concert at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening will be a successful event. Giving thanks for all who have been involved with the organisation & planning.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
8 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 th	We pray for those who will be working with children & bringing the Christmas message into schools this festive season; praying that interest will be generated & seeds sown.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
11 th	As members of our Mothers' Union branches support the RISEUP challenge, we pray for all who are victims of, or are at risk, of domestic abuse & gender-based violence.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
13 th	We pray for Revd Irene Thirkell who will be priested at Manchester Cathedral today.
14 th	We pray for all who will be taking part in the Carol Service at Christ Church Walshaw today.
15 th	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.
16 th	We pray for all who will be organising or attending the Anna Chaplaincy Christmas Party this afternoon; giving thanks also for all who volunteer as Anna Chaplains or Anna Friends.
17 th	We pray for the children & staff of schools that will be holding their Christmas Services in Church.
18 th	We pray for all who will be carol singing around their communities this Christmas, & for all who will be holding Carol Services in their Churches.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	We pray for all who will be attending the Blue Christmas event at either Christ Church Walshaw or St. Andrew's, Radcliffe today; praying for all those who find Christmas difficult.
21 st	We pray for all who will be organising or attending the Community Carol Service at Ainsworth Methodist Chapel this evening; giving thanks for good ecumenical relationships in all contexts.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
23 rd	We pray for & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
24 th	Praying for those Churches that will be holding a Crib Service today; praying that the seeds of faith may be sown in young hearts.
25 th	We pray for Christians around the world who will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour today; praying especially for those who live in fear of persecution for the expression of their faith.
26 th	We give thanks for the hard work & long hours given by our Clergy during this festive season & pray that they will find time in their busy schedules to rest. We pray also for all Clergy spouses & families.
27 th	We give thanks for the work of our lay leaders & volunteers at this busy time of year.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
29 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
30 th	We pray for inspiration & guidance as we & our Churches prepare for the year to come.
31 st	We give thanks for all that has been achieved through & by the Churches of our Mission Community throughout the past year.

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



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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 9th December

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





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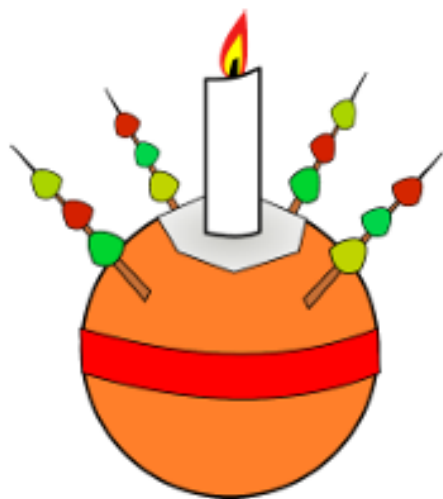
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Next date Thurs 4th December



Christ Church Ainsworth
"Bring Your Own"
Christingle Service



Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm
A family friendly Service suitable
for all ages - everyone welcome!



Mission Community Advent Zoom Prayers Are Back!

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

Starts on Monday 1st December, then each weekday evening throughout Advent @ 6pm on Zoom; simply click on the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=OUU0YlN6b0E0EgpkxkZnRlY2ZDMUJFcz09>

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



Candlelight Prayer



*An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week;
why not join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and
reflection, each Friday at 8pm on Zoom.*

Simply click the following link to join in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

Or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

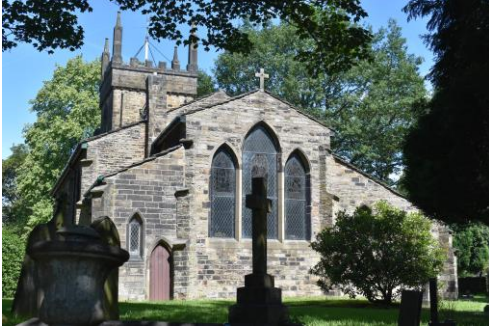
*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the
light that shines within you."*



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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.



Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 6th December 7pm
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Tickets adults £7.50, children under 16 £5,
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Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 9th December

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Mothers' Union - Christmas Meal

Tuesday 2nd December

12.45pm Rose & Crown

Christmas Spirit

Thursday 11th December

1.15 - 3pm, Christ Church Primary School

Join us for an afternoon of mulled wine, mince pies & Christmas songs. To

reserve your place Tel: 01204-527484

Cuppa, Cakes & Company

Thursday 4th December 2 – 3.30pm

Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

Participate in board games, dominoes, table tennis & jigsaws or just come for a chat. Cost is £2.00 payable on the day.

Community Carol Service

Sunday 21st December

6pm, Ainsworth Methodist Church

Once again we will be joining with members of Ainsworth Methodist Church & Harwood Methodist Church for our Community Christmas Carol Service – everyone welcome.

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 6th December

7pm, Christ Church Ainsworth

Once again, we'll be joined by members of Farnworth & Walkden Band for an evening of seasonal entertainment. More info & tickets coming soon.

Ainsworth Methodist Church Christmas Afternoon Tea

Saturday 13th December

2 - 4pm, Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

Tickets £12 adults, Children under 16, £6.

To request tickets or for more info email fionajbelli@hotmail.co.uk

Around The Organisations ...

Join Us & Join In!



At our first meeting in November, we enjoyed a lively discussion around the theme that 'We are all one, in God'. Galatians 3:28: (NIV) *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

We look forward to our Christmas meal on 2nd December at the Rose and Crown. We will meet at 12.45pm in time for a 1.00pm start. Thank you all for paying promptly; it's so helpful on the day.

This will be the last time that we will meet up as a branch before Christmas.

The Diocesan Carol Service will be held at St Ann's Manchester on Monday, 8th December at 11.00am. It is always a most enjoyable event, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.

Save the date - **Christmas Appeal 2025**

This year's Christmas Appeal will launch on Tuesday 2nd December at 12 noon. We're fundraising for the Kingdom Savings & Credit Programme, which empowers women to support each other by creating self-managed savings groups.

Miriam, a 65-year-old grandmother of 16 from the Diocese of Soroti, is one of the women whose life is being transformed through the KSC programme.

Each week, she and her neighbours meet to save money, share ideas, pray together, and grow their small businesses. Miriam now runs a cereal selling business. With the income she earns, she's paid school fees for her grandchildren, hired labour to tend her garden, improved her home and even purchased bulls to grow her farming income.

Help women like Miriam break the cycle of poverty and save for a new tomorrow.

This Christmas, your donation can create true, lasting change for women and communities in Uganda. There's never been a better time to give. Between Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th December, every online donation will be doubled thanks to the Big Give. That means your gift will go twice as far, helping twice as many families build a future filled with dignity, security, and hope.

Finally, on behalf of all members, may I wish all readers a Joyful Christmas - Jennifer White

1057 Mile Challenge – Fundraiser



Ainsworth Scout Group

1,057 Mile Challenge

Equivalent of journey from

Ainsworth Church Hall
to
Camp Nerager, Denmark

Scouting is a family trait - with both my parents being involved for over 60 years, you could say I was born into it. I have been involved in Scouting all my life, but officially since I turned 18, which is well ... quite a while ago.

Every couple of years since 1995 I have been taking my Scouts and Explorers abroad in the summer for an adventure holiday. We have visited places like Spain, Austria, Switzerland, and France.

A couple of years ago, to raise money, I undertook the 50 miles in 50 days challenge. Thanks to everyone's support I raised nearly £3000 which was used to support two young people travelling to Austria on a Scout Trip that they otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend.

For our next adventure, we are travelling to Denmark in 2027, and again I am going to undertake a walking challenge – a bit further this time 1057 miles!!! This is the distance to our accommodation in Denmark.

So, my challenge is to walk the 1057 miles between 1st August 2025 and 1st July 2027 – it works out at 10 miles a week.

I can hear you saying, **“well that’s not far”**.

Trust me, for most normal people that is true. However, I am a mid-50's, overweight, unfit, Type 2 diabetic and the kind of person who gets in the car to travel the 0.3 miles to the local shop!!! So this is definitely a challenge for me, both physically and mentally.

Along with doing the walk I am hoping that this challenge will help me get fitter and lose much needed weight.

The way the fundraising works is that people sponsor me in a 20 mile block, i.e miles 61 to 80. You only pay me once I have completed the final mile of your block.

If you would like to sponsor me to support our local young people, please drop me a message on either 07742-610281 or email me on scouts.ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks - Stacey

From the Archives – December 2000

In December 2000 the Parish Diary included a whole host of Advent and Christmas themed activities & services; the Deanery Advent Service kicked things off, closely followed by Christingle (which was held within a Church Parade Service), the Parish Carol Service, the School Christmas Service and, finally, a joint Mothers' Union and Church Women's Fellowship Carol Service.

The Parish News continued with a list of requests and reminders related to the festive season, including information about the Parish Christmas lunch which was to be held at Whalley Abbey. Also in the Parish News was the shocking report of a break in at Church, resulting in a hefty bill for repairs to damage incurred.

The various groups and organisations were all busy with plans for Christmas parties and trips out, but in addition, the Church Women's Fellowship were planning a Coffee Evening (to include entertainment); Rainbows had completed a 'Keep Fit' challenge; 12th Brownies had held an Asian themed evening involving sampling Asian dishes and Henna painting; 16th Brownies reported that 2 of their helpers Mrs Barbara Leigh and Mrs Susan Campbell, had respectively been named as Little Owl and Barn Owl; Beavers had completed their Challenge badge; Cubs had completed their Road Safety badge; and School had held a well supported Christmas Disco, although they reported a disappointing turn out for their Autumn Quiz.

In December 2000, there were 3 Baptisms, 1 Wedding and 1 Funeral recorded from the previous month. Communicants for the previous month was listed as 335; collections were listed as £1915.

Christmas Traditions - Advent Calendars

Like so many Christmas traditions embraced in the UK, the Advent calendar dates back to Victorian times and actually comes from Germany.

The first known advent calendar was created in the late 1800's for a child named Gerhard Lang by his German, Protestant mother. Inspired by his memories of the squares of cardboard with pinned tiny sweets she made to eat over the Advent period, Gerhard then went on to form a printing company that produced the first ever commercially available Advent calendars, featuring 24 little windows that could be opened, one for each day of Advent, and behind each window was a picture or poem related to the Nativity story.

With the outbreak of World War II, cardboard became rationed in Germany, it was forbidden to produce calendars with pictures at that time, and Lang was forced to close down his business.

After the war, Richard Sellmer of Stuttgart created a calendar based on a more traditional winter town scene, calling it "The Little Lown".

By 1946, Sellmer had taken up commercial production of Advent calendars and was producing them en masse.

The first chocolate Advent calendar appeared in 1958, with Cadbury joining the race in 1971 and launching its own version in the UK. Cadbury produced Advent calendars intermittently from 1972 to 1986, but it wasn't until 1993 that they really took off.

Impressively, the Advent calendar company set up by Sellmer still operates today, producing over 140 different varieties of Advent calendar.

Space To Share A Prayer - Christingle Prayer

Lord,
We thank You for the light in our lives,
For those who give us love and hope.
We thank You for the Children's Society
As it brings light to children and young people
Who feel unloved or without hope.
Help us to always be a light shining in the darkness,
So that we can share the love of God
With those around us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world – Amen.

A Hymn For Christingle



The Christingle begins with an orange,
Like the world which the Lord God made,
For creation is full of God's glory:
All around we see God's love displayed.

Chorus: Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle,
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle,
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Every year we give thanks for the seasons
And the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
That the love of God is everywhere. *Chorus:*

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
We remember his birth again,
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
Tells the story of his cross and pain. *Chorus:*

To complete the Christingle; a candle,
Telling us of the world's true light,
For the darkness shall not overcome it;
Jesus shines on through the darkest night. *Chorus*

Time For A Smile - Christmas Cracker Jokes

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?	<i>A Holly Davidson!</i>
What do you call a cat in the desert?	<i>Sandy Claws!</i>
What is green, white, and red all over?	<i>A sunburnt elf!</i>
What's Santa's favourite type of music?	<i>Wrap!</i>
What's a snowman's favourite Mexican food?	<i>Brrrrrr-itos!</i>
What do you call a blind reindeer?	<i>No idea!.</i>
What do Santa's elves learn in school?	<i>The elf-abet!</i>
What do snowmen eat for breakfast?	<i>Frosted Flakes!</i>
What do the elves cook with in the kitchen?	<i>U-tinsels!</i>
What goes Santa spend his wages on?	<i>Jingle Bills!</i>
Why does Santa go down the chimney?	<i>Because it soots him!</i>

Things To Look Out For In December – Pied Wagtail



The Pied Wagtail is a delightful small, long-tailed and rather sprightly black and white bird. When it's not standing and frantically wagging its tail up and down, it can be seen dashing about over lawns or car parks in search of food. It often calls during its bouncing flight and can be seen

gathering at dusk to form large roosts in city centres.

Pied wagtails eat insects but will feed on seeds and even rubbish in winter. They flock together at warm roost sites like reedbeds and sewage works, or trees and bushes in city centres.

The numbers of wagtails in the UK is on the increase; typically pairs will nest 2 or 3 times during the summer months.

Mistletoe



Mistletoe is a small semi-parasitic evergreen shrub which forms large spherical balls up to 1m wide in the tops of trees. Mistletoe leaves, stems and berries are all poisonous.

Mistletoe has white flowers which are made up of four tiny petals and form in clusters of three to five.

Mistletoe is dioecious meaning male and female flowers are produced on separate plants.

It produces a waxy, white berry which grows in clusters of two to six. The seeds inside are coated in a sticky substance which sticks to the beaks of birds feeding on the fruit. The birds then either wipe the substance off on a branch, or eat it and excrete it on trees in their droppings. The gluey pulp around the seed hardens and fastens the seed in place. As the new mistletoe plant grows, the roots penetrate the bark and start to take water and nutrients from the tree.

Straplines

Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace of mind.

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

Many things are opened by mistake, but none more so than a person's mouth.

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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Christmas Eve

(This poem was printed in the December 2000 Parish Magazine)

Expectancy hung in the air,
For it was Christmas Eve,
Once more the season of goodwill,
To give and to receive.
The presents gaily wrapped and tied
From friends and family,
Are neatly placed in little piles
Beneath the festive tree.

And there beside the tiny crib
The Christmas candle stood,
Casting beams upon the figures
Carved in olive wood.
Then joyful carol singers came
And sang outside the door,
Their money boxes jingling,
Collecting for the poor.

The Christmas star up in the sky
Brings sense of mystery,
The air is filled with angel wings,
Or so it seems to me.
And from across the village green
The Church bells peal and chime,
Welcoming the Saviour's birth –
For this is Christmas time.

Kathleen Gillum



The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

T U R K E Y A N D T I N S E L

Code Words

If the following numbers: 3 8 18 9 19 20 13 1 19
Spell the word CHRISTMAS, can you crack the code to work out
which festive words the following numbers spell?

3 18 1 3 11 5 18

20 9 14 19 5 12

19 20 15 3 11 9 14 7

20 21 18 11 5 25

(Answers on page 45)

Dec ...

All of the answers to the following clues include, but don't necessarily
start with the letters ...D E C ...

1. The floor of a ship or boat
2. To come to a conclusion
3. A period of 10 years
4. A shortened version of a healthier cup of tea or coffee
5. To make a statement or pronouncement
6. One who improves the appearance of rooms
7. To reduce, deteriorate or grow smaller
8. A type of tree that sheds it's leaves in the Autumn
9. Uncertainty or doubt
10. Surgery to remove the thyroid

(Answers on pg 45)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
7 th December 10.30am	Mags Gillman	Lillian Haworth	Jenny Johnson
14 th December 10.30am	Jan Burrow Barbara Clarkson	N/A	School & MWP
21 st December 10.30am	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Revd Bob May	Andrew Lowe
24 th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion	Churchwardens	Chris Haworth	Alison Hartley
25 th December 9.00am Christmas Day	Alison Hartley	Alison Hartley	Clergy
28 th December 10.30am	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	Jenny Johnson

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
7 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Jenny Johnson	Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12
14 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	School & MWP	All Age Christmas Service
21 st December 4 th Sunday of Advent	Lorraine Holden	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25
24 th December Christmas Eve Midnight Communion	Alison Hartley	Isaiah 9; 2-7 Titus 2; 11-14 Luke 2; 1-20
25 th December Christmas Day	Alison Hartley	Pg 54 Hebrews 1; 1-12 John 1; 1-14
28 th December 1 st Sun of Christmas	Gwen White	Isaiah 63.7-9 Hebrews 2.10-18 Matthew 2.13-23

Who's Who

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 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 1st Sunday

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Answers to Code Words: Cracker, Tinsel, Stocking, Turkey

Answers to Dec ... Quiz: 1) Deck; 2) Decide; 3) Decade; 4) Decaf; 5)
 Declare; 6) Decorator; 7) Decline, 8) Deciduous; 9) Indecision; 10)
 Thyroidectomy

Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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	group.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	01204 595378
Beaver Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
Cub Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
Scouts' 14 th Radcliffe	Fridays at 7.45pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
Explorers	Friday 7.30 – 9.30pm; in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
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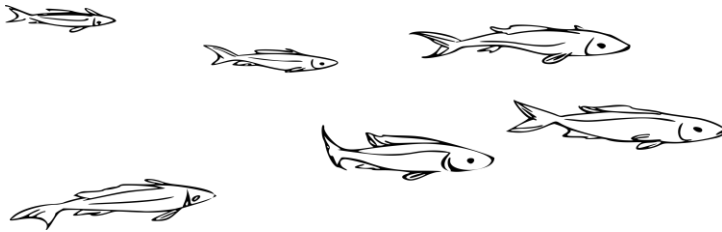


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Little Fishes

Nativity!



Nativity!

There were shepherds out watching their sheep,
On a mountainside rugged and steep,
When they saw a bright star
Shining out from afar,
There were shepherds out watching their sheep.



When they saw that bright star shining out,
They all wondered what it was about;
But they knew they must stay
Or the sheep would all stray
When they saw that bright star shining out.



There were angels up high in the sky,
And they sang that a new king was nigh;
'All you shepherds must go
Seek the babe down below',
Sang the angels up high in the sky.



But the shepherds were feeling afraid,
And so sat by the camp fire they stayed;
Keeping safe, keeping warm,
Keeping out of the storm,
All the shepherds were feeling afraid.



But the angels said, 'Leave your sheep here,
They will come to no harm, never fear;
'Tis a wonderful thing,
The child's born to be King',
Said the angels, 'Now leave your sheep here'.



So, the shepherds set off through the night,
Led along by the star's shining light;
There they left all their lambs,
Left their sheep and their rams;
As the shepherds set off through the night.



When they came to the stable below,
Shining bright in the star's silver glow,
There the new baby lay
In a manger of hay,
When they came to the stable below.



All the shepherds knelt down on the floor,
They could not quite believe what they saw;
Mary, gentle and mild,
Rocked and sang to the child,
As the shepherds knelt down on the floor.



Far away, by the light of a star,
Wise men journeyed from countries afar,
For a dream had told them
Thy must reach Bethlehem,
Far away, by the light of a star.



So, they journeyed by night and by day,
The bright star always leading the way;
On the long, dusty road
Each a camel he rode
As they journeyed by night and by day.



They passed cities and towns as they went,
Always travelling the way they were sent;
Each a present did bring
For the new baby King,
Passing cities and towns as they went.



But the Wise Men said, 'This can't be right!'
As the star came to rest, shining bright,
Nothing great, nothing grand,
Just a stable and sand ...
And the Wise Men said, 'This can't be right!'



But the angels sang out up above,
With a message of wonder and love;
Then the Wise Men all knew
That their dream had come true,
As the angels sang out up above.



As they knelt down and worshipped the King,
In the heavens the angels did sing;
From their cloaks lined with fur
They brought gold, incense, myrrh
As they knelt down and worshipped the King.



In that stable a long way away,
T'was the start of the first Christmas Day;
In that old cattle stall,
Christ was born for us all;
In that stable a long way away.



A Hartley



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DO YOU LIKE HELPING OTHERS?

Volunteer Requirements:

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- ✔ Patient, reliable & flexible
- ✔ No age limit
- ✔ Access to your own car

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