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Parish Diary November 2026



ALL SAINTS DAY

Sun 1st	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Savannah Rose Gallagher
	6.30pm	Service To Remember The Departed
Weds 4th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sun 8th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Tues 10th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation *(Ainsworth Church & Community Hall)*
Weds 11th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Sun 15th	10.30am	View From The Pew
Weds 18th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 21st	11.00am	Church Christmas Fair *(Ainsworth Church & Community Hall)*

CHRIST THE KING

Sun 22nd	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Otis Brittell
Weds 25th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

ADVENT SUNDAY

Sun 29th	10.30am	Prayer & Praise *(followed by refreshments and drawing of November Lucky Lotto)*
	6.30pm	BCP Evensong

DECEMBER

Weds 2nd	6.30pm	Christingle Service
Sat 5th	7.00pm	Christmas Band Concert

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1; 2-3

When James talks about trials, he's referring to the various challenges and hardships we face in life, which can range from minor inconveniences to major life-altering events. But, in the context of faith, this passage suggests that perhaps we should see 'trials' as more than just random occurrences, perhaps they are intended to push us out of our comfort zone and encourage us to rely on God.

And here's an interesting thought; negotiating life's trials doesn't just test our faith; it also grows it. Think of a tree that grows strong, firm roots by weathering storms - similarly, our spiritual roots grow deeper & stronger when we navigate life's storms. When our path becomes tricky, we learn patience and resilience, and ultimately, we draw closer to God because we find ourselves in situations where we have no choice but to rely on Him and trust to His timing.

Which means that perseverance during difficult seasons isn't just about surviving life's trials, hanging on in there & hoping that things turn out okay; it's about thriving. It's about continuing to move forwards, even when we don't see immediate results, & growing in our faith because we have been challenged.

Thus James 1;2-3 invites us to try to look at the trials that we experience in life from a different angle. Instead of seeing challenges as obstacles, we are invited to choose to see them as opportunities for growth and a chance to strengthen our faith.

So, as we continue through this lengthy season of interregnum & the many 'trials' that it brings to us all, rather than being disheartened & frustrated, maybe the challenge for each of us is to pause, reflect, and ask ourselves … What is God trying to teach us through this? What opportunities does this season of challenge bring? How can we use this season to inspire growth?

Lord, help us to trust you and to seek your guidance; help us not to become disheartened, impatient or frustrated when we are faced by trials. Help us to look for the positives in each difficult situation & to trust in Your timing - Amen

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot …

Welcome to the November 2026 edition of the Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; which is a bumper edition!

As always, the last few months of the year are a busy time in the life of our Church; November brings us the Season of Remembrance and draws us another step closer to Advent and Christmas; this month's magazine includes information about our Remembrance Services, our Church Christmas Fair, the Christmas Band Concert, and the ordering of Christmas wreaths - and we're only just nudging into November!

Alongside our usual articles this month, there are updates & pictures from our Harvest Festival, an interesting article about the work of the Children's Society and detailed instructions about how to 'Make Your Own Christingle' in readiness for our annual Christingle Service which will be held at the beginning of December. Once again, we'll be raising funds for the Children's Society via our Christingle Smartie Tube Collection, however there will also be Children's Society envelopes in Church throughout December for those who wish to support this worthy cause but aren't able to make it to the Service.

Hopefully there's something for everyone in this month's magazine, so enjoy the read, & as always, if you would like us to include an event or article in a future edition, please get in touch at ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

Alison

From The Registers

Weddings: We offer the Church's congratulations to:

24th October	Hannah Ruth Harrison & Kenan Andrew James O'Hara-Davies

Flower Rota

1st Nov	In memory of Nick Longman
8th Nov	Mrs V. Watts
22nd Nov	In memory of Peter Ashworth



Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph

Christmas lights switch on, Sunday 29th November 3pm on the Delph.

Harvest 2026 - All Things Bright & Beautiful!





























The theme for our Harvest celebrations was ‘All Things Bright & Beautiful; The Lord God Made Them All’, and thanks to the hard work & imagination of those tasked with creating the displays within Church, we certainly hit the mark.

From flowers, vegetables & insects right through to birds, farm animals, sea creatures & jungle animals, then on to the moon & the stars, our displays were a celebration of all that we have to be thankful for.

For those who visited Church on the Saturday afternoon to view the displays, there was also the opportunity to view the amazing artwork produced by the Ainsworth Artists Group, and to follow the ‘Soup Trail’, a brilliant initiative from the Churchyard Team which involved visiting areas with information about the 6 major religions; in each area a different vegetable could be collected, add to these the stock cube & recipe card supplied by the team & hey presto – delicious, chunky vegetable soup!

Tea, coffee & plenty of cake combined with Jenny’s wonderful Organ Recital, a music quiz & finally a Hans Zimmer / Pink Floyd compilation played on the organ accompanied by electric guitar, to a backdrop of images depicting some of the wonderful scenery & wildlife that we are so lucky to have on our doorsteps.

Our Harvest weekend concluded with a Songs of Praise Service of thankfulness for all who volunteer within our Church, followed by a Harvest Supper & quiz – some teams were really well up on their subject; others less so!! But all in all a great evening & a wonderful way to round off a weekend of thankfulness.

A huge thank you to everyone who was part of the preparations for Harvest, those who came along on the Saturday, those who helped out, those who came along to any of our Harvest Services, and to everyone who joined us for the Harvest Supper.

Can’t wait to do it all again next year …

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support our Harvest Appeal this year, once again we were supporting ‘Porch Boxes’. This local charity is based on the Bradley Fold Trading Estate and provides crisis packs of food and toiletries to local agencies to distribute to local people who are in urgent need.

Porch Boxes distribute in excess of 450 crisis packs each month and have distributed over 50,000 packs since the charity began in 2001.

It was brilliant to see so many items being donated & the team at Porch Boxes were thrilled to receive such a large quantity of produce & toiletries as they move towards a time of year where referrals to their service often increase.
Thank you also to Jan who once again transported all of these items down to the Porch Boxes depot on our behalf.

Christmas Fair

Our Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 21st November from 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Stalls, games, refreshments and more … all proceeds to Church funds.

Save the date and watch this space for more info!

Service To Remember The Departed

This year, our annual 'Service For The Departed' will be held in Church on **Sunday 1st November, at 6.30pm.**

At this Service we take time to reflect and remember members of our families, friends, members of our local community and our worshipping community who are no longer with us.

The names of those for whom a funeral has been held in Church during the past year, will automatically be included in the list of names to be read out at this service, but if you would like the name of a friend or loved one to be added to the list, please put the names of those you wish to be read out, in the red box at the back of church, or leave a message on 01204 595378. To allow time for printing, the last date for receiving names is Sunday 25th October.

Christ Church Ainsworth Book Of Remembrance



If you have lost a family member or loved one and would like their name to be recorded in our Book of Remembrance, please speak to a member of our Clergy or one of the Churchwardens, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com . This option is available for those who have been a part of our local or worshipping community, or those whose funeral has been held in Church. Please note there is a charge of £5-00 per entry for this service.

The Children's Society

Preparations are underway for our annual Children's Society fundraiser, namely the Christingle service. This year, the candlelit Carol service will be held on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.30pm.

Prior to that, I shall be in Church on Wednesday 18th November at Midweek Praise, to tell everyone about the work of the Society and how your donations help those young people in need. At this service, I shall also be giving out Smartie tubes for the children to collect their donations in. The following week, the 25th November, I shall collect the filled tubes and exchange them for a candle to place in your home-made Christingle.

The focus of the fundraising this year will be teenagers in crisis. Teenhood is such an important time in your life as you go from being a child to an adult. It lays the foundation for the future. It should be about having fun and finding out who you are, rather than struggling with mental health issues, failing systems and abuse on and offline.

That's what being a teenager was like for Sam. Friends at school who became bullies and a school that didn't support him made his life feel impossible. He says "I couldn't trust my friends because they would gang up on me and single me out trying to fight me....it wasn't bullying, it was torture. I had a relationship that was very demanding and it felt it was taking everything out of me. It started to make me very depressed".

Even though Sam's parents had reported the bullying to his school, nothing changed and they all felt ignored. Eventually, things got so bad that Sam said he could only see one way out, and that was to take his own life. Desperately worried, his parents rushed him to hospital to keep him safe.

That's when things began to look up. The hospital referred Sam to one of the Society's specialist services where he met Nasrin, a project worker. She remembers Sam saying how hopeless he felt & that he was trapped and wanted a way out.

Over the following few weeks, Sam talked regularly to Nasrin and gradually learned to challenge overpowering thoughts and find some joyful moments in his life again. He also began to go to one of the Society's youth groups which helped him to talk to new peers. He had a purpose and something to do which took his mind off the school environment and everything that happened there.

Now Sam is feeling much more hopeful. He still has bad days, but there are good ones as well, and he can see a future for himself, as he looks forward to going to college. He says, "if I didn't get that support, I wouldn't be here". We urgently need more safe spaces for teens - like the Society's drop-in services - where they can get the help they need before they reach crisis point. The Society is trying to raise awareness of the challenges teens are facing, which distressingly make them the unhappiest in Europe, and share the message that early support can change lives.

The crisis in teen wellbeing will not disappear overnight, but The Children's Society are investing in practical measures to help and support teenagers.

If you would like to show your support by donating to the Society,

£10 could fund a check in between a project worker and a child who is depressed or has suicidal tendencies to make sure they are safe.

£15 could buy emotion flash cards to help young people who are struggling to express their emotions.

£20 could buy pens, paints and books for art therapy sessions for small groups of young people to provide a creative outlet for their feelings.

The Children's Society is a charity that relies on donations from people like you and me and receives a lot of its funding from Churches across the country. Over the next few weeks there will be many Christingle services held and collections taken, and this money will pay for the projects that the Society runs next year. Every pound counts, whether it is placed inside a Smartie tube or inside one of the Christingle envelopes that you will see at the end of the pews in Church. Thank you for showing your support for the valuable work of this charity.

Susan Campbell - Local Secretary for The Children's Society

Christingle Service 2026

18th November

Two weeks before the annual celebration, I will be in Church at Midweek Praise, to distribute Smartie tubes to the children in the congregation, and collection envelopes to the adults. The idea is that the sweets are enjoyed, and then the tube is filled with 20p pieces or £1 coins to donate to The Children's Society. Cash can also be placed into the Christingle envelopes.

25th November

One week before the Service, I will be in Church to collect the Smartie tubes filled with coins, and any envelopes if people are not able to come to the Service on the day. These will be exchanged for a small candle to fit into your home-made Christingle! Remember you will need an orange, 4 cocktail sticks, a piece of tin foil to catch any drips of wax from your candle, a piece of red ribbon or red tape to go around the centre of your orange, and jelly type sweets or fruits to thread onto the cocktail sticks. Please see the instructions below to help you to make your Christingle - have fun making it!

Wednesday 2nd December 6.30pm Christingle

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

Jesus is the light of the world, and in dark times we need to see a light in the darkness to give hope. Join us as we bring the hope into children's lives.

Thank you for your support - Susan Campbell

Make Your own Christingle – A 'How To' Guide



If you are planning to come along to the Christingle Service on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.30pm and would like to know how to make a Christingle read on!

You Will Need:

- 1 piece of roundish fruit
- Red tape or ribbon
- 1 candle – we'll be giving these out at MidWeek Praise on 29th November.
- Small piece of tin foil or foil milk bottle top
- 4 x cocktail sticks
- Dried fruit eg raisins, or soft sweets eg Haribos

Here's What To Do:

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

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

Christmas Concert



Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit, with a fabulous programme of Christmas music provided by Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band.
Enjoy Christmas Classics, mince pies and mulled wine, all in our beautiful Church.

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

Just A Thought …

A mind that is fixed on God has no room for evil thoughts.

Churchyard Team - Christmas Wreaths



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

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

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

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

As in previous years, the cost will be £11 per wreath; orders must be placed on or before **Friday 11th December.** Collection date for the wreaths is **Wednesday 16th December between 9.30 and 11.30am**. Wreaths will be placed on graves at this time as well.

Please note that we cannot deliver wreaths.

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

Christ Church Ainsworth - Grave Cleaning & Maintenance

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

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

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

CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

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

Lindy Bentley, Peter Firth, Barbara Leigh & Kat Sowden all scored full marks + 2 bonus points; congratulations to the winner drawn at random, Barbara Leigh.

November quiz sheets are now available in Church (Nursery Rhymes this time); don't forget that the scores are accumulating throughout the year feeding into our overall CCA Quiz League Winner at the end of the year.

The total amount raised from the October Quiz was £23-00.

1. Singing Apes! The Monkees
2. Recluses belonging to her fella Herman's Hermits
3. Prickly evergreen trees The Hollies
4. Keeping Gerry's heartbeat regular Gerry & the Pacemakers
5. Insects singing this time The Beatles
6. Bends or twists The Kinks
7. Nomads or wanderers The Drifters
8. Her Majesty Queen
9. Unexpected fertile spot in the desert Oasis
10. Second letter, seventh letters The Bee Gees
11. You might find this group 'In the beginning …' Genesis
12. Flowers made by a stonemason? The Stone Roses
13. Watch out! Boulders coming through … The Rolling Stones
14. Arms & flowers Guns & Roses
15. Alternating or direct current? AC/DC
16. Raincoat found near Blackpool Fleetwood Mac
17. Brightly coloured Welshman Pink Floyd
18. Day of rest with no light Black Sabbath
19. These apes are going to be frozen! The Arctic Monkeys
20. Bobbies or Coppers The Police
21. Could these guys be making it all up? The Pretenders
22. This big cat won't hear you Def Leppard
23. A very bad or difficult situation to be in Dire Straits
24. Elizabeth has lost weight Thin Lizzy
25. Lads hanging out by the sea The Beach Boys

26. Keep things as they are; no changes please! Status Quo
27. Jalapenos or Cayennes maybe? Red Hot Chili Peppers
28. Wireless body part? Radio Head
29. Large birds of prey The Eagles
30. Everyone included, you as well. U2

Tie breaker: A) Which rock group have the iconic 'tongue & lips' logo? The Rolling Stones

B) Which British rock group had the greatest number of top 10 hits? The Beatles.

Porch Boxes Christmas Appeal

In preparation for Christmas, the team at Porch Boxes will be putting together seasonal bags to support those members of our local community who are in the greatest need. This appeal runs throughout November to ensure that donated goods can be sorted and packed early in December in readiness for distribution.

If you are able to support this initiative by donating any of the items on the list below, please place them in the box in the Church Porch – thank you.



porch boxes

Providing crisis packs for those in need

Christmas Items Required – Thanks

- Single sponge puddings
- Hot dogs
- Canned drinks
- Tins beans and sausage
- Miniature jars of jam
- Tinned Stews/spaghetti bolognase/chilli
- Bottles of squash
- Tins of meat
- Tinned tuna
- Tins meatballs
- Christmas themed chocs/cakes
- Tins Ravioli
- crisps
- small cartons fruit juice
- Cake Bars
- Tins meatballs
- UHT Milk Semi skimmed and full fat
- Chocolate Bars
- Custard

Please note no Christmas puddings and no mince pies

Basically anything that a family would love to have at Christmas time!



Reflecting On The Seasons - Remembrance

The month of November is in many ways a month of remembrance, a month of remembering. These last few weeks at the end of the Church's year are a period to look back, to reassess, to consider how the past affects our lives now. The mellow autumnal tones and shifting mists seem to be the perfect backdrop for the season of Remembrance.

Remembering is important because it cements us as being part of a group, a family and a community. Remembering, is important, both individually and collectively. It tells us who we are and where we have come from and it links us into our community, our friends and our family.

The Season of Remembrance allows us to focus on those whom we miss, while at the same time saluting those who gave their lives serving our country in the cause of the freedom we enjoy. Each of us will have lost someone dear to us at some point; each of us will have someone that we want to remember. There are many passages of scripture that might bring us comfort at times of loss;

Ecclesiastes 3; 1-4, tells us,

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

Whilst St Paul, in his letter to the Romans 8; 37-39, wrote;

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

During this season of remembrance & beyond, let's try to hold onto that encouraging thought.

God of truth and justice, at this time of remembrance, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Easyfundraising



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

We currently have 30 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. £973-60

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

The Grapefruit Ladies (Revd Debra Reflects)

Gosh! How busy everyone has been! I wasn't supposed to be here for Harvest, but I'm glad I was. What an amazing effort everyone had made. The church looked wonderful and people came into church, who perhaps wouldn't usually bob in. You all made God's creation look wonderful.

God's creation is our responsibility. It is also for us to wonder in awe at the majesty of it all. However, it seems that in our world at the moment, there is too much to do, too many charities asking for our money, it all becomes so overwhelming. But just look at all the harvest you brought to church. One tin of soup will cheer up someone's day, a person who cannot afford much will know someone cared enough to give them some soup. One small effort, put together with everyone else's small efforts ends up being one big effort! Caring for God's creation, means looking after people as well.

I saw the oranges hung up on the lectern in church on Sunday and they reminded me of a story involving another citrus fruit, the grapefruit. It's a story you may have heard before, if not, you will come to know that the little things we do can lead to huge events, even if you think no one has noticed.

A group of ladies who worked at a store called Dunnes, in Dublin, Ireland, decided that they would refuse to sell grapefruits imported from South Africa because of Apartheid. The only problem was, not

many people supported them, as not many people liked grapefruit, so it didn't make a difference. Not only were the politicians against them, but the police, the trade unions the shop they worked in and people in general thought it was a waste, after all, there weren't any black people living in the area, so why did it matter? But the ladies felt it was important and kept going.

One day a black man called Nimrod, called in the shop. Now the ladies thought they were having an impact, as Nimrod explained that he couldn't put into words the impact they were having and he chose to stand with them every day in solidarity. He walked 3 miles each way every day for six months. Still no one seemed to be paying attention, until one day the story reached a man called Desmond Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was on his way to pick up his Nobel peace prize and wanted to meet the grapefruit ladies he'd heard about. He paid for them to be flown to London for their meeting. At the same time, an American gentleman was amazed to hear of the grapefruit ladies and couldn't believe that a group of white women would go to all that trouble for something that affected them so little. He stated that he had to march with them – his name was Reverend Jesse Jackson. This in turn got the attention of a man who was on his long walk to freedom on Robben Island in South Africa. He said that he heard of different groups of people fighting on his behalf and it inspired him to keep going. He wanted to meet with the grapefruit ladies and on his release in 1990, that man, Nelson Mandela, flew to Ireland to meet with them.

By this time the Irish Government gave in, the trade unions gave in, Dunnes stores gave in and everyone began to listen. Ireland became the first country to ban all imports of goods from South Africa in support of the fight against apartheid. Other countries followed.

When Nelson Mandela passed away, he had made sure the grapefruit ladies were invited as guests of honour. They all attended the funeral in a free South Africa, they had, in their small way, helped to create.

It was at this time that they met Nimrod again and he told them who he actually was, he had been Nelson Mandela's cell mate on Robben Island, he knew Irish people liked speaking up for oppressed peoples and had followed the story before turning up at the store that day.

So, you see – what most people thought was silly and a waste of time – others couldn't thank the grapefruit ladies enough. That one small act became the stuff of history.

Don't let the huge mountain of doom overwhelm you. You *can* make a difference. And making a difference means you are caring for all of God's creation, and He loves you so much for it.

Revd. Debra

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The October Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 25th October, with the lucky winner walking away with £10-00!

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

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

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

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

News From The Diocese – Intercultural Kingdom Conference

This year's Intercultural Kingdom Conference will be held on Saturday 14th November from 9.30 – 3.30pm at Trinity High School, Higher Cambridge Street, Manchester, M15 6HP, with a theme of 'Intercultural Discipleship.'
This inspiring gathering will bring people from diverse cultures, churches, and communities together to learn, worship, share stories, and discover how following Jesus across cultures can deepen our faith, strengthen unity, and equip us for God's mission in today's world.
Why not join us as we explore what Intercultural Discipleship means for the Church today
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Mission Community News – Advent Zoom Prayers

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

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

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

Advent Zoom Prayers begin on Monday 30th November and will be held at 6pm each weeknight throughout Advent. Simply click the link below to take part:

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

Mission Community Prayer

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
In the burning fire of your love,
We lift before you the churches of our mission community and the communities where we live and serve you.
Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of your gospel,
Bearing with one another in love as You build us together into one community.
Always abiding in You, may we be found steadfast in faith and active in service.
Open our eyes to see the opportunities you have prepared for us to work together in mission in new ways;
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

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

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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community
Prayer Diary



November 2026

1st	We pray for all those who are remembering loved ones today & especially for those attending the Memorial Services at St. Mary, Radcliffe, St. Andrew's, Hillock, Christ Church Walshaw, St. Andrew's, Radcliffe and Christ Church Ainsworth.
2nd	We pray for members of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC, who will be meeting with Archdeacon Simon this evening to discuss the ongoing interregnum.
3rd	We pray for all who will be attending Cake & Chat at Christ Church Walshaw today; that this would be a time of fellowship & companionship for those who may be lonely or isolated.
4th	We pray for & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
5th	We pray for pets & all animals on bonfire night; that they would be safe & well cared for on this exciting night.
6th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
7th	We pray for all who will be part of the Remembrance activity afternoon at Christ Church, Walshaw today, that this would be a time of learning, fellowship & fun.
8th	On Remembrance Sunday we pray for all who will be attending Remembrance Services, parades & events throughout the country. Praying also for those within our Mission Community who will be leading Remembrance Day Services for their own communities.
9th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
10th	We pray for the youth group at St Andrew's Radcliffe; may they grow in faith and may God raise up new leaders. We pray also for all who will be part of the Alpha Course running at Christ Church Ainsworth tonight, that this would be a safe space to explore & grow.
11th	On Armistice Day we remember & give thanks for those who gave their lives in conflict.
12th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
13th	On Children In Need Day, we pray for all those who will be fundraising for this worthy cause.
14th	We pray for those who will be part of the Oasis Christmas Craft Fair at St Andrew's, Radcliffe this afternoon & the Tear Fund's Big Quiz Night at Christ Church, Walshaw this evening – that these would be well supported & successful events.
15th	On Safeguarding Sunday, we give thanks for the work & commitment of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. We pray also for the worshipping community at All Saints Stand, as they discuss future plans with Archdeacon Simon today.
16th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17th	We pray for all who will be attending or leading the 'Love Your School' event this evening.
18th	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.
19th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Task Group meeting this evening; praying that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group, & that the meeting will be productive.
20th	On World Children's Day, we pray for all who advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights.
21st	We pray that the Christmas Fair at Christ Church Ainsworth will be a well-supported & successful event. We pray also for all who will be involved with the Besses Boys Band Concert at All Saints Stand this evening. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.
22nd	We pray for & give thanks for the many volunteers that support our Churches & wider communities.
23rd	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
24th	We pray for those who will share Jesus Prayer hour on Zoom this evening; that this would be a time of spiritual refreshment. Praying that others might access this & other prayer initiatives offered throughout our Mission Community.
25th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
26th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
27th	We pray for everyone who will be part of the Team Advent course which begins at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe today; that this would be a time of spiritual growth & renewal.
28th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
29th	We pray for all who will be part of 'Praise Rave' at Christ Church Walshaw this evening.
30th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.

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



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Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 10th November
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"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the light that shines within you."



Christ Church Ainsworth Season Of Remembrance



Sunday 1st November 6.30pm

Service To Commemorate The Departed

A quiet, reflective service with traditional hymns & prayers



Sunday 8th November 10.30am

Service Of Remembrance

A traditional Service with presentation of poppy wreaths & act of remembrance

Please join us at either of the above Services as we come together to remember.



Saturday 21st November

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Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 10th November

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Mothers' Union

Tuesday 3rd November

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Open meeting; new members always welcome.

Tuesday 17th November

Out & about meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Ainsworth Artists Art Fair

Sunday 1st November

11 – 4pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Halll

Original artwork for sale at reasonable prices. Everyone welcome.

Christ Church Ainsworth Christmas Fair

Saturday 21st November

11 – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Stalls, crafts, games & Café – everyone welcome.

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 5th December

7pm, Christ Church Ainsworth

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

Ainsworth Scout Group Coach Trip – The Piece Hall, Halifax

Saturday 28th November

Adults £30, Children under 13yrs £25, Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £90. For more info / to book click the link below:

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Around The Organisations …

Congratulations!

Bishop David has appointed eight new Canons, two of whom are highly involved in Mothers' Union, and they were installed at a service in the Cathedral on the 28th September.

The Revd Canon Kirsty Screeton is the incumbent of St John's and St Luke's, Heywood and is a Mothers' Union chaplain in our Diocese.

Ms Rosemary Taylor has been installed as a Lay Canon. She has been a proactive MU member for 25 years. She is currently on the Mothers' Union Diocesan Board of Trustees and is responsible for communications including social media and newsletters.

Both these ladies are involved in the Girlguiding movement as well as other areas within the church. In addition to sending congratulations, we thank them for their commitment to Mothers' Union and pray for them as they start this next stage in their faith journey.

Last month, I promised you a message from Alison Marshall, our new CEO. However, she doesn't take up the position until December.

We had an 'All Members Meeting' at the beginning of October. It's good to have these times when everyone can take part in planning the future of our branch. They also keep us up to date with what is happening in the deanery and Diocese.

The 16 Days of Activism, the international campaign against gender-based violence will be observed again from 25th November to 10th of December.

25th November (Day 1) is observed as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women,

1st December is World AIDS Day,

10th December (16th day) is Human Rights Day.

Perhaps in our daily prayers, we could remember the victims of gender-based violence and those who are working hard to help the victims to safety, to give hope to those who are still in danger, and for those who educate adults now and the adults of the future that gender-based violence is NEVER acceptable.

Our first meeting on the 3rd November will be in the Church Hall at 2.30p.m. when we will have the 'Moment with God' service for the month. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

The venue for our meeting on the 17th will be decided then.

As an early reminder to members, our Christmas meal is on 1st December 12.45p.m. for 1.00p.m. at Olive Restaurant and Wine Bar, Walshaw.

Finally, we are delighted to hear that Susan Johnson is back home. Susan, we wish you a very speedy recovery and are upholding you in our prayers.

Jennifer White

12th Radcliffe Guides

Again, it has been a busy and varied half term. We welcomed three new Guides, Amelie, Evie and Molly and spent time doing our contribution to the Harvest display.

We have had paper aeroplane races which incorporated an activity where we learned a bit about each other; have had balloon races; made bowls out of strips of magazine papers and developed our archaeology skills in "Uncovering the past".

Food, as always, was an enjoyable activity, especially where making chocolate chip cookies was involved - although the salad we also made was probably not as well received!



All this meant that Lilly S and Rubi gained their Skills theme award; Rubi her Be Well theme award and her Know Myself theme award, which in turn meant that she gained her Guide Bronze award. Well Done!

At the September Church Parade, Grace carried the Union flag and Rubi the Guide one; and at October Church Parade, Rubi carried the Union flag; Keeley the Guide flag with Amelie, Grace, Molly and Paige escorting. Amelie, Molly, and Paige did the Harvest Reading.

12th Radcliffe Guide Leaders

From the Archives – November 2001

The Parish Diary in November 2001 included, alongside the regular pattern of worship, a Remembrance Sunday Service, which necessitated holding the Parish Communion Service at 6.30pm, also a PCC meeting & the Church Christmas Fair.

The Parish News that month contained lots of information about the forthcoming Christmas Fair – requests for goods, assistance to set up, assistance on the day, assistance to clear away afterwards … But also a note of congratulation to Sam & Renee Wrigley on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

In other news, Mothers' Union members had held a successful Jumble Sale & were planning a Faith Supper; the Church Women's Fellowship had enjoyed a Coffee Evening with choral entertainment; 12th Brownies had been focusing on badge work with the new Commonwealth & Queen's Golden Jubilee Badges to be achieved; 16th Brownies had enjoyed an evening of cake icing; Beavers had been making cobweb masks for Hallowe'en & Scouts had held a Father & Son Camp at Great Tower. School reported a successful Quiz Night & were planning their Christmas Fair & also a Christmas Disco – busy times!

In November 2001, there were 3 baptisms & 4 funerals recorded from the previous month, but no Weddings. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 418; with collections listed as £2,066.

Everything You Need To Know About - November …



November 1st 1858 – Queen Victoria was proclaimed ruler of India, replacing the reign of the East India

Company.

November 2nd 1936 – The world's first regular TV service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation, an estimated 100 TV owners tuned in.

November 3rd 1976 – The first £100,000 Premium Bond jackpot was won.

November 4th 1843 – The statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London.

November 5th 1605 – Guy Fawkes was arrested beneath the House of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I was uncovered

November 6th 1429 – Henry VI was crowned King of England.

November 7th 1917 – Bolshevik Red Guards seized control of the Winter Palace and confirm Lenin as leader of Russia.

November 8th 1656 – Birth of Edmond Halley, English astronomer and mathematician.

November 9th 1953 – Death of the flamboyant Welsh Bard, Dylan Thomas, at the age of 39 years.

November 10th 1960 – Penguin Books sold out its first massive print run of D.H. Lawrence's sexually explicit novel, Lady Chatterley's Lover, following a landmark Obscenity Trial victory.

November 11th 1918 – After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives were lost with a further 27 million injured.

November 12th 1035 – Death of Canute, Danish King of England.

November 13th 1850 – Birth of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson.

November 14th 1940 – In one raid 449 German Luftwaffe bombers dropped 503 tons of bombs and 881 incendiaries onto the English City of Coventry.

November 15th 1968 – Cunard's flagship Queen Elizabeth, docked in Southampton at the end of her last transatlantic voyage.

November 16th 1724 – Highwayman, Jack Sheppard was hanged at Tyburn, London in front of an estimated crowd of 200,000.

November 17th 1558 – Death of England's first ruling Queen, Mary Tudor.

November 18th 1852 – State funeral of the Duke of Wellington was held in London.

November 19th 1620 – The Mayflower arrived at Cape Cod, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers.

November 20th 1947 – Princess Elizabeth married her cousin Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey.

November 21st 1695 – Death of Henry Purcell, English composer and organist.

November 22nd 1963 – The world mourned as President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.

November 23rd 1910 – American-born Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged at Pentonville Prison in London after poisoning his wife and dismembering her body.

November 24th 1859 – Charles Darwin publishes his book Origin of the Species.

November 25th 1984 – Band Aid rock stars gathered London to record "Do They Know It's Christmas", all proceeds to Ethiopian famine relief.

November 26th 1922 - Archaeologist Howard Carter and his sponsor the Earl of Caernavon, made a hole in the door of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

November 27th 1875 – Britain bought shares worth £4 million, in the Suez Canal Company.

November 28th 1919 – Nancy Astor was elected Member of Parliament for Plymouth, becoming Britain's first female MP.

November 29th 1641 – England's first newspaper was published.

November 30th 1936 – One of London's best loved landmarks, Crystal Palace burned down.

Space To Share A Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Give to us & to all of Your people;
In times of anxiety, serenity;
In times of hardship, courage;
In times of uncertainty, patience;
And at all times, a quiet trust in Your wisdom & love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord – Amen.

Straplines

Age doesn't always bring wisdom; sometimes age comes along on its own.

Blowing out someone else's candle won't make yours shine any brighter.

Beware of a clear conscience; it may be the result of a bad memory.

Children seldom misquote you; in fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

Time For A Smile

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The Home Coming

When we left here all those months ago
And marched away to war,
There were women, children, young and old
Outside each gate and door.

Clapping, cheering, throwing flowers,
Calling out to wish us well;
Little knowing, us or them,
That we were marching into hell.

None of us foresaw the horrors
Of the endless filth and mud;
No one warned us of the endless rain,
And puddles bright with blood.

No one told us we'd be crawling
On our bellies, night and day;
None of us knew we'd be leaving
Fallen comrades where they lay.

And those few who have survived,
Those few who've made it back from war;
We are the hollow, haunted husks now
Of the men we were before.

As we trudge back down the village street,
Outside each gate and door,
Young and old look on in silence
As their men come back from war.



The Parish Puzzler – Remembrance Quiz

1. Why is Remembrance Day held on 11th November?
2. What flower is commonly worn for Remembrance Day?
3. Which monarch oversaw the first Remembrance Day memorial?
4. World War One officially ended with the signing of which treaty?
5. At what time is a minute's silence held on Remembrance Day?
6. Who wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields'?
7. In what year did World War I end?
8. The King lays the first wreath at The Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. True or false?
9. What colour poppies are worn to honour animals who were victims of war?
10. What is another name for Remembrance Day?
11. In what year were artificial poppies first sold in Britain?
12. Which charity provides support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces?
13. Where is The Cenotaph located in London?
14. Traditionally, what is the first song played during the National Service of Remembrance?
15. In 2014, a commemorative art installation saw 888,246 ceramic poppies placed outside of which UK landmark?
16. What does 'cenotaph' mean?
17. In what year was the 'Christmas Truce' between soldiers?
18. Which famous clock marks the beginning of the minute's silence?
19. The National Memorial Arboretum is based in which UK county?
20. The Festival of Remembrance is separate to Remembrance Day and held on which day every year?
21. Remembrance Day is observed in Commonwealth countries alongside Britain. True or false?
22. How many leaves are featured on Scottish poppies?
23. What similar memorial is observed in the USA on Remembrance Day?
24. Who was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom when the World War One was declared?
25. What colour poppies are sometimes worn by pacifists?

(Answers on page 47)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
1st November All Saints Day	Margaret Gilman	Jan Burrow	Gwen White
8th November Remembrance Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Scouting Sections	N/A	Scouts
15th November 2nd Sunday Before Advent	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	N/A	Peter Holden
22nd November Christ The King	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	David Holden	Jenny Johnson
29th November Advent Sunday	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	N/A	Alison Hartley

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
1st November All Saints Day (Red)	Gwen White	Revelation 7.9-17 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12
8th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)	Scouting Sections	Church Parade
15th November 2nd Sun before Advent (Red) *VFTP*	Peter Holden	Isaiah 61.1-31 1 Corinthians 13 Matthew 18.1-7
22nd November Christ The King (Red)	David Holden	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46
29th November Advent Sunday (Purple)	Beryl Sixsmith	Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37

Who's Who

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Services

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2nd & 4th Sunday
	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 Remembrance Quiz: 1) It's the anniversary of the end of WW1; 2) Poppies; 3) King George V; 4) Treaty of Versailles; 5) 11am; 6) John McCrae; 7) 1918; 8) True; 9) Purple; 10) Armistice Day; 11) 1921; 12) Royal British Legion; 13) Whitehall; 14) Rule Britannia!; 15) Tower of London; 16) Empty Tomb; 17) 1914; 18) Big Ben; 19) Staffordshire; 20) The Saturday before Remembrance Sunday; 21) True; 22) 4; 23) Veteran's Day; 24) H. H> Asquith; 25) White.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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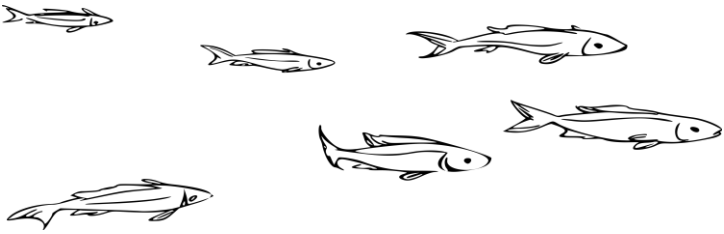

Little Fishes

Saint Andrew



Saints

A saint is a holy person who loved God, helped others, and is considered to be an inspiring role model. They are like spiritual superheroes or champions of kindness who teach us how to live a good life, show patience, and care for our friends and families. Saints are often just ordinary people like you & I.

Saint Andrew

30th November

Meaning: Andrew means manly, brave or strong.

Patron Saint: Andrew is the Patron Saint of fishermen, fishmongers, singers, ropemakers, and women wishing to become mothers

Feast Day: 30th November.

Who Was Saint Andrew?

Andrew was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus; his brother was Peter.

Andrew and his brother were fishermen, originally they were disciples of John the Baptist, but then they were called from their fishing by Jesus, who promised to make them fishers of men. In the Gospel of John, Andrew is the first apostle named.

In the story of the feeding of the 5,000 it was Andrew who brought a little boy with five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus, which Jesus used to feed the huge crowd of people.

It is thought that Andrew might have preached in Greece after the death of Jesus and according to some accounts, it was in Greece that he died. Like Jesus, Andrew was crucified, however legend says that Andrew asked that his cross should be placed in an 'X' shape as he didn't think that he was good enough to die in the same way as Jesus. The X-shaped cross is depicted on the Scottish flag.

Legend has it that Saint Rule brought some of Saint Andrew's bones from Greece to Scotland, to keep them safe. He built a church at what is now Saint Andrew's, to protect the bones. Later, in the 1100s, Saint Andrew's Cathedral was built there as well. It was the largest building in Scotland for hundreds of years & pilgrims travelled there from all over. Saint Andrew therefore became the patron saint of Scotland, even though he had never visited Scotland himself.

