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## Parish Diary September 2025

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Wedding of Nicola Wareing & Robert  
Hession

### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
11.30am Interment of Ashes of John Bulcock  
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee & Conversation (*Ainsworth Church &  
Community Hall*)  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Midweek Praise

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00am BCP Communion  
10.30am Church Parade & Family Service  
12.15pm Baptisms  
1.15pm Baptism  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm "Bee Inspired" – Mission Community  
Worship Event @ St. Andrew's, Radcliffe  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
12.15pm Baptism of Riley & Clara Rushton  
Weds 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

## OCTOBER

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
12.15pm Baptism of Oliver Marc Sage  
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

## Interregnum Update

*"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."*

*Romans 12; 15*

As the September Parish Magazine goes to press, we are once again waiting to see whether there are any applicants for the post of Incumbent at Christ Church Ainsworth. This is the third time that the post has been advertised and so far, there have been no applicants; let us hope and pray that it will be a case of 'third time lucky'.

Whilst Christ Church Ainsworth remains in interregnum, things are definitely moving in other areas of our Mission Community; the benefice of St. Andrew's, Hillock & St. George's, Unsworth have appointed a new Incumbent who is expected to be in post in the 'not too distant future', and the benefice of Radcliffe (St. Thomas & St. John and St. Mary, Radcliffe) have also recently made an appointment. Hopefully both new Incumbents will be in post before the end of the year.

The temptation here might be to think 'that's not fair – Ainsworth has been in vacancy far longer than any of those Churches'; but the verse from St. Paul's letter to the Romans 12; 15, reminds us that Christians should show empathy and solidarity by mirroring the feelings of others in both good and bad times. As Christians we are encouraged to set aside our own feelings of envy or pride and instead cultivate a spirit of compassion to strengthen community bonds, reflect God's love, and bear one another's burdens.

No one is trying to pretend that Christ Church Ainsworth still being in vacancy doesn't matter, but indirectly, all of our Churches will benefit from these appointments; new Incumbents means fewer Churches relying on visiting Clergy for Service cover so cover might be easier to find; new Incumbents means an influx of energy, enthusiasm and new ideas; new Incumbents means that other Churches in our Mission Community might have the capacity to help and support those Churches that remain in vacancy.

One of the wonderful things about being part of the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community is how much people from the different Churches genuinely care & are concerned for one another; so, lets rejoice with those who have appointed new Incumbents and hope that before too much longer they will be rejoicing with us.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

## Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the September 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is, as always, crammed with interesting articles and useful information.

Although most of our groups and organisations have been enjoying a well earned break over the summer, there have been plenty of other things going on; you can read about our Bugs & Bees Family Event and also catch up with the fun activities that have been happening at Wild Worship.

There are lots of exciting events and activities planned for the coming weeks – the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Inspirational Worship event, Mothers' Union 'Take A Cake Break' and MacMillan Coffee Morning to name but a few! As always, the best way to keep up with the dates and times of the various events is via the weekly Pew sheet.

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

*Alison*

## From The Registers

Baptisms:

We welcome to the family of God:

3<sup>rd</sup> August            Isobel Hannah Broxon

3<sup>rd</sup> August            George Thomas Rigby

Funerals:

We commend to God's keeping:

1<sup>st</sup> August            Beryl Paul

## Flower Rota

7<sup>th</sup> September    Mrs G. White

21<sup>st</sup> September   Mrs S. Varnom

## Artisan Market – Save The Date

The next Craft & Makers Market will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11 – 3pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Arts & Crafts, gifts, jewellery & much, much more. More details coming soon.

## Bugs & Bees Family Event



After several weeks of unbroken sunshine, the morning of our Bugs & Bees family event was decidedly soggy.

Thankfully the rain clouds cleared, the sun came out and an enthusiastic group of children, parents & grandparents had a great time hunting for the bees that were hiding in our Churchyard and completing a bee and pollinator word search.

Craft activities followed a short break for refreshments, with the children creating paper plate bees, googly eyed bugs, mini bee friendly terrariums & decorating pollinator biscuits.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to this event, and also to the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly sticking, snipping and glueing!



## MacMillan Coffee Morning



Once again, we'll be taking part in 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning', with our MacMillan Coffee morning taking place on Friday 26th September from 10.00 – 11.30am in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.

Any donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be most welcome and can be brought to the Churchyard on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30 -10.00am; to the Church Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 8.15 - 8:30pm; and before the Macmillan Coffee morning itself from 9.00 – 10.00am.

## ABC First Steps

The 'friendly' parent / carer / tots group, will be returning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Why not come along and join us for play, structured group activities and friendship. We look forward to welcoming former and new families – no need to book, just turn up.



**Christ Church Ainsworth**  
 **First Steps**  
**"The Friendly" Parent/Carer Tots Group**  
**Play and Structured Group Activities**  
**Fridays 10:00am to 11:30am**  
**Ainsworth Church and Community Hall**  
Corner of Church Street and Ainsworth Hall Road  
**Everyone welcome**  
r Details from Jennifer (07964 587694) or Jan (07950 960468)



## Wild Worship

Throughout the summer break we've once again been enjoying Wild Worship & this year our theme was 'animals in the bible'.



Each week we've enjoyed 'bringing the Bible to life' with some great imagination and use of props within our re-enactments. We've hunted for fun facts hidden in our Churchyard, we've enjoyed craft activities & tasty treats & created a display of the animals that we've learned about.



First up were frogs; a frog hunt through the churchyard revealed lots of fascinating frog facts. Our bible story was The 10 plagues Of Egypt & we all had great fun thinking about how horrible the plagues would have been and then re-enacting the flight of the people of Israel out of Egypt and through the Red Sea, closely pursued by the Egyptian army!

Next up were whales – slightly more of a challenge in a Churchyard, but our folk rose to it with a great rendition of Jonah and the whale, complete with tossing seas, and a rather gruesome discussion about what you might expect to find in a whale’s tummy!



Week 3 brought us snakes, and a trip through the Garden of Eden with Adam & Eve revealed a very exotic looking snake coiled around 1 of the large conifers behind our Church, waiting to tempt passers by to taste the forbidden fruit.

Lions were out theme for week 4, with a whole host of hungry lions heard growling & prowling around in the darkness of the Church porch – thankfully Daniel emerged unscathed after a night amongst them.



Donkeys rounded off our final week, but not the nativity donkey or the Palm Sunday donkey; it was Balaam’s talking donkey that led us on our final trip, this time through the dusty desert to the Kingdom of Moab.

We’ll be leaving the ‘Animals In The Bible’ display up in Church for a couple of weeks – why not have a look next time you visit.

## 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 - September:**

**Getting Ready For Autumn** – *Autumn is a crucial time for hedgehogs as they need to build up fat reserves to see them safely through their winter hibernation.*

Could you help out by leaving out a small amount of food to help them do that when other sources may be growing scarce? Leaving a small pile of leaves and twigs in a quiet corner for them to use as a winter sanctuary is also a great help; maybe you could even build or buy a hedgehog house.

## **Prayer Opportunities At Christ Church Ainsworth**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The August Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, with the lucky winner walking away with £17!

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

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

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

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

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

## Online Giving

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

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

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

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



Once you've done that, choose the amount you wish to donate – the suggested options are £5, £10, £20 or £50, but there is also an option to click and choose your own amount. Next, simply follow the on screen instructions - fill in your personal details, (if you are a tax payer you can choose to add Gift Aid to increase

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

We currently have 27 people who have registered to support our cause through Easyfundraising, although there must be many others who shop / order goods online. Anyone who shops online can support us in this way; it's a really simple way of raising much needed funds for our Church.

Our current Easyfundraising total is £936-00; with more supporters, could you help us to get this total to £1,000 by the end of 2025?

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## Raising Awareness – International Day Of Peace



Peace is not just a vision; it's a call to action that each of us can answer by promoting understanding, respect, and justice in our daily lives.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate 21<sup>st</sup> September as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

From peacekeepers on the front lines of conflict, to community members, to students in classrooms around the world, everyone has a role to play. We must speak up against violence, hate, discrimination, and inequality; practice respect; and embrace the diversity of our world.

There are many ways to act right now:

- Spark conversations about the urgent need for understanding, non-violence, and disarmament.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Listen to voices different from your own.
- Challenge discriminatory language in your workplace.
- Report bullying both online and off-line, and take the time to verify facts before you post on social media.
- You can also speak up with your choices, opting to purchase items from socially-conscious brands, or donating to organizations that promote sustainability and human rights.

For more info about The International Day of Peace visit [International Day of Peace | United Nations](#)

## Christ Church Ainsworth Book Of Remembrance



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

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

## News From The Diocese – Bury & Rossendale Deanery EcoStepping Stones

Join us for a morning of inspiration to equip us on our Eco Journeys.  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, All saints Church, Brandlesholme, BL8  
1ED.

Tea & coffee available from 9am for a prompt start at 9.25am; worship  
led by Revd Canon Grace Thomas.

To book your place, click on [this link](#).

## Mission Community News – National Week Of Prayer



From 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025, people throughout the  
United Kingdom will be praying during the National Week  
of Prayer, focusing on bringing God's goodness, character, and ways  
to 10 key areas of our society:

- Family
- Education
- Voluntary, Community & Social enterprises
- Businesses
- Capital
- Government
- Law
- Media & Arts
- Health & Social Care

The Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community has produced a prayer  
resource for use during the week; printed copies are available in  
Church, via our website, or as a PDF by emailing  
[ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com)

## Inspirational Worship Event



Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community invites you to “Bee  
Inspired”, an evening of inspirational worship to nourish & refresh!  
With live worship music, a fun quiz, inspirational speaker,  
refreshments and Isaiah 53 Christian book and gift stall – this is an  
opportunity that you can't afford to miss!

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe M26 4HU



Everyone welcome.



## 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



September 2025

1 <sup>st</sup>	We pray for the staff & pupils at St. John's School as they return for the start of a new term.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	At the start of the new academic year, we pray for Kay James as she takes on her new role as Head Of School at Christ Church Walshaw School.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Ainsworth School, & for those who are preparing for the Blessing of Backpacks in school tomorrow.
4 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the work of the Mothers' Union as the members at All Saints Stand meet today. We pray also for those who will be part of the Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe today.
5 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
6 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
7 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all of our Baptism families - thanking God that they still see this as important.
8 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be attending Coffee & Conversation at Christ Church Ainsworth today & give thanks for those who organise this monthly gathering.
10 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Walshaw School, & for all those who will be involved with the Blessing of Backpacks in school today.
11 <sup>th</sup>	As the new term begins, we pray for the children & families who attend the Wiggle baby & toddler group and the All Age Service at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
12 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Heritage Weekend at St. Mary, Radcliffe & for all who visit.
13 <sup>th</sup>	We pray that the Bury & Rossendale Deanery Eco-Conference being held at All Saints, Bury, today, will be a well-supported & successful event. We pray for all Churches that have begun their EcoChurch journey.
14 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the children & families who will be part of the Back To School Service at Christ Church Walshaw today, that they may know that they are surrounded by God's love always.
15 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who will be part of 'Bee Inspired!' this evening, giving thanks for the 'worker bees' within our Churches & worshipping communities, & praying that they would receive spiritual refreshment through this event.
16 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be representing their Churches at Deanery Synod this evening; praying that this will be a helpful & constructive time together.
19 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Heritage Weekend at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe & for all who visit.
20 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who will be authorised or re-authorised as ALM at Manchester Cathedral today; giving thanks for all who feel called to this ministry & for all that they do.
21 <sup>st</sup>	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
24 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for the work of the Food Pantry Team at St. Andrew's, Hillock; praying also for all of the individuals & families who access this service.
25 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those who will be attending the Parish Giving Scheme workshop this evening, that this will be a helpful & productive session which will be well received by our wider PCCs.
26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Churches & organisations that will be holding MacMillan Coffee Mornings today – especially for St. Andrew's, Hillock & Christ Church Ainsworth. Praying also for those who will attend these events throughout the country, & for those who will benefit from the funds raised.
27 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who are organising or will be attending the Besses Together Family Fun Day at St. Andrew's, Hillock this afternoon.
28 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
29 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
30 <sup>th</sup>	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.

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







**Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community**

**Invites you to**

# **“Bee Inspired”**

*An evening of inspirational worship featuring*

-  *Worship led by musicians from Nelson Street Church*
-  *Keynote speaker The Venerable Karen Smeeton, Archdeacon of Rochdale*
-  *Fun, food & fellowship*
-  *Isaiah 53 Christian books & gifts stall*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30pm**

**St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, M26 4HU**





# **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](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- All proceeds to Church funds

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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



# *Coffee and Conversation*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30 – 12 noon**

**Ainsworth Church and Community Hall**

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



Ainsworth Mothers' Union  
Invites You To  
"Take A Cake Break!"

To support Fortalice Women's Refuge

Free admission, simply bring a cake / slice of  
cake to add to our sharing table.

Tea & coffee also available.

Everyone welcome

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

2.30 - 4pm

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall



# Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

10:00 to 11:30 am



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## *Candlelight Prayer*



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

*Simply click the following link to join in:*

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

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

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



# HEALTHY BODY ... HEALTHY MIND

Exercise Isn't Just For The Gym!

Doing something active is a form of exercise.



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

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

is one opportunity.

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



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## **Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements**

### **Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

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

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

Everyone welcome.

### **“Take A Cake Break”**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**2.30-4pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

Ainsworth Mothers’ Union invite you to join them at this event to raise funds for Fortalice Women’s Refuge. Free admission when you bring a cake / slice of cake to add to the sharing table. Tea & coffee also available.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30 – 11am, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Raffle – everyone welcome.

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

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2 – 3.30pm**

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### **Bee Inspired**

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### **!!Save The Date!!**

**Artisan / Makers Market**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**11 - 3pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall**

Art, crafts, jewellery, fragrances ... More info coming soon.

## Around The Organisations ...

### Join Us & Join In!



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Tea & coffee also available.

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

2.30 – 4pm

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall



We do hope that you will be able to join us at this enjoyable event. There will, of course, be a raffle and donations towards the work of Fortalice. We are also collecting brightly coloured Duvet Covers or Duvet Sets for adults or children. We would appreciate it if these are new or as new. These can be brought to this event or left in the box in the Church Porch.

Prior to this event, we will be holding our usual meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

### **WWP visits York Province**

In early July our Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, and Deb Lee, our Zonal Trustee, spent several days in York Province, meeting members and being shown projects where Mothers' Union members are making a difference.

Her final stop was Manchester where, with Provincial President, Christine Sharp, she visited Talbot House Support Centre, one of the charities that we in Manchester support.

**Future events. Friday 3 October:** Autumn Council and AGM 10.00am - 2.00pm at St John's House. Would anyone like to come with me? It's always a good learning day and time to meet up with

other members and share news. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

**2026 sees Mothers' Union celebrating 150 years.** Plans are being made on a local, national and worldwide level.

The trustees will be sharing challenges passed down from MSH. Lots of ideas were noted at Spring Council but now it's time to finalise the events. Please share your ideas, or any plans you are making so we can compile a list of everything happening across the diocese to inspire and support.

We, in Manchester would love to form a small working group to help coordinate the 150yrs celebrations. If you know someone who may be willing to join this group for a short-term project, please ask them to contact us, at the office. This is open to every member.

FOR YOUR DIARY

St Paul's Cathedral 5pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026

For security purposes and to manage numbers, members will need to register through a ticketing system that will be available in the Autumn.

At the same time, booking will launch for the 150th Annual Gathering 2026 taking place the following day at the Emmanuel Centre, next door to Mary Sumner House.

Finally... **MU Live:** TOTAL of those lives impacted by our work, reported to date in 2025 is 1996, and these fantastic figures are because you make a difference with all the projects that you do. Thank you.

Jennifer White

## **From the Archives – September 2000**

The sketch on the inside cover of the September 2000 Parish Magazine featured a wonderful harvest scene, complete with pumpkins, pickles, and various assorted vegetables, although then, as now, harvest was not actually celebrated until the following month.

The Parish News in September 2000 included a reminder that the annual subscription for the Parish Magazine would be due the following month and recorded a note of thanks to all contributors & distributors for their continued support. Also a reminder that Confirmation classes would be starting early in October; a thankyou

for cards of condolence received and a further thank you for support and care during illness.

In other news, members of the Church Women's Fellowship had been enjoying a trip down memory lane as their recent speakers had shared memories of 'The Grand Theatre' in Bolton, and of growing up locally. Meanwhile, Mothers' Union members had enjoyed their summer outing and were making plans for a jumble sale to be held in the Church Hall.

In September 2000, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Mark Alexander Fawcett (a Server) age 14yrs. In September 2000 there were 4 Weddings and 3 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no Baptisms. Communicants for the previous month was listed as 304; collections were listed as £1755.

## Just A Thought

Obstacles are what you see when you take your eye off the goal.

## The Season Of Creation

This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our planet.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is 'Peace With Creation'; the Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator.



## A Hymn For The Season Of Creation

Creating God, your fingers trace  
The bold designs of farthest space;  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
And what lies hidden, praise Your might.



Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
Earth's mysteries known or yet untold;  
Let water's fragile blend with air,  
Enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
All now despised for creed or race;  
Let peace, descending like a dove,  
Make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
One family with a billion names;  
Let every life be touched by grace  
Until we praise you face to face.

*(Jeffrey W. Rowthorn 1974)*

## Space To Share A Prayer

Loving Lord, help us to be people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion, and teach us to work with you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable global neighbours. Amen

## Things To Look Out For In September – Nuthatch



With its blue/grey back and orange/buff underside, this bird is sometimes confused with a Kingfisher, however, unlike the Kingfisher, Nuthatches tend to be seen in woodland or gardens where there is no body of water.

The Nuthatch feeds in the tops of trees, so can be quite tricky to see, but its series of loud whistles will usually give away its identity.

A tit-sized bird, the nuthatch has a short tail, large head and a woodpecker-like bill. Nuthatches feed on insects, seeds and nuts, such as hazelnuts and beechmast. They nest in holes in trees or abandoned nests, but are happy to use nestboxes, too. They start breeding in April and can produce two clutches of up to 13 eggs each. The Nuthatch is the only bird in the UK that can climb down trunks headfirst, holding on with their powerful toes. For more info on Nuthatches or other seasonal birds visit [Nuthatch \(Sitta europaea\) - British Birds - Woodland Trust](#)

## Autumn Berries

Head to the hedgerows in September, as they erupt into a pick-n-mix paradise of bountiful berries. This abundance of fruits is a lifeline for many of our birds as their summer food supplies, such as caterpillars and insects, run low. Look out for Blackbirds, thrushes, Whitethroats and Blackcaps all stocking up.



Blackberry, Elderberry, Hawthorn haws, rosehips and Blackthorn sloes are all coming into season now, creating a colourful backdrop to the fading leaves. But it's not just birds which are making the most of the berry bonanza. Hazel Dormice are also busy eating as much as they can to build up fat reserves before they hibernate. Pine Martens too make the most of the bounty, with a particular penchant for Rowan berries, Blackberries and Bilberries. In fact, many of our mammals, such as Hedgehogs, squirrels and Foxes all eat berries when available.

## Straplines

A rumour may not have a leg to stand on, but it will get around in spite of this.

A wise person is one who thinks twice before saying nothing.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

Always be yourself, because the people that matter don't mind and those who mind, don't matter.



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

### Forgotten Graveyard



In this place of timeless beauty,  
Silence lingers in the air,  
Softly lapping round the fallen stones  
Of walls, no longer there.

In this wilderness of sprawling trees,  
The Ivy runs amok,  
Reaching out long, tendrilled fingers,  
Grasping earth and stone and rock.

Cloaking long forgotten Lych Gate,  
Tendrils curling overhead,  
Reaching out to touch the gravestones  
Of the long-forgotten dead.

Entwining fallen statues,  
Claiming footpaths for her own,  
Snaking silently to conquer ancient steps  
Worn in the stone.

Here amidst the scattered ruins,  
Nature's banner flies unfurled,  
In this place of timeless beauty,  
Long forgotten by the world.

*AL. Hartley*

### Time For A Smile

A Clergy couple had been invited to a wedding, and needed a gift to take. Aha, thought the Vicar's wife, I'll give that silver tray that we received at our wedding – we have never, ever used it; I'll just take it to a silversmith and have him change the engraving to put the date of their wedding on it instead - Voila!

Later in the week she took the tray to the silversmith and asked him to change the date and put the new one on. The silversmith examined the tray, shook his head and said, "I'm sorry madame, this can only be done so many times ..."



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## The Parish Puzzler

### Autumn Anagrams

Can you unscramble the following to find 10 trees?

1. A K O
2. R B H I C
3. O S R E Y A M C
4. R P L P O A
5. E C H E B
6. I R F
7. P C R E S U
8. P E A M L
9. O L I W L W
10. T N A O W H H R

### Autumn Quiz

1. What is the fruit of an Oak tree called?
2. What is a baby hedgehog called?
3. On which date is the Autumn Equinox?
4. Are pumpkins a fruit or a vegetable?
5. What pigment causes leaves to be green?
6. By what name do Americans know Autumn?
7. In Autumn, do the clocks go forwards or backwards?
8. In which month does Autumn begin in the Southern hemisphere?
9. Which famous German festival is held in the Autumn?
10. By what name is a full moon known in Autumn?
11. Who was the Greek goddess of the Harvest?
12. Which Hindu festival is celebrated in the Autumn?
13. Which Jewish Festival is celebrated in the Autumn?
14. By what name did the Celts refer to Autumn?
15. What was traditionally used to make a Jack 'O Lantern?

(Answers on pg 37)

## Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Mags Gillman Barbara Clarkson	Jan Burrow	Andrew Lowe
14 <sup>th</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Barbara Clarkson Scouts	N/A	Scouts
21 <sup>st</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	David Holden	Jenny Johnson
28 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Peter Holden	Clergy

## Reader's Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Enid Horrocks	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33
14 <sup>th</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Scouting Sections	Church Parade
21 <sup>st</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Lorraine Holden	Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13
28 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Peter Holden	Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31

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Answers to Tree Anagrams: 1) Oak, 2) Sycamore, 3) Birch, 4) Beech, 5)  
 Poplar, 6) Fir, 7) Spruce, 8) Maple, 9) Willow, 10) Hawthorn.

Answers to Autumn Quiz: 1) Acorn, 2) Hoglet, 3) 21<sup>st</sup> September, 4) Fruit, 5)  
 Chlorophyll, 6) Fall, 7) Backwards, 8) March, 9) Oktoberfest, 10) Harvest  
 Moon, 11) Demeter, 12) Diwali, 13) Rosh Hashanah, 14) Mabon, 15) Turnip.

## Who's Who For Church Organisations

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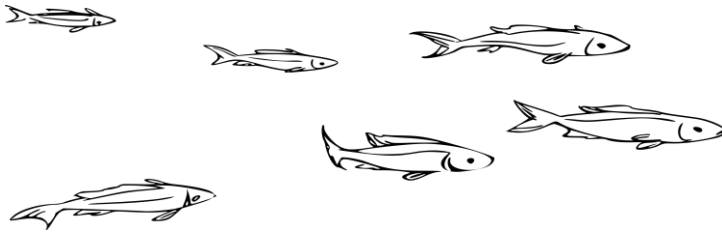


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Jesus Calms The Storm



## Stories Of Jesus

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

### Jesus Calms The Storm

You'll find this story in Luke chapter 8, verses 22-25.

Jesus and his disciples travelled through many villages and towns, talking to the people about God's Kingdom and teaching them to



love God and follow His commandments. The people loved to hear Jesus speak; sometimes huge crowds would gather to hear Him.

Jesus often spoke to the people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee; the people knew He would be there, and they would gather in big groups to hear Him.

One day, Jesus was preaching by the Sea of Galilee, and many people had come to hear Him. They crowded around Him, pushing each other and trying to get as close to Jesus as they could. The crowd was so big that Jesus got into a fishing boat and preached to the people who were standing on the shore - that way everyone could see Him and hear Him without having to push and jostle each other.



At the end of the day, Jesus and His disciples said goodbye to the people and then set off to cross the Sea of Galilee in the fishing boat. Many of Jesus's disciples had been or still were fishermen, so they had plenty of experienced Sailors on board. Jesus was very tired after a day of teaching; He found a cushion, lay down

in the boat and soon fell asleep.

The disciples were all happy; they had spent the day helping Jesus teach the crowds, and now they were heading for home. They were happy that the water was nice and calm and peaceful, so they could relax and chat quietly.

But soon, things began to change. The wind began to blow, and the sea became a little rough. To start with the disciples weren't too concerned, but the wind began to blow harder, and the waves



pushed the boat around. Before long, they were in a huge storm; the wind howled, the rain poured down, the lightning flashed, and the waves became so big that they were filling the boat with

water. The storm became so violent that the disciples began to think that the boat would sink. They thought they might all drown.

During all of this excitement, there was only one person on the boat who was not worried. Jesus! He was not worried because He was fast asleep. The disciples woke Jesus up and told Him that they were going to drown. "Master!" they cried out, "Save us!"

Jesus woke up and saw the storm, but He was not afraid at all. He looked at the waves and the water, then He held up His hand and said, "Peace, be still!" And guess what? The storm stopped.

The water became calm, and the wind stopped blowing. Jesus looked at the disciples and said, "Why are you so afraid? Where is your faith?"



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