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Parish Diary June 2025



THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Sun 1st 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Weds 4th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sun 8th 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Whit Sunday Celebration (*Joint Service with Ainsworth Methodist Church; starts at Christ Church followed by a walk down to the Methodist Church for food & fun*)

6.00pm Confirmation Service at CC Ainsworth
 Tues 10th 10.30am Coffee & Conversation (*Ainsworth Church & Community Hall*)

Weds 11th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise
 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sun 15th 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Be Still

Weds 18th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sat 21st 2.30pm Wedding of Emma Sowerby & James Turrell

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 22nd 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion

Weds 25th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

Sat 28th 7.00pm Summer Concert with Choral Ensemble
 "Notability".

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 29th 10.30am Holy Communion (*followed by refreshments & drawing of the June Lucky Lotto*)

JULY

Weds 2nd 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 6th 10.30am Holy Communion
 12.15pm Baptism of Maeve Batchelor
 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Parish Update

“In order to see God’s church grow, we should use the means God has given to us ... “

As we approach the Day of Pentecost, Church Growth seems an obvious topic for our Parish Update; on the Day of Pentecost, Jesus’s followers spoke to the crowds who were gathered; they were so fervent in spreading the good news of God’s Kingdom, that over 3,000 people were baptised in that one day!!

Whilst this is an extreme example, preaching the Gospel *is* one of the ways in which God grows His church. But that doesn’t just have to be a member of Clergy giving a sermon in Church on a Sunday, or volunteers handing out leaflets to passers-by; each of us can share the good news - in the way that we behave to others and the way that we live our lives.

Added to this there is also prayer. Again and again in the book of Acts we find the early Christians praying; seeking God’s guidance, God’s reassurance, and God’s help.

A well-known quote from former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, states “When I pray co-incidences happen. When I don’t, they don’t.”

So, what if we all used the means that God has given us and prayed really hard for people that we know to come to know Jesus or return to Jesus?

That’s exactly what we’re invited to do throughout Thy Kingdom Come – the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. During this time Christians throughout the world will be praying for five people that they know to come to know Jesus or to return to Jesus; we have some great resources available in Church this year, to help people to take part in this global initiative.

What if we took that one step further ... as well as praying really hard, and trying to share the good news in the way we live our lives; what if each of us asked one person who doesn’t currently attend Church, to come along to one of the many social / community activities that we have planned throughout the summer months? What if some of those people are simply waiting for someone to invite them along?

“In order to see God’s church grow, we should use the means God has given to us ... “

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, it seems impossible that June brings us halfway through another year; time flies when you're having fun!

The summer months do indeed bring many opportunities to 'have fun' – in addition to our regular reports and updates, in this month's magazine you'll find details of our joint Whit Sunday Celebration with our friends at Ainsworth Methodist Church; our Summer Concert featuring local choral ensemble 'Notability'; a Summer Quiz Night to be held in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; an Open Church event plus Organ Recital; and a 'save the date' for Ainsworth Village Day.

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

Alison

From The Registers

We welcome to the family of God:

4 th May	Millie Commins
11 th May	Beau George Fairclough
25 th May	Emily Armstrong
25 th May	Thaon Smith & Lakelan Smith

We commend to God's keeping:

16 th May	John Maudsley
22 nd May	Peter Horrobin

Flower Rota

1st June	Mrs. Holden
15 th June	Scout Group
29 th June	Mrs. Atkinson

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration



It was wonderful to see so many members of our local community joining us to 'Ring For Victory' on Thursday 8th of May, as we joined Churches across the country to ring our Church bell for 10 minutes.



Following our 'Church bell ringing relay', we then walked around the outside of the church whilst ringing our hand bells, shaking tambourines, or anything else that would make a suitable amount of noise!

A huge thank you to Ainsworth Brownies & Rainbows who joined us for this historic event, and especially to the brownies who then placed flowers on the graves of those who lost their lives during the 2nd World War.



As a follow on to the VE Day theme, the children who attend Midweek Praise wrote prayers for peace.



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 - June:

Helping Pollinators – *In our Churchyard we have a variety of native plants & flowers which attract bees & butterflies. Our churchyard team avoid mowing the areas where there are wildflowers to help to attract these pollinators, but also to allow the flowers to blossom & then seed.*

Could you create a 'no-mow' area in your garden to allow wildflowers and grasses to grow and blossom?

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 1st of May was our second joint litter picking session with Christ Church Ainsworth School. Once again it was a glorious sunny afternoon – almost a little too warm!! 9 children and 5 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.

Our next litter pick will take place on Thursday 5th June from 3.15 – 4pm; why not join us and help to keep our village tidy.

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Whit Sunday Community Celebration

For many years the folk from Christ Church Ainsworth & Ainsworth Methodist Church came together for a shared Walk Of Witness

on Whit Sunday, however the restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that many of our congregation are less able than they once were, means that this tradition has lapsed in recent years.

Sunday 8th June 2025, the Day of Pentecost, will see our Churches coming together once more to mark this special occasion. We'll be meeting at Christ Church Ainsworth for shared worship at 10.30am, then walking down to Ainsworth Methodist Church for food, fun & fellowship.

Everyone is welcome to join us for what promises to be a great day of celebration. For those who are less mobile, please feel free to drive down to the Methodist Church or even head straight there & meet us as we arrive at around 11.30am.



Spring Fair

A huge thank you to the Social Committee, the ABC Team & everyone who helped to make the Church Spring Fair a successful event; the total amount raised was £1566-98!

Summer Concert



Join us for an evening of musical entertainment by local Choral Ensemble, "Notability". Saturday 28th June, 7.30pm in Church. Tickets; adults £7-50, children £5; refreshments included. Available in Church, or by emailing ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize for this event, please leave it on the back pew in Church – thank you.

Thy Kingdom Come 29th May – 8th June 2025



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

Praying for five people to come to know the love of Jesus, is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. There are lots of ways to do this. You could write down the names of the 5 people you're praying for on your phone, on your mirror or on a little card as a reminder to pray for them throughout the day. You could use a band and tie 5 knots, each one representing your 5 or maybe each time you drink a cup of tea or coffee, you could remember to pray for them. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking – holding one person each day in prayer then praying for them all collectively on the last day.

Thy Kingdom Come Zoom Prayers

Once again, the Churches of our Mission Community will be coming together for Thy Kingdom Come Zoom Prayers, which will take place each evening at 6pm, starting on Friday 30th May. Prayers will be led by a different Church each evening and will last no more than 10 mins. Simply click the following link to join in; everyone welcome <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOz09>

The Day Of Pentecost – Sunday 8th June 2025

After Jesus had ascended to heaven, his friends remembered what he had told them and returned to Jerusalem to wait for his promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

On the 10th day, Jesus's friends and disciples were gathered together praying, when a strange and wonderful thing happened; from out of nowhere came the sound of a rushing wind, tongues of fire appeared to flicker and touch the head of each person in the room, and everyone there was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages which they had never learned!

The disciples went out into the streets and began to preach the good news of Jesus and the love of God; the people who heard them were amazed when they heard them speaking in so many different languages. Some people were thrilled to be hearing the good news in their own language; other people didn't understand and thought the disciples were drunk.

But then Peter stood up and started to speak to all the people; he explained that no one in the room was drunk and that what they were seeing and hearing was the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peter spoke to the people about some of the prophecies in the Old Testament.

He spoke to them about the teachings of Jesus; he told them that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they needed to accept Him; he told them that they needed to repent of their sins and be baptized, and he explained that if they turned away from their sins and accepted Jesus Christ, they too could receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

On that one day, more than three thousand people became believers in Jesus and were Baptised!

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

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 4th Tuesday of each month

Candlelight Prayer – via Zoom each Friday at 8pm

For more info email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The May Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 25th May, with the lucky winner walking away with £14-50!

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

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

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

We're aware that not everyone carries cash with them, so 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!!



Did you know it costs around £1,300 per week to run & maintain our Church?

That's around £186 per day!!

You can make a donation directly into our Church bank account: Christ Church Ainsworth PCC, Sort Code: 08-92-99
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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!

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Please sign up to support us on easyfundraising today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/ainsworthpc/ivcmuo/c2s/FzJmq30s/CE014/facebook/>

We currently only 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 £932-22; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2025?

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Almost 6,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use

easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping, book holidays, book trains tickets, book flights, purchase car or home insurance, plus many other online transactions - at no extra cost to you! These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ainsworthpc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-rbd21-e1

Raising Awareness – World Refill Day; 16th June



World Refill Day takes place on 16th June, but it's about more than just raising awareness; it's a Global Day of Action dedicated to inspiring a reuse revolution across the world. The aim is to stop waste via single use plastics, before it starts.

How can I help? Many items now come with a 'refill' option; hot drinks to go, fresh milk, even salads and other food items. Why not take part in the #5daychallenge; it's simple: for five days, from Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June, try a new way to reduce single-use waste each day; maybe you could refill your water bottle rather than buying bottled water; maybe you could use a thermal cup instead of buying a disposable plastic / paper one with your brew; maybe you could buy loose fruit / veg rather than plastic wrapped items; even using a bag for life is a 'tick' for this challenge

Small changes can make a big difference – and by taking part, you'll join a movement demonstrating that reuse and refill is easier than you think.

For more info, or to sign up for the #5daychallenge visit: [Take Action for World Refill Day - Refill - Join the Refill Revolution](#)

Mission Community News – Prayer Journey 2025

Many thanks to all who took part in the annual Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Ascension Day Prayer Journey.

Despite the heavy over night rain, by the time we were assembled at Christ Church Walshaw for our Celtic Morning Prayer Service, this had settled down to a gentle drizzle.

9 intrepid walkers set off across the fields from Walshaw to Ainsworth, being reminded as we walked of how lucky we are not only to live in such a wonderful, green part of the world, but also to have the

freedom to walk through the fields and footpaths and to worship and express our faith without fear of persecution.

Refreshments awaited us at Christ Church Ainsworth, followed by a further time of prayer before a group of 11 walkers set off across the fields en route to St. Andrew's, Radcliffe for more prayer, plus chocolate to sustain us for the final leg of the Prayer Journey.

Abley guided by Ken, our group of walkers set off down 'the banana path' – because it bends like a banana (obviously!), arriving at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe for lunch, followed by a Communion Service led by Bishop Matthew.

As always, there was a great feeling of unity and fellowship at this event; if you haven't yet managed to join us, why not get it in your diary for 2026!

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 – Archdeacon's Visitation Service

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service for our Deanery will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bury at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th June 2025; during this Service, Churchwardens across the Archdeaconry are admitted to Office. PCC Members and Sidespeople are also encouraged to attend, to affirm / reaffirm their willingness to serve.



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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



June 2025

1 st	We pray for all those who will be taking part in Thy Kingdom Come 2025; we pray that friends, family members and members of a wider communities would come to know Jesus.
2 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
3 rd	We give thanks that all of our Churches have now held their AGMs; we pray for those who have taken on a new role within their Church & for those who continue to serve their Church in an existing role.
4 th	We pray for all who will be part of Forest Church at Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School today; that seeds of faith might be planted & that those taking part would be inspired to love one another.
5 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.
6 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide Pastoral Care; members of Clergy, Pastoral Visiting Teams, Anna Chaplains & Anna Friends.
7 th	We pray for all who will be part of the Community Day at St. Bernadette's School today; praying especially for those from St. Andrew's, Hillock, who will be representing The Food Pantry.
8 th	We pray for those who will be Confirmed by Bishop Matthew at Christ Church Ainsworth today, that this may be the start of their journey of faith.
9 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 th	We give thanks for all who hold Office within our Churches & pray for those who will be sworn in as Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Bury Parish Church this evening.
12 th	We pray for all young people who will be finishing their exams this month.
13 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
14 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide Funeral Ministry throughout our Mission Community.
15 th	We pray for those from St. Andrew's, Hillock who will be travelling up to Lindisfame in the coming week; that they may find encouragement & spiritual refreshment.
16 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Task Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
17 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
18 th	We pray for those Churches that remain in vacancy, & for the people who are leading them.
19 th	We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
20 th	On World Refugee Day, we pray for all who are displaced by circumstances which are beyond their control. We pray for increased awareness of the situation of refugees & the dangers they face.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We give thanks for the congregation and all volunteers at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
24 th	On World Refill Day, we pray for increased awareness of the need to prevent plastic pollution, to help people live with less waste and to help make single-use plastic a thing of the past.
25 th	We give thanks for all who hold Office within our Churches & pray for those who will be sworn in as Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Bolton Parish Church this evening.
26 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
27 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
28 th	We pray for all those who will be Ordained within Manchester Diocese this weekend; giving thanks for the work that they do & praying that they will be blessed & guided in their future ministry.
29 th	We pray especially today for Irene Thinkell, who will be ordained at Manchester Cathedral today. We ask God's blessing on her & on her ministry within the Churches of the Radcliffe Team.
30 th	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
31 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.

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

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Thy Kingdom Come

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 Friday 30th May, then each evening throughout Thy Kingdom Come (excluding Sundays) @ 6pm on Zoom; simply click on the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYUjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>





CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!



- Only £1/ticket
- To enter simply fill in your '50/50 Lucky Lotto' ticket, then place it in the box at the back of Church.
- Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church on the last Sunday of each month; the winner will receive 50% of that month's ticket sales!!
- Tickets available at the back of Church
- You can also enter by BACS payment or standing order, for details email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- All proceeds to Church funds

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 29th June.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 10th June

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





CCA Litter Pickers



First Thursday of the month
3.15 - 4pm

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

Equipment provided.

Children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult.

Next date Thurs 5th June.





CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH

Presents

A Summer Concert with

NOTABILITY
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7.30pm

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COME & JOIN THE WHITSUNDAY CELEBRATION!!

Sunday 8th June from 10.30am

- *Meet at Christ Church
Ainsworth for shared worship*
- *Process to Ainsworth
Methodist Church for food,
fun & fellowship.*

**Why not join us as we come
together to celebrate -
everyone welcome!**

Summer Quiz Night

Everyone's welcome, so come join the fun - No brainiacs needed!

SATURDAY 5TH JULY



Quiz starts 7pm
Doors open 6:30pm



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Tuesday 10th June

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Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Concert

Saturday 28th June

7.30pm Christ Church Ainsworth

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Cuppa, Cakes & Company

Thursday 5th June

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 12th July

To support this community event, we’ll be holding an Open Church Afternoon from 12 – 3pm, with refreshments & Organ Recital. More details coming soon.

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 5th July 6.30 for 7pm

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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CCA Litter Pickers

Thursday 5th June 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!



We did it! What a surprise when I received, on behalf of the Branch, the Bronze Award certificate for our support of the Rise Up Campaign. Thank you to everyone who supported us in many ways.

Now.....what about the Silver Award? Watch this space!

At our All Members Meeting at the beginning of May, we reviewed the year so far and made plans for the future, including the date and venue of our Christmas Meal!

On Tuesday, June 3rd at 2.30pm in the Church Hall we look forward to hearing a reflection on 'The Environment; how did we get where we are?' This will be led by Susan. Everyone is welcome.

The venue for our meeting on the 17th will be confirmed in early June.

Advance dates for July: Annual Deanery get together will be at St James, Woolford, Elton, Bury, on Saturday 12th July at 2pm.

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.

Bring and share cake; we always seem to excel at this. There will also be a raffle.

If you are able to help, please can you let Jean know and she can inform Tricia, our Deanery Leader.

Later in the month, on the 25th July at 11.00am, Christine Sharp will be commissioned in York Minster as York Provincial President.

Everyone will be welcome. There will be a coach going from Manchester at 8.30am and returning for 6.00pm at a cost of £15 pp. If anyone wishes to go, please contact me ASAP and I can put you in touch with the office.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – June 2000

The sketch on the inside cover of the June 2000 Parish Magazine depicted a Pentecost scene – a group of people were talking as tongues of flame licked down around them; excellent artwork as always!

Alongside all of the usual Services, the Parish Diary for June 2000 included a Parish Gift Weekend, a Patronal Festival & the annual Walk of Witness. On the day of the Patronal Festival, the Rt Revd. David Gillet, Bishop of Bolton was to preach and preside at the morning Service, this was to be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall, and finally a Songs of Praise Service in the evening to round the celebrations off.

News From The Parish included a number of thank yous for support following the death of a loved one; a brief report from the APCM; and news of the forthcoming Archdeacon's Visitation.

In other news, the uniformed organisations had taken part in the District St. George's Day Parade; Beavers' had been learning about Road Safety & the Green Cross Code; Cubs had enjoyed a successful Father & Son camp; Brownies were preparing to head off to Pack Holiday; whilst Guides had been out & about playing rounders & cooking on campfires.

In June 2000, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Natalie Papworth (a Server) age 14yrs. In June 2000 there were 3 Baptisms, 2 Weddings, and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 462, collections were listed as £2029.

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Popular Traditions – Pentecost

With its focus on God's Spirit being poured out on believers, Pentecost is one of the most popular days for baptisms and confirmations in the Church's year.

Pentecost is also referred to as Whit Sunday; traditionally in the North and North West of England, this day was a time when Whit Walks were held. Whit Walks have their roots in the 19th century, where they began as processions of Sunday school scholars. Nowadays the Whit Walks generally include parishioners, clergy, uniformed organisations, and often a marching band, with the focus on celebrating the Church and bringing local communities together.

Space To Share A Prayer – Pentecost

Lord, give us the ability to speak
not in languages of hate or greed,
complacency or discontent,
but in love and peace,
mercy and kindness;
in generosity and benevolence,
in humility and patience,
and in truthful words of encouragement - Amen



A Hymn For Pentecost

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains,
Forever shall abide!

(S.J. Stone 1866)

Things To Look Out For In June – Great Spotted Woodpecker



Not afraid to make itself heard, the Great Spotted Woodpecker is equipped with a toolkit that makes it a true woodland specialist. Its strong beak and shock-absorbing skull are perfect for finding food and making its home among the trees.

The Great Spotted Woodpecker is generally about the size of a Blackbird, with striking black and white plumage. It has a very distinctive bouncing flight and spends much of its time clinging to tree trunks and branches, its presence is often announced by its loud call or by its distinctive spring drumming display. The male has a bright red patch on the back of the head and young birds have a red crown.

Insects are the great spotted woodpecker's main source of food; it uses its powerful beak to hammer holes in tree bark and then extracts beetle larvae with its long, flexible tongue. Caterpillars, adult beetles and spiders are also taken, and in spring, the chicks and eggs of smaller birds are often eaten. The great spotted woodpecker targets species that nest in tree cavities as it can use its beak to access

these spaces. Nuts and seeds are also an important food source, particularly in winter.

Listening out for the great spotted woodpecker's distinctive drumming is the easiest way to tell if the species is around. You might also see the holes woodpeckers have made in tree trunks when hunting. Sightings in woodland are often fleeting, as these birds can be shy of humans; the best views are often available in gardens, where woodpeckers are attracted to feeders containing nuts, seeds and suet.

Iris



The large, sunshine-yellow flowers of the yellow iris can be found along the margins of waterways and ponds, and in wet woodlands, fens and saltmarshes. Often mingled among other reedbed plants, its large, bright yellow flowers appear between May and August; they are thought to be the inspiration for the fleur-de-lis symbol, which is used in heraldry and also by the Scouts.

How to identify

The yellow iris has tall reed stems that are sometimes branched. Its long, narrow leaves are grey-green and sword-like and may droop at the ends. Its large, yellow flower petals fold back on themselves and hang down around the outer edges of the flower.

Iris Meaning: Faith, hope and valour.

This divine connection gave the iris a sacred status, making it a symbol of faith and hope. It came to represent trust in the divine and the hope for better things to come. Even today, the iris often features in religious art, symbolizing the heavenly messages carried by the goddess Iris.

Straplines

Think once before you speak, twice before you act, and three times before e you post on social media.

It's better to be roughly right than precisely wrong.

To err is human, but to mess things up in a really big way requires a committee!



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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Our Hymn Of Thanks

Thank you for our village, Lord,
The places where we play,
Thank you for our friends at school,
The things we do each day.

The farmers all around us,
The lambs we see at play,
The horses and the cattle,
The fun we have with hay.

Chorus: Thank you for our village, Lord etc

The workers in the woodyard,
The mason's down the lane,
The bustle in the high street
With puddles in the rain.

Chorus: Thank you for our village, Lord etc

Our doctor and the postman,
The people in our school,
The plumber and the joiner,
The fisher by the pool.

Chorus: Thank you for our village, Lord etc

The church so old and peaceful,
The bells that call to prayer,
The cubs and all the brownies
Who often gather there.

Chorus: Thank you for our village, Lord etc

Please make us truly thankful
For such a lovely place,
To look on hill and moorland,
We thank you, Lord of grace.

Chorus: Thank you for our village, Lord etc

The above verse was composed by the children of the Day School in 1975 and was sung to the tune for 'All Things Bright And Beautiful'. According to a previous copy of the Parish Magazine, the children that wrote the words were: David Moynihan, Edward Firth, Susan Wilson, Michael Bates, John Kirkman, David Bulcock and Leon Bunnell, all of whom were pupils in Mrs. Allen's class.

(Whilst I wasn't part of the class that wrote these words, I do remember singing this hymn on Sermons Sunday, as part of the Sermons Sunday Choir led each year by Mrs. Lord. Does anyone else have memories or photos of 'bygone times at Ainsworth' that they would be willing to share with readers? Ed)

Just A Thought

Look back and remember: He was with you;
Stand still and realise: He is with you;
Walk forwards and trust: He will be with you always.

Time For A Smile

An orthopaedic surgeon was moving his equipment to a new office and asked his secretary to move a display skeleton with great care. She managed to lift it on to the front seat of her car and drove carefully across town. Stopping at some traffic lights, she noticed a driver in the car next to her was staring in disbelief. She wound down the window and shouted across, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office." The other driver shouted back, "I think it's too late."

Puzzled by his first lesson on evolution, young Johnny arrived home from school and said, "Mum is it really true that I am a descendant of apes, monkeys and gorillas." She replied, "I don't really know darling, I never knew any of your father's family."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she said, "Grandpa, did God make you?" He answered, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago." She paused, then said, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" Grandpa told her that God made her just a little while ago. The little girl looked up and said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

W H I T S U N T I D E

Ascension Quiz

The answers to all of these questions contain the word PENT ...

1. Someone who makes things out of wood
2. The tempter in the Garden of Eden
3. A volatile, oily, pungent liquid often used in mixing paints
4. The expression of true remorse for something you have done
5. Someone who competes in a competition with 5 different parts
6. To have exceeded one's income
7. Not to express or feel any remorse
8. A talisman or 'magical' object
9. An oxide containing 5 atoms of oxygen in its structure
10. Something that is used up; a battery maybe
11. A shape with 5 sides
12. A luxurious flat on the top floor of a tall building
13. A system of government by five rulers
14. A line of verse consisting of 5 metrical feet
15. The collective name of the first 5 books of the Bible

Five Quiz

1. The recommended quota of fruit / veg per day
2. A series of children's books by Enid Blyton
3. To raise & slap hands in greeting
4. Pop group who had a number 1 hit with 'I want you back'
5. Fruit Juice blend created by 'Minute Maid'

(Answers on page 38)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
1 st June Sunday After Ascension	Mags Gillman	Peter Holden	Clergy
8 th June Whit Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Scouting Group	N/A	Children
15 th June Trinity Sunday	Sue Campbell Barbara Clarkson	Lorraine Holden	Jeny Johnson
22 nd June 1 st Sun After Trinity	Jean Elis Christine Shaw	Beryl Sixsmith	David Holden
29 th June 2 nd Sun After Trinity	Jan Burrow Barbara Leigh	Barbara Clarkson	Andrew Lowe

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
1 st June Sunday After Ascension	Peter Holden	Acts 16.16-34 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17.20-26
8 th June Pentecost	Children	Whit Celebration
15 th June Trinity Sunday	Lorraine Holden	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15
22 nd June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Beryl Sixsmith	1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39
29 th June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Jenny Johnson	2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14 Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62

Just For Fun ...

Q - What is a dentist's favourite hymn?

A – 'Crown Him With Many Crowns'!

Who's Who

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 10.30am Family Service, 2nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 1st Sunday

Weds 6.30pm Mid-Week Praise

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Answers to Pent Quiz: 1) Carpenter, 2) Serpent, 3) Turpentine, 4)
 Repentance, 5) Pentathlete, 6) Overspent, 7) Unrepentant, 8) Pentacles, 9)
 Pentoxide, 10) Spent, 11) Pentagon, 12) Penthouse, 13) Pentarchy, 14)
 Pentameter, 15) Pentateuch

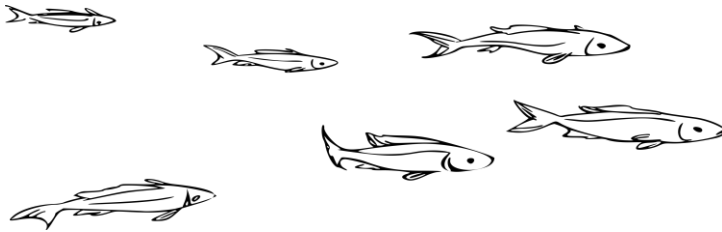
Answers to Five Quiz: 1) Five A Day, 2) Famous Five, 3) High Five, 4)
 Jackson Five, 5) Five Alive

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 John Turner	01204 381590
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The Samaritan Woman At The Well



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.

The Samaritan Woman At The Well

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

Between Judea and Galilee was a little country called Samaria. This country used to belong to the kingdom of Israel, but strangers from other lands came into that country and made their homes there; these people became known as 'Samaritans'.

Unlike the Jewish people, the Samaritans didn't worship God at the temple in Jerusalem, instead, they built a temple in Samaria and worshiped there. The Samaritans became bitter enemies of the Jews.



Samaria was right on the road that led from Jerusalem to Galilee; the road was smooth and easy to travel on, but instead of taking this quick, easy route, the Jews used to take the long road, which meant going across the Jordan River, then along the border of the land where the Samaritan people lived, to make sure that they avoided seeing any of the Samaritan people.

Although Jesus was a Jew, he didn't join in with this attitude towards the Samaritans; he knew that God loved the Samaritans just as much as He loved any other people, and so, Jesus and his disciples decided to take the shorter road back to Galilee and travel through Samaria.

Jesus and his friends travelled along the road until they came to a little town called Sychar; close to this town was a wayside well, which had been dug hundreds of years before, probably by Jacob, the grandson of Abraham; and in honour of him it was still called



Jacob's well. When they reached this well, Jesus was feeling tired, and so He sat down by it to rest from his long walk. The disciples carried on along the road to buy food, and left Jesus there alone.

After a while, a woman from Sychar came down to the well to draw some water. She glanced at the stranger sitting there and saw that he was a Jew; knowing that Jews paid no attention to Samaritans, she passed by and hurried to lower her water-jug with the long rope that she had brought. When the jug was full, she drew it up and was ready to start back to the city, when Jesus asked her for a drink.



The woman was surprised that Jesus had even spoken to her. She asked Him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, will ask me to let you have a drink from my jug? I am a woman of Samaria, and the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

Jesus replied, "If you knew who it is who asks for a drink from your jug of water, you would ask of him, and he would give you living water to drink."



The woman was surprised and also puzzled by this answer. Who could this stranger be? she wondered. She knew he was not like other Jews, because they would rather go thirsty than ask a favour of a Samaritan!

So, she said, "Sir, this well is deep and you have no rope to draw out the water, so how could you give me living water to drink? Are you greater than Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank of it himself, and his cattle?"

"Whoever drinks of this water in Jacob's well becomes thirsty and returns again and again for more," answered Jesus, "but the

living water which I give does not come from such a well. It bubbles up like a continual spring within one, and that one never grows thirsty again."

The woman didn't know that the living water Jesus spoke about was his free gift of salvation to all people, so she said, "Sir, I want that kind of water so that I shall not need to return and refill my water-jug in this tiresome way."

Jesus saw that she was interested, so he began to talk to her about her faith. He knew she was a woman who had done many things wrong in her life, and he told her about some of the wrong



things that she had done. She wondered how a stranger, could know these things. It seemed to her that Jesus could see her thoughts and read them all.

"You are a prophet," she exclaimed.

Then she asked Jesus whether people should worship God in Jerusalem, or in the temple of the Samaritans.

Jesus answered that the time had come when true worshipers need no longer go up to Jerusalem, because they could pray to God anywhere and worship him.

"God is not found in only one place," he said; "because God is a Spirit. And those who worship him in the right way must believe that he is a Spirit."



Then the woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming from God, and when he comes, he will be able to tell us everything."

Jesus answered, "I am that Messiah."

The woman was amazed and astonished, but at that moment the disciples returned from the city bringing food to eat, so she turned away and leaving her water-jug, ran back to tell her friends about the wonderful stranger that she had met at the well.

The disciples wondered why Jesus had been talking to the Samaritan woman, but they didn't ask him any questions. They

brought food to him, and when he refused to eat, they tried to persuade him.

But he said to them, "I have food to eat which you know nothing about."

The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought food to him while we were away?"

But Jesus knew their questionings, so he said, "My food is doing the will of my Father, who has sent me into the world."

The disciples were even more puzzled by this answer and wondered what on earth Jesus meant.

Meanwhile, when the woman reached the city, she went into the streets and told the people about Jesus, the stranger who had understood all about her life.

"He told me all the things that I ever did. He really must be the Messiah!" she said.

And so, the people decided to see this man for themselves, so they all went with her to Jacob's well.



Jesus talked with the Samaritans about God, and they invited him to stay in their city and teach them more, and so Jesus spent two days in Sychar, teaching the people. Then he went on his

way to Nazareth, leaving behind him some believers among the Samaritans.





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