

# Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



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## Parish Diary July 2025

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise  
 Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Summer Quiz (Church & Community Hall)

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
 12.15pm Baptism of Maeve Batchelor  
 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee & Conversation (*Ainsworth Church & Community Hall*)

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise – Mission Community Litter Picking

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm Open Church & Organ Recital

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 8.00am BCP Communion  
 10.30am View From The Pew

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
 12.15pm Baptism of Annabel Middleton  
 6.30pm Be Still

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am School Leavers' Service

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Wild Worship

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 8.00am BCP Communion  
 10.30am Holy Communion (*followed by refreshments & drawing of the July Lucky Lotto*)  
 12.15pm Baptism of Freya Fitzpatrick

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Wild Worship

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## AUGUST

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
 1.30pm Baptism of Isobel Broxon & George Rigby  
 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

## Interregnum Update

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6; 9.*

It seems hard to believe that it's almost two and a half years since Christ Church Ainsworth moved into interregnum; equally incredible is the amount that our Church has achieved during that time. It's been wonderful to see how people have taken on new roles and responsibilities, tried different things, embraced new ideas, and pulled together to support one another and our Church.

But sometimes we all get weary. Sometimes we all wonder just how long this interregnum will go on for. Sometimes we all wonder what anyone is doing about it ...

There are many, many verses in the bible that offer encouragement during tough times, but St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 6 v9 sums things up perfectly; as long as we remain steadfast in our actions, our efforts will bear fruit.

The bible offers endless wisdom on maintaining our drive and purpose, emphasising the importance of perseverance and strength, reminding us that our commitment to God's calling fuels our motivation. By reflecting on these verses we can reignite our motivation, reaffirm our commitment, and continue to push forward together even in times of uncertainty and challenge.

Other suggestions that can be found in St. Paul's letters to the early Church are equally relevant to our current situation. St Paul's advice to those first Christians was:

Reflect on your purpose - take a moment to revisit the reasons you started. Remembering your purpose can reignite your passion and clarify your goals.

Seek spiritual support - reach out to fellow believers for encouragement and prayer. Community can offer the strength you need to keep going.

Pray for strength - ask God for guidance and the endurance to face challenges. Sometimes, simply vocalising our struggles can bring peace and clarity.

We massively appreciate everything that people are doing to support our Church through this vacancy and totally understand that folk are tired after such a long time, but ... let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

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

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; how on earth can it be July already?? Before we know it, the Summer holidays will be over, the children will be back at school, and we'll be planning for 'you know what'!!

Talking of Summer holidays, there are a huge variety of events coming up, both within Church and the wider community in the coming months; in this month's Parish Mag, you'll find information about the Summer Quiz Night, Ainsworth Village Day, Wild Worship and a Bugs & Bees Family Event, alongside all of our usual activities.

Busy times indeed, and we can look forward to reading the various reports which will follow each of these activities.

As always, the best way to keep up with the dates and times of the various activities is to keep an eye on the weekly Pew sheet

Enjoy this month's magazine; if your group or organisation has something to report, or you'd like to include an article in a future edition, please get in touch at [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)

*Alison*

## **From The Registers**

Baptisms:

We welcome to the family of God:

8<sup>th</sup> June                      Rubi-Lee Garner

8<sup>th</sup> June                      Isla Elspeth Harrison

Weddings:

We offer the Church's congratulations to:

21<sup>st</sup> June                      Emily Sowerby & James Turrell

Confirmation:

Congratulations also to: Keeley Clarke, Rubi Garner, Jacob Goody & Isla Harrison, who were Confirmed by the Rt Revd Dr Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **Flower Rota**

6<sup>th</sup> July                      Mr. G Hampson

20<sup>th</sup> July                     Mrs. J. Ainsworth

## Forest Church At Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School



Forest Church is a form of outdoor worship, and a way to connect with God through creation, encouraging awareness of nature and thankfulness for the world around us. The theme for our worship activities at this first event was “Love one another, just as I have loved you”.

After weeks of planning alongside Amelia, our ManDio Growing In Faith Assistant Deanery Enabler and members of staff at Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School, the day of our very first Forest Church arrived! On a windy & somewhat chilly morning, coats were fastened, walking boots put on and the various Forest Church workstations were set out on the school field in readiness for the first class.

Each class began their session with a time of quietness where the children were encouraged to think about what they could hear, feel and see around them, followed by a prayer of thankfulness. The classes then divided into 4 groups and headed across to the outdoor workstations where they made friendship bracelets to be given to someone as a symbol of caring; designed & created prayer stones depicting things that they loved, or things where they felt love was needed; decorated salt dough hearts to hang on the newly designated outdoor prayer tree; and made handprint prayers - using precut handprints the children wrote their own name on the palm depicting themselves being held in the palm of God’s hand, and then wrote the names of people they love or wanted to pray for on the finger parts of the prints.

By the end of the afternoon the sun was shining as the whole school came together for a time of outdoor worship and the ‘launching’ of the new CCA School Prayer. Members of the Worship Team spoke briefly about what they had been doing throughout the day, before leading the whole school in the School Prayer & finally rounding up with a brilliant whole school rendition of “My God Is A Great Big God”.

What a great day! It was wonderful to be able to involve every class in this event, and hopefully it’s something that the children will remember, and an initiative that school and our Church can work on together again in the future

Huge thanks must go to Mrs. Comac for all her hard work in preparing for this day, the staff at CCA school for their support and enthusiasm,

and also to the folk who helped out with the workstations throughout the day – we couldn't have done it without you!

## 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 - July:**

**Helping Out In Hot Weather** – *Many creatures and insects need help during spells of hot weather; hedgehogs might struggle, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are less available; bees may become dehydrated; small mammals need access to water for drinking; birds also need water both to drink and to help to maintain their plumage. As part of the Eco garden within the churchyard we have a shallow dish of water for passing creatures to access.*

Could you leave a shallow tray of water out for small creatures, birds and insects to access? It also really helps if you can place a few small twigs or leaves in the water to ensure there's a way for insects to climb out if they fall in.

**Sharing Eco-Tips** – When it comes to 'Eco', many of us will have our own ways of 'making a difference'. If you have an 'Eco-Tip' that others might be able to try, why not jot it down and add it to our Eco-Tips board in Church.

## CCA Litter Pickers



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of June was our third joint litter picking session with Christ Church Ainsworth School. After a very wet morning, the clouds parted, and a small group of children & grown ups all armed with litter pickers, bags and gloves, spent 45 minutes litter picking on the park and streets near to school and church, before heading back to Church for a much-needed drink and multiple chocolate biscuits.

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## Summer Quiz Night



If you feel like giving the old 'grey matter' a bit of a workout, why not come along to the Summer Quiz Night on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30 for 7pm at Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. £8 / person, includes hotpot supper (please bring your own drinks & snacks). For further info or to book your place contact Jan on 07950-960468; all proceeds towards the running & upkeep of Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.

## Open Church Afternoon & Organ Recital



To support Ainsworth Village Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we'll be having an 'Open Church' afternoon from 12noon – 3pm with refreshments, organ recital & chat.

If anyone would be willing to help out on the day, please jot your name down on the sheet at the back of Church.

If anyone would be able to bake some cakes / biscuits for us to serve at this event they would be very gratefully received. These could be brought to Church on the morning or dropped off in advance by prior arrangement – please speak to Alison for more info (07952-709041)

## Wild Worship

Wild Worship is back!

Why not join us for family friendly outdoor worship in our lovely Churchyard this summer. Starts Weds 23rd July at 6.30pm, then each Wednesday evening throughout the summer holidays; our theme this year will be 'animals in the bible'!



## Bugs & Bees Family Event



Why not join us for an afternoon of family friendly fun at our 'Bugs & Bees' event on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 1.30 – 3.00pm.

Follow our 'Bee Trail' around the Churchyard; discover fascinating facts about bees and other pollinators & learn how we can all help them; join in with bee themed craft activities and have a go at our bugs & bees quiz.

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## Confirmation 2025

We offer our congratulations to Keeley Clarke, Rubi Garner, Jacob Goody & Isla Harrison who were Confirmed by The Rt Reverend Dr Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton, at Christ Church Ainsworth on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.



## Whit Sunday Community Celebration

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in or supported this event in any way – after a number of years celebrating Whit Sunday separately, it was great to see members of Christ Church Ainsworth, Ainsworth Methodist Church, our Uniformed Organisations and members of our wider community coming together to worship and celebrate this special day once again.



## Scouts Fundraising Coach Trip

Fancy a day out in the Lake District? We will be visiting both Ambleside and Bowness on Saturday 5th July. Travelling by executive coach, leaving Ainsworth around 8am and arriving back at approx 6.30pm. Lots of things to do, places to see & nice places to eat in both locations. Tickets cost £27, under 5's go free. For more info visit <https://tinyurl.com/Lakes-Coach-Trip>

## The Nicene Creed - Celebrating 1700 Years

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the original development of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed is a summary of core Christian beliefs regularly used in worship; it originally dates from the year 325 when it was agreed by the First Council of Nicaea.

Part of the purpose of developing the creed was to give expression to the understanding of God as Trinity; this means that Christians believe in one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since 325, the creed has been modified, expanding particularly on the description of the Holy Spirit. Some of these modifications were not accepted by all churches and remain a point of disagreement between western and eastern churches. The Nicene Creed is nevertheless the



most widely-accepted creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries.

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.*

*Amen.*

For more info about the Nicene Creed or 'We Believe' resources, visit [The Nicene Creed | The Church of England](#)

## Prayer Opportunities At Christ Church Ainsworth

Alongside our regular Services, there are many different opportunities for prayer at Christ Church Ainsworth:

**Prayer Tree** – feel free to write a short prayer on 1 of the paper leaves you'll find in church, then hang your leaf on our Prayer Tree.



**Transforming Prayer Community** – a diocese-wide community that seeks to connect and reconnect us with this simple vocation to pray. For more info or to sign up, visit [www.manchesteranglican.org](http://www.manchesteranglican.org)

**Quiet Prayer Time** – our Church is open most Wednesday afternoons between 2.30 – 4pm for quiet prayer & reflection.

**Jesus Prayer Hour** – via Zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Candlelight Prayer** – via Zoom each Friday at 8pm

For more info email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)

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

The June Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, with the lucky winner walking away with £21!

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.

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

We currently have 27 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 £936-00; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2025?



## **Raising Awareness – International Plastic Bag Free Day; 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

International Plastic Bag Free Day is an annual event that advocates for the reduction and eventual elimination of single-use plastic bags. Plastic bags are one of the most common pollutants, often ending up in oceans and waterways where they pose a threat to marine life and ecosystems. The day promotes the use of reusable bags, cloth bags, and other sustainable alternatives, and it encourages people to take action in their communities to reduce plastic waste.

International Plastic Bag Free Day was established as part of the larger Break Free from Plastic movement, which aims to reduce plastic pollution worldwide. The day was first observed in 2009 and has since become an important event in the global environmental calendar.

### **Ways to take part:**

**Switch to Reusable Bags:** Commit to using reusable bags when shopping and encourage others to do the same. Keep a few reusable bags in your car or bag so that you always have one on hand.

**Organise or Join a Cleanup Event:** Community cleanups help to remove plastic bags and other litter from local parks, beaches, or waterways. These events help reduce pollution and raise awareness about the impact of plastic waste.

**Educate Others:** Use social media or community events to share information about the environmental harm caused by plastic bags and the benefits of using sustainable alternatives.

**Shop Sustainably:** Choose to support businesses that prioritise sustainability by using eco-friendly packaging and offering alternatives to plastic bags.

**Spread the Word:** Share your efforts and experiences on social media. Encourage friends, family, and followers to join you in reducing plastic bag use and promoting sustainable living.

## **Mission Community News – Litter Picking Event**

Don't miss out on the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Litter Picking Event, which will be held on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-7.30pm.



Each Church will host their own event so that it's relevant to their congregation and wider community.

As well as being a great outreach opportunity, this event will feed into our EcoChurch journey as individual Churches and also as a Mission Community.

### **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.*

### **News From The Diocese – Foundations For Ministry Course**

Applications are now open for the next Foundations for  
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Foundations for Ministry is an exciting and vibrant course open to  
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and space to understand what that means and looks like for them.

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## Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



July 2025

1 <sup>st</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	We give thanks for the life & loving spirit of Gill Critchley, a much-loved member of All Saints, Stand, whose funeral will take place today. Praying also for members of Gill's family & friends at this time.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	On International Plastic Bag Free Day, we pray that by raising awareness of the environmental damage caused by plastic pollution, people would be encouraged to reduce plastic consumption.
4 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for members of St. Andrew's, Radcliffe PCC, who will be on an away day tomorrow, praying that this time together will be encouraging & fruitful to all.
5 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the parents & Godparents of the children who will be baptised at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe in the coming month, that this may be just the beginning of their journey of faith.
6 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be involved with the annual Gift Day at St. Andrew's, Hillock today; that members of the church & wider community would prayerfully consider what they may be able to contribute in terms of time, talent & finance to support the ongoing work of this church.
7 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
8 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for all those who tend our graveyards, church grounds & green spaces.
9 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for everyone who will be involved in the Mission Community litter picking event this evening and on Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July; that as well as helping to care for the environment, those involved might have meaningful encounters.
10 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
12 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the congregation and all volunteers at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
13 <sup>th</sup>	We pray & give thanks for all those who are preparing to run events & activities for children & families throughout the summer break; that the seeds of faith may be sown through these initiatives.
14 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who are involved with Wiggle Tots at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe; praying also that new families might begin to attend & that the group would grow in faith & in numbers.
15 <sup>th</sup>	On St. Swithin's Day, we pray for farmers & for all who make their living from working the land.
16 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for members of Christ Church Walshaw PCC who will be meeting tomorrow; that the Holy Spirit would guide them as they discern how to progress ideas that came from their PCC away day.
17 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for St John's school leavers and that the children and Staff all have a good summer and a well-earned rest.
18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
19 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be organising or attending the annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at St. George's, Unsworth today; that this will be a well-supported & successful event which brings the Church & wider community together in friendship & faith.
20 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
21 <sup>st</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for all who will be part of the School Leavers' Service at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that the seeds of faith sown in young hearts will continue to grow as they move on to High School.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for Sarah Howard, as she retires as head teacher at Christ Church Walshaw School.
24 <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.
25 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for all who provide ministry within local hospitals, hospices & care homes.
26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
27 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the members of Clergy who will be taking holidays over the summer months – that they may return rested & refreshed.
28 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who will be running the breakfast club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the summer months. Praying also for the children & families who access this resource.
29 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
30 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the families who will be part of Wild Worship at Christ Church Ainsworth throughout the summer months; that they might grow in faith & in their appreciation of God's wonderful world.
31 <sup>st</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.

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

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### **Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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Everyone welcome.

### **Open Church & Organ Recital**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**12 - 3pm Christ Church Ainsworth**

To support Ainsworth Village Day, our Church will be open for refreshments & chat from 12 – 3pm, with organ recital 1.30 – 2.30pm.

Everyone welcome; no need to book, just turn up!

### **Cuppa, Cakes & Company**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### **Ainsworth Village Day**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon onwards**

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### **Ainsworth Church & Community Hall Quiz Night**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 for 7pm**

**Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

£8 / person, hot pot supper included. For more info / to book your place contact Jan on 07950-960468

### **CCA Art Exhibition**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30**

**Ainsworth School Church Hall**

A wonderful display of artwork illustrating learning & creativity; unique pieces created by the children at Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School.

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### **CCA Litter Pickers**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.15- 4pm**

Meet outside school, finish at Church for a drink & a biscuit. All equipment provided; children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## Around The Organisations ...

### Join Us & Join In!



Where is this year going?! It seems like no time at all since we were at the start of the year looking ahead to our new triennium and our new theme of 'Join Us and Join In' and now here we are entering into the second half of the year.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June as a number of members were away. As many of you are no doubt aware, my mum's knee replacement that was scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June had to be rearranged, so at the time of writing she has yet to have it but hopefully by the time that you are reading this, she will be in the early stages of recuperation.

With any luck this month our meetings will be back to normal. We will be meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at our usual time of 2.30 p.m. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July is our 'Summer Outing' and we will be going to Falshaw's Farm, Rowlands Road, Bury. As this will be for lunch, we will be meeting there at the earlier time of **12.30 p.m.** As with all meetings, non-members are very welcome, but please let either myself, Jennifer or Jean know if you'd like to come, to make sure that they can accommodate us.

The annual Mothers' Union 'Summer of Hope' campaign is now well underway and hopefully members have received their mailing from Mary Sumner House containing a small packet of sunflower seeds with a powerful message:

*In war-torn regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo, mothers and families are being forced to flee violence. In fear for their lives, they often leave everything familiar behind - except for their children and a handful of seeds.*

*These seeds aren't just for survival. They're a symbol of faith, a sign that hope can still grow, even in the harshest conditions.*

*This summer, we invite you to take part in our Summer of Hope appeal - a season of giving, praying, planting and fundraising to support women who are rebuilding their lives through literacy, faith, and community.*

We will be sharing more of the work of the campaign at our meetings in the Church Hall over the coming months, so do come along to hear more about it.

Within the deanery, our annual deanery 'get together' will be at St. James, Woolford, Elton, Bury, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2 p.m. Admission is £2.00. Help is needed in the kitchen during and after the event to wash up etc. Any help will be gratefully appreciated. If anyone is able to bring a cake, that would also be much appreciated. If you are able to help, please let us know so that we can inform Tricia, our Deanery Leader. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon.

Looking further ahead, in July our former diocesan president Christine Sharp is to be commissioned in her new role as our Provincial President, at York Minster on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11 a.m. There will be a coach going from Bury at 8.30 a.m. and returning for approximately 6.00 p.m. at a cost of £15 per person. If anyone wishes to go, please contact Jennifer, Jean or myself a.s.a.p. and we can put you in touch with the office which is coordinating the transport.

Andrew Lowe

### **Thank you from Fortalice**

A couple of weeks ago we received a letter from Gill Smallwood, CEO of Fortalice, thanking Mothers' Union members and our wider congregation for supporting them. You may remember that part of the RISEUP Challenge involved MU members holding a bucket collection at our morning Service last November; some of the money raised from this was used to purchase Easter Eggs for the resident families within Lewis House Refuge.

*Gill wrote, "... I would like to thank you for your kind donation of 23 Easter eggs for the resident families in our Refuge at Lewis House. It is wonderful to be able give the children here Easter eggs at this time of year.*

*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."*

Once again, a big thank you to members of our congregation who supported us with this initiative – it's great to be able to support such a worthy cause.

Jennifer White

### **Just A Thought**

Birds begin each new day with a song.

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

The term started with a party to celebrate a significant birthday for one of our Leaders, and we also welcomed two new Guides, Phoebe and Scarlett.

This half term we have started a new skills builder badge, “Live smart”. This has meant that we have planned an event and are going to use some of the ideas in our sleepover at the end of term. Later, due to lack of space in the kitchen, the group was split, with some making a tomato sauce from scratch, whilst the others used their sewing skills to make and decorate a pencil case. And, in an activity to see if the most expensive is always the best, we test-tasted chocolate mini rolls, crisps and blackcurrant squash – and the results in some cases were quite surprising.



To recognise the significance of V.E. Day, we looked at what Guides may have done in the war – making stretchers, first aid, fire fighting and making shelters amongst other things. At Church Parade, celebrating VE Day, Elise and Esmi carried the flags, with Lucy, Grace and Rubi escorting, and Rubi did the reading.

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

## From the Archives – July 2000

The sketch on the inside cover of the July 2000 Parish Magazine depicted a Summer fair type gathering – possibly a reference to Ainsworth Village Day, or maybe just a piece of ‘seasonal’ artwork.

Alongside all of the usual Services, the Parish Diary for July 2000 included a Deanery Millenium Service to be held at St. Mary, Radcliffe.

News From The Parish included a note from the Treasurer acknowledging donations to the value of £837-50 from the Gift Day held at the beginning of the previous month, and a short item from the Churchwardens, advising that the Diocesan Archivist had recently surveyed and inspected the Parish Registers and Records. It was recommended that items over 100 years old should be transferred to the Diocesan Records Office, where they would be stored safely, but available for inspection by members of the public if required.

In other news, Mothers' Union members had hosted the Deanery Festival, which by all accounts had gone extremely well; plans were underway for a visit to Manchester Cathedral later in the Summer; the Church Women's Fellowship had held a successful Coffee Morning; 12<sup>th</sup> Radcliffe Brownies had enjoyed an amazing time on Pack Holiday; Beavers had visited 'Eureka!'; Cubs had taken part in a millennium camp at Ashworth Valley; and Scouts had climbed Beacon Fell.

In July 2000, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Alex Hood (a Server) age 14yrs. In July 2000 there were 4 Baptisms and 1 Funeral recorded from the previous month, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 404; collections were listed as £1512.

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## Popular Traditions – Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday, marks the beginning of the Trinity season, also known as 'Ordinary Time', when the focus of the Church moves away from the big feast days and festivals to the ongoing life of the Church and the continuing love of God.

Trinity Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, is a Christian feast day dedicated to honouring the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is a unique moment in the Church calendar, as it is the only major Christian feast day which is focused on a theological doctrine rather than a historical event.

Whilst there are no specific traditions relating to Trinity Sunday; many Churches will hold Choral Evensong or similar sung services; Choir Concerts / musical recitals are also a common feature of worship on Trinity Sunday. Offering of Communion and use of the Nicene Creed within worship are also a way of connecting with the three in one doctrine which is fundamental to the Christian faith.

## Space To Share A Prayer – Trinity Sunday

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are the triune God: the Author of creation, the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ revealed and rejoice in the glory he shared with us. Glory and praise be unto you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## A Hymn For Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!



Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

*(Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta 1823-1826)*

## Things To Look Out For In July – Skylarks



The Skylark is a small brown bird, larger than a sparrow but smaller than a starling. It is streaky brown with a small crest – which can be raised when the bird is excited or alarmed – and a white-sided tail. The wings also have a white rear edge which is visible in flight. The Skylark is known for its impressive display flight, flying vertically up to 300ft into the air, and its unique song.

The Skylark is found across Britain & Ireland and can be heard singing its song on high at any time of the year on sunny days, but in the summer months, and particularly the first weeks of July, the song of the Skylark becomes a force of nature.

Skylarks can lay up to four clutches of eggs per year, however, in reality this is often limited by agricultural intensification, and the switch from spring to autumn crop sowing in many areas. This switch may also reduce overwinter survival due to loss of winter stubbles.

The Skylark is one of 19 species that make up the UK Farmland Bird Indicator. As a group, these species are amongst our most declining birds, and Skylark numbers have fallen precipitously since the mid-1970s, making it a 'red list' bird. However, the latest UK population trend indicates a small upturn in this species' fortunes.

## Six Spot Burnet Moth



The only British burnet moth with six red spots on each forewing, the Six Spot Burnet Moth is a day flying moth that flies with a slow buzzing flight during sunshine and is attracted to a range of flowers which blossom in July & August; particular favourites include thistles, birds foot trefoil & knapweeds. During the summer months, the six spot burnet moth frequents flowery grasslands, cliff-edges, woodland rides, roadside verges and sand-dunes, but can also be seen in gardens where there is an abundance of wildflowers.

### Seen Above The Door Of A Church

*O God,*

*Make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need  
human love, fellowship, and a Father's care,  
And narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.*



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

### St. Swithin's Day

'In this month is St. Swithin's Day,  
On which, if that it rain, they say,  
Full forty days after it will,  
Or more or less, some rain distil.  
This Swithin was a saint, I trow,  
And Winchester's bishop also,  
Who in his time did many a feat,  
As popish legends do repeat:  
A woman having broke her eggs,  
By stumbling at another's legs,  
For which she made a woful cry.  
St. Swithin chanced for to come by,  
Who made them all as sound or more,  
Than ever that they were before.  
But whether this were so or no,  
'Tis more than you or I do know.  
Better it is to rise betime,  
And to make hay while sun doth shine,  
Than to believe in tales and lies,  
Which idle monks and friars devise.'

*(Poor Robin's Almanac 1697)*

### Time For A Smile

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning.  
When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!"  
"Why not?" asked his mother.  
"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me.  
Two, I don't like them."  
His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go  
to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the Vicar!"

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The  
Vicar placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign  
saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is  
watching. On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where  
one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies  
you want -- God is watching the apples."



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## The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

**O R D I N A R Y T I M E**

### Groups Of Three Quiz

1. Visitors who are associated with Epiphany
2. Fairytale creatures who had a go at house building
3. 'Weird Sisters' who featured in a play by Shakespeare
4. A song by The New Christy Minstrels
5. Fairytale animals that enjoyed eating porridge
6. Challenging outdoor racetrack in Wigan
7. Nursery rhyme birds who went swimming one day
8. Neoclassical sculpture by Antonio Canova
9. The butcher, the baker & the candle stick maker
10. Visually impaired nursery rhyme creatures

### Can You Name:

1. The Three Musketeers
2. The Three Stooges
3. The Three Fates in Greek Mythology
4. The Three Amigos
5. The Three Wise Monkeys
6. The Three Theological Virtues

### What Do You Call Three:

1. Dots at the end of a sentence?
2. Times a year?
3. Strokes under par on a single hole in golf?

(Answers on page 42)

## Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity	Mags Gillman	Jan Burrow	Clergy
13 <sup>th</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun After Trinity	Jan Burrow Barbara Clarkson	N/A	Alison Hartley
20 <sup>th</sup> July 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity	Sue Campbell Barbara Clarkson	Peter Holden	Jenny Johnson
27 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun After Trinity	Jean Elis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	David Holden

## Reader's Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Enid Horrocks	2 Kings 5.1-14 Galatians 6. 7-16 Luke 10.1-11,16-20
13 <sup>th</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Alison Hartley	Amos 7.7-17 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37
20 <sup>th</sup> July 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Peter Holden	Amos 8.1-12 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42
27 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Gwen White	Hosea 1.2-10 Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 11.1-13

## Just For Fun ...

Q - What is a building contractor's favourite hymn?

A – 'The Church's One Foundation'!

## Who's Who

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 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

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Answers to Three Quiz: 1) 3 Wise Men, 2) 3 Little Pigs, 3) 3 Witches, 4) 3  
 Wheels On My Waggon, 5) 3 Bears, 6) 3 Sisters Circuit, 7) 3 Little Ducks, 8)  
 3 Graces, 9) 3 Men In A Tub, 10) 3 Blind Mice.

Answers to Groups of Three: 1) Athos, Porthos & Aramis, 2) Moe, Larry &  
 Curley, 3) Clotho, Lachesis, Atropos, 4) Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, Martin  
 Short, 5) Hear no evil, See no evil, Speak no evil, 6) Faith, hope & charity.

Answers to What do you call three ... 1) Ellipsis, 2) Triannual, 3) Albatross

## Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 John Turner	01204 381590
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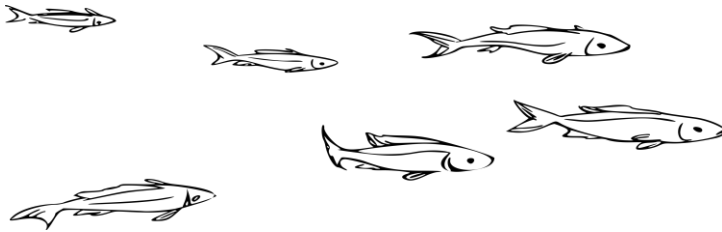


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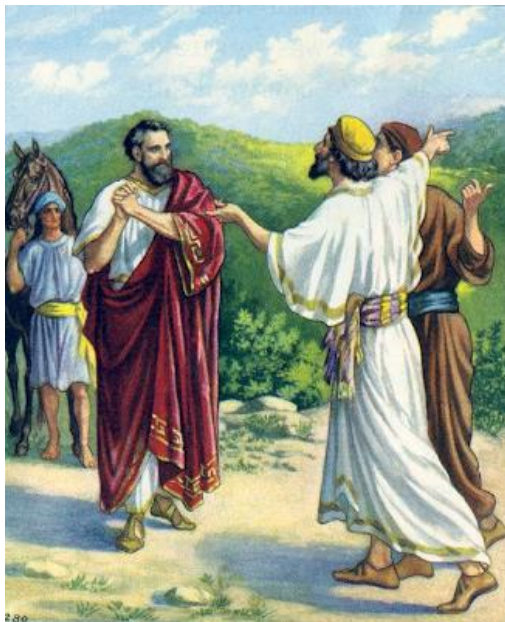
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# Little Fishes

Jesus Heals The Nobleman's Son



## Stories Of Jesus

The Bible is a collection of stories that help us to learn about God and God's dealings with people, right from the beginning of the world. The first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament; this part of the Bible was written before Jesus was born.

The second part of the Bible is called the New Testament; this part of the Bible tells us all about the life and death of Jesus, about the things that He did, and about the people that knew Him.

### **Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son**

If you look in the Bible, you will find this story in the Gospel of John chapter 4, verses 45-54.

Lots of people who lived in the country of Galilee wanted to see Jesus; they had heard about his first miracle at Cana, where he turned water into wine, and they had also heard about the things he had said and the amazing things he'd done in Jerusalem during the Feast of the Passover.



The people of Galilee had heard that Jesus and his disciples were on their way, and they were hoping that Jesus might stop and talk to them as he had done in other towns and villages; secretly some of the people were probably hoping that Jesus might perform another amazing miracle for them.

But one man couldn't wait until Jesus arrived - instead he set off, in the hope that he might meet Jesus on the road as he and his disciples travelled along. This man lived in Capernaum, a city that had been built on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He was one of the rulers in that city, he was wealthy and lived in a grand house and had lots of servants to look after himself and his family. Because of all his money and belongings, this man was known as a 'nobleman', but he was very different to many of the other noblemen who lived in Capernaum - those noblemen were arrogant and proud; they thought they were better than other people, and



they often treated their servants very badly. The nobleman who set off hoping to meet Jesus, was kind and gentle, and he believed in God, and he and his family prayed to God every day.

In the eyes of the poor who lived near his home he was a wonderful man, because he was kind to them and helped them and did not despise them, unlike many of the other rulers of that time.



A great sadness had come upon the nobleman and his family; his little son lay ill with a burning fever, and the doctors could not make him well - in fact the doctors were pretty certain that the little boy was going to die. When the nobleman heard that Jesus was travelling near to Capernaum, he decided to try to find this wonderful prophet and beg him to come to Capernaum to heal his son; and so, he left his home one night and hurried to Cana, where Jesus was.

When the nobleman found the place where Jesus was staying, he asked to see the wonderful prophet of Galilee. He told Jesus about his sick child lying at home at the point of death, and he asked Jesus to go with him to Capernaum to heal the child.



But Jesus answered, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe that I am sent of God."

The nobleman was desperate for Jesus to help him; he cried out, "Sir, if you do not come at once, my little son will be dead by the time we reach my home!"

Then Jesus spoke kindly to the nobleman and said, "Return to your home without me, for your son will not die."

The nobleman believed and trusted the words that Jesus had said - Jesus had said that the child should be well again. He set off quickly making his way back towards Capernaum. When he came near to his house, his servants came running out to meet him; they had wonderful news -



they said, "Your son is no longer sick! The fever has left him, and he is sleeping peacefully"

"At what time did he begin to get well?" asked the nobleman. And the servants replied, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour of the day."

The nobleman knew that Jesus had spoken to him at that very hour, and he absolutely believed that it was the power of Jesus that had saved the life of his son.

When the nobleman told his story to his family and the servants, his whole household, too, believed in Jesus and praised God.



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