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Parish Diary August 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 3 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Isobel Broxon & George Rigby
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Weds 6 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship
Thurs 7 th	1.30pm	'Bugs & Bees' Family Event

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 10 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	View From The Pew VJ Day Commemoration
Tues 12 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 13 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 17 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 20 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 24 th	8.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 27 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 31 st	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>followed by refreshments & drawing of the August Lucky Lotto</i>)
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SEPTEMBER

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 7 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

" Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5;18.

As we go about our daily lives, doing the things that need to be done and generally getting on with stuff, it's easy to forget to be thankful for the small but significant achievements that feed into the wider picture. Sometimes that's because we're so focussed on the 'big things' and getting to the next task on the list; sometimes it's simply because we become 'familiar with the familiar' and stop noticing and appreciating the things that we do and achieve day in day out.

Thankfulness can transform our perspective, inspire us and others, and align our hearts with God's will. The Bible teaches us to thank God in all circumstances - not just in times of blessing, but even in difficulties.

And despite the challenges and difficulties that interregnum brings, we have much to be thankful for at Christ Church Ainsworth; our Church is part of a wonderful community in a beautiful part of the world; we are free to express our faith, attend Church and worship without the fear of persecution or reprisals; we are blessed with a fantastic team of people, both clergy and laity, who support one another and pull together to ensure that everything gets done when it needs to be done, and in the way it's supposed to be done; there are people who have been part of our Church family for many years who are able to share their knowledge and experience with others, and yet we also have many families and young people who connect with our Church.

And if all of those things aren't reason enough to be thankful – did you know that we managed to pay our revised Parish Share in full last year; successfully applied for a grant to pay for the repairs which were needed to the Church roof; achieved the EcoChurch Silver Award at the end of 2024; recently held a really successful Summer Concert and have received permission to upgrade the lighting system within our Church?

1 Thessalonians 5;18 reminds us that giving thanks is not just a suggestion, but a directive from God; it encourages us to look for reasons to be thankful in all circumstances, because that is God's will for us. In Church and in our daily lives, we all need to remember to take a moment, to step back from our efforts and busyness, to celebrate our achievements and to be thankful.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the August 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine. Traditionally this can be a somewhat lighter edition due to the various groups and uniformed organisations taking a well earned break, but as you can see for the contents page, there is just as much information and reading material as always.

A number of our Summer activities have already been and gone – you can read about our Summer Concert and Organ Recital in this month's Parish Mag - but you'll also find information about Wild Worship and our Bugs & Bees Family Event which are yet to come, alongside all of our usual activities.

As always, the best way to keep up with the dates and times of the various events is via the weekly Pew sheet; if you would like to receive this by email contact ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com

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

Alison

From The Registers

Baptisms:

We welcome to the family of God:

6 th July	Maeve Batchelor
20 th July	Annabel Primrose Middleton
27 th July	Freya Fitzpatrick

Flower Rota

3 rd August	White Family
24 th August	Mrs. Maudsley

Open Church Afternoon & Organ Recital



A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event; especially to Jenny who played a wonderful mix of pieces ranging from Pachelbel's iconic Canon in D, right through to Hans Zimmer's theme to 'Gladiator'.

Thanks also to all who brought cake & served refreshments on a very warm afternoon. The total amount raised for Church funds was an incredible £199-70.

Summer Concert



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our summer concert at the end of June – what a brilliant night it was! Members of the “Notability” choral ensemble entertained us with a range of pieces from John Rutter right through to the swinging sixties and music from the ‘shows’; it was obvious that this small group of singers clearly love what they do.

The total amount raised for Church funds from this event was £514.00!

Bugs & Bees Family Event



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

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

£2 per child, refreshments available. Call 07952-709041 or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com for more info.

Gift Aid

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

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

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

Gift Aid significantly boosts the funds available to many charities and organisations, including our Church; in the 2024/25 tax year, Christ Church Ainsworth claimed an additional £6,786.20 through Gift Aid - more than the total annual cost of gas, electricity, and water used by the Church and equating to 15% of the total annual expenditure!

Thank you to everyone who currently supports our Church by Gift Aiding. If you are a UK taxpayer and don't already Gift Aid donations, please complete a Gift Aid form and return it to Church or post it through the door of the Vicarage.

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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 - August:

Helping Out In Hot Weather – *Keeping bird baths topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends, but they also need help when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce during prolonged hot weather. Members of our Churchyard Team keep feeders topped up all year round to ensure there is always food available to those who need it.*

As well as leaving a shallow tray of water out for small creatures, birds and insects to access, don't forget to keep feeders topped up. Could you consider putting out supplementary food, such as black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms, or a good seed mixture to help birds and other small creatures out during hot weather?

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

CCA Litter Pickers



Thursday 3rd of July was our final joint litter picking session with Christ Church Ainsworth School. On a glorious afternoon, a small group of children & grown-ups all armed with litter pickers, bags and gloves, spent 45 minutes litter picking on the park and streets near to school and church, before heading back to Church for a much-needed drink and end of term chocolate cake.

We'll be resuming this joint initiative on Thursday 5th September, but we really need some extra litter pickers to join our team. If you're around between 3.15 – 4pm; why not join us and help to keep our village tidy; all equipment provided.

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BRF Ministries also offer a wide range of Christian books, cards and gifts; for more info visit www.brf.org.uk

Wild Worship

Wild Worship is back & this year our theme is 'animals in the bible'.



Our first session was all about frogs; a frog hunt through the churchyard revealed lots of fascinating frog facts – did you know that a group of frogs is called an 'army of frogs'?

Our bible story this week 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!

Making paper plate frogs & frog face biscuits was a great way to round the evening off.

Wild Worship is a great opportunity to take our worship outdoors and have fun, but it also explores some really important themes in a family friendly way. Why not join us for family friendly outdoor worship in our lovely Churchyard this summer; every Weds at 6.30pm.



Prayer Opportunities At Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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

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



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

Jesus Prayer Hour – via Zoom on the 4th Tuesday of each month

Candlelight Prayer – via Zoom each Friday at 8pm

For more info email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The July Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 27th July, 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.

We're aware that not everyone carries cash with them, so to make it even easier, you can now enter the Lucky Lotto via direct payment, either monthly or annually. For more details, please email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

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



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Online Giving

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

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

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

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



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

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. Plus, if you sign up today using the link below, we could win £500!!

<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?

VJ Day 80th anniversary Commemoration; 15th August 2025

VJ Day marks the anniversary of Japan announcing its surrender to the Allied forces after six long years of fighting. The surrender was met with relief and celebration that the Second World War was finally over.

While millions took part in parades and street parties, there was also great sadness - the human cost of the conflict was enormous and many eagerly awaited the safe return of loved ones.

The fighting may have ended in Europe in May 1945, but Allied troops in the east were still engaged in fierce warfare. The 14th Army, was the principal British fighting force in the east; it was an extraordinary army composed of troops from South Asia, Africa and British, Burmese and Gurkha units.

By 1945 the British Indian Army was the largest volunteer force in history, made up of 2.5 million men and women. The War claimed the lives of 87,000 of these volunteers.

Throughout the early months of 1945, the 14th Army fought intensely and pushed determined Japanese forces back through hundreds of

miles of malaria-infested jungle, supported by continual supply drops from the air; Burma was liberated by this incredible fighting force.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific, Australian forces faced fierce resistance on Borneo, and US forces fought to take the strategically important islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa; battles which were marked by appalling levels of casualties.

After Okinawa fell on 22nd June, an invasion of the Japanese home islands was planned, with enormous levels of casualties expected. Before the invasion could take place, the most destructive war in history came to a rapid end; on 6th August, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima. Two days later, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan followed by a huge attack on 9th August; a day that also saw the dropping of the second atomic bomb – this time over Nagasaki. The number of deaths from the bombs has been estimated as being as high as 200,000.

Recognizing that victory was impossible, the Japanese government finally accepted the Allied surrender terms on 14th August 1945; the following day was declared Victory over Japan (VJ) Day.

But this was not the end for the many thousands of troops, volunteers and prisoners of war who remained in the East; tens of thousands of Allied Prisoners of War had to be located across vast areas – many of them had been held under appalling conditions and often put to work as forced labour.

Thousands of allied troops remained on active service in occupied Japan, and the South East Asia Command worked to reoccupy Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China, where new, nationalist conflicts were beginning.

Over 90,000 British troops were casualties in the war against Japan - 30,000 died and 37,500 were held as prisoners of war.

For hundreds of thousands of service personnel from Britain and the Commonwealth, it would take many months to be reunited with loved ones, some of whom they hadn't seen for more than five years.

For more info about VJ Day visit www.britishlegion.org.uk

Mission Community News – Litter Picking Event

As followers of Jesus, who saw the beauty of creation all around him, we are called to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth.



Litter picks are a powerful way to unite communities and make a visible, positive change. They empower individuals to take ownership and feel a sense of pride and responsibility for their local outdoor green spaces.



On a bright, sunny Wednesday evening 26 children & 13 adults gathered at Christ Church Ainsworth to take part in the annual Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Litter Pick – between us we collected 15 bags of rubbish, with the grand total for the whole of the Mission

Community coming in at 44 bags!

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 15th 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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A Word From Our Organist

The following information was provided by Jenny Johnson, our Church Organist, to those who came along to the Organ Recital held in Church on Ainsworth Village Day:

“Built in 1908 by W.E. Richardson, the organ at Christ Church Ainsworth has 18 stops and 2 keyboards. Organ sound is generated by movement of air within the pipes, thus the organ requires a constant supply of air under pressure, commonly called ‘wind’. The wind is contained in a ‘chest’ and is provided by electricity, however in the past the bellows had to be worked manually by organ blowers, requiring considerable effort to maintain a constant flow of air. Our church organ can still be operated in this way if the electricity fails; one such occasion occurred at a Christmas Carol Service – the Church was full and the Organist was my mum, Margaret Turner. The electricity failed on the organ and they had to recruit a series of sturdy ‘blowers’ from the congregation, who came under my mum’s orders of ‘more wind!’”



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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Prayer Diary



August 2025

1 st	We pray for those from St. Andrew's, Radcliffe who will be attending 'New Wine' in the coming days; praying that they would be encouraged & inspired in their faith & ministry.
2 nd	We pray for the Confirmation candidates at All Saints, Stand; that they would be strengthened & inspired as they prepare to take the next step in their journey of faith.
3 rd	We pray & give thanks for all those who are running events & activities for children & families throughout the summer break; that the seeds of faith may be sown through these initiatives.
4 th	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.
5 th	As Christ Church Walshaw open their doors for 'Cake & Chat' each Tuesday afternoon throughout August, we pray that God will draw people from the local & wider community to be part of this.
6 th	We give thanks for the congregation and all volunteers at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe; & pray that they have a peaceful & restful summer, whatever they have planned.
7 th	We pray for those who are organising or attending the Bugs & Bees family event at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that children may learn to love, nurture & respect the world around them.
8 th	We pray that the children & staff from St. John's School & other schools throughout our Mission Community, have a well-earned break & a safe and restful summer.
9 th	We give thanks for the volunteers at All Saints, Stand & pray that more will be inspired to join them.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
12 th	On International Youth Day, we celebrate the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.
13 th	We pray for the youth & children's leaders at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe as they meet today.
14 th	We pray for young people who will be receiving A Level results today; that those celebrating success would be confident to begin the next stage of life's journey, & those who have done less well would know that God's love, not results, is what will define them.
15 th	We pray for all who will be holding Services & celebrations to commemorate the 80 th anniversary of VJ Day. We remember with thanks all those who served in the Far East & brought an end to World War II.
16 th	We pray for those who are organising or attending the Parish BBQ at St. Andrew's, Hillock today; that this event would be well supported and a time of fellowship and fun.
17 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
18 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
19 th	We pray for the families who are taking part in Wild Worship at Christ Church Ainsworth throughout the summer months; that they might grow in faith & in their appreciation of God's wonderful world.
20 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
21 st	We pray for the young people who will be receiving GCSE results today; that this would be the start of a new and exciting journey for them.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
24 th	We pray for & give thanks for the work of the Food Pantry Team at St. Andrew's, Hillock; praying also for all of the individuals & families who access this service.
25 th	We give thanks for all who provide ministry within local hospitals, hospices & care homes.
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
27 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
28 th	We give thanks for all who have run the breakfast club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the summer months. Praying also for the children & families who have accessed this resource.
29 th	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
30 th	On National Grief Awareness Day, we pray for anyone who has lost someone dear to them.
31 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.

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







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 15th September

7.30pm

St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, M26 4HU





**CHRIST CHURCH
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50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!**



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

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 31st August.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 12th August

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





BUGS & BEES!


Thursday 7th August

1.30 - 3.00pm

Christ Church Ainsworth

- 
- Follow the Bee Trail
 - Learn about bees & pollinators
 - Bee themed craft activities
 - Refreshments available

Fun for all the family!



£2 /child; all children must be supervised
by a responsible adult

For more info

contact Alison on 07952-709041

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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."*





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Mothers' Union Coffee / Tea / Cake Afternoon

Tuesday 16th September 2.30pm

Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Raising funds for local women's refuge, Fortalice. No charge for admission, but please bring along some cake for our sharing table,

CCA Litter Pickers

Thursday 4th September 3.15- 4pm

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

Around The Organisations ...

Join Us & Join In!



What a thoughtful afternoon we spent when Sue Johnson led us in a discussion about the environment. We heard what the Bible said about caring for it and looked at what we had done wrongly and correctly over the years. How ideas and practices have changed! Everyone joined in the lively exchanges and, on behalf of all the members there, "Thank you", Sue, very much.

Andrew led us in a short act of worship at our meeting at the beginning of July, before we discussed preliminary plans for the Coffee/Tea/Cake afternoon on 16th September.

There is no charge for admission - just please bring a cake or piece of cake to put on our sharing table. Our aim is to raise enough money to buy some single sized bed linen for Fortalice, the Bolton based Refuge that provides services for everyone affected by domestic abuse and violence. It was good to hear Gill Smallwood speak at a Sunday morning service and for me to tell everyone there about our efforts. We are also taking donations of cheerfully coloured single duvet covers, suitable for adults, teenagers and children. These can be brought to church any time or brought to the Church Hall on the afternoon of the 16th September.

The Mothers' Union Summer of Hope appeal is still ongoing. Here is Julianne's story:

Julienne has spent much of her life in fear – of violence, of abuse, of instability. Displaced by conflict in the DRC, and trapped in an abusive marriage, she fled with almost nothing. For over a decade, she tried to survive, without education or a safe way to earn a living.

Then she joined a Mothers' Union literacy circle.

With this support, Julianne learned to read and write for the first time.

She began to understand her rights – and how often she had been denied them. "It felt like moving from darkness into light" – Julianne.

If anyone wishes to donate, this can be done through the MU Website at: mothersunion.org

We will be having our usual meetings in August. On the 5th, in the Church Hall at 2.30pm and on the 19th at a venue to be decided. Saturday, 9th August is Mary Sumner's Day and, traditionally, the Bolton Archdeaconry have held their festival on that day. This year is no different. It will be at St Peter's Church, Swinton M27 0WA at

2.30pm. It would be good if we could be represented but I appreciate that transport can be difficult.

Jennifer White

12th Radcliffe Guides

In a busy half term, we have continued our skills builder badge, “Live smart”, which meant that we have done the last two activities – we did the swap, so all have had a chance to sew a pencil case and make a pasta sauce; and to complete the badge we looked at a variety of jobs and what they might involve. We then presented Alice, Elise, Erin, Esmi, Georgia, Grace M, Grace S, Gracie, Keeley, Lilly N, Lilly P, Lilly S, Lucy, Mila, Mirabel, Phoebe, Poppy, Rubi, Scarlett and Serena with their badge, and Grace S with her theme award and her Guide Silver award.



We tie-dyed socks for Father's Day and for our final meeting in the hall we made Chorley cakes – this meant that Alice, Erin, Grace M, Lucy, Poppy and Rubi completed the confectionery interest badge; Grace M and Poppy achieved the express yourself theme award and

Guide bronze award. A lot of badges this term - well done to all the girls!

And whilst the baking was our last meeting in the hall, we actually finished the term with a sleepover at Height Nook near Darwen, with the theme of Independence Day. Despite heavy bursts of rain, we had a great time – making string tea light holders; playing team games; enjoying a campfire with songs and smores; archery; scavenger hunts and more than enough food to satisfy even the heartiest appetites!

At the June Church Parade, wearing our new county neckers, Lucy carried the flag and Rubi and Grace escorted

12th Radcliffe Guide Leaders

From the Archives – August 2000

In August 2000, the Parish Magazine was a little slimmer than usual, due to the various uniformed organisations being on their summer break.

The only item recorded in the Parish News was a report on the various activities and events which had been held to support Christian Aid Week; the total amount raised from all activities was a brilliant £580.

In other news, members of the Church Women's Fellowship had enjoyed a trip to Skipton for their annual outing, and were planning a Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale for the following month; Rainbows had held an end of year Teddy Bears' Picnic; and Beavers had taken part in the District Fun Day at Giant's Seat, had an American themed evening at the Church Hall, and rounded off the year with a walk down the Outwood Trail & supper at MacDonalds.

School reported a successful Summer Fair which had raised over £1,800-00 & also reported on the school production of 'Alice The Musical', which had been staged at The Met.

In August 2000, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Anne-Marie O'Hara (a Server) age 13yrs. In August 2000 there were 3 Baptisms, 3 Weddings and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month. Communicants for the previous month was listed as 446; collections were listed as £1493.

Just A Thought

If you only pray when you're in trouble; you are in trouble.

A Hymn For Summer

Just a ray of sunshine
Breaking through the gloom,
Makes the earth rejoice again
And makes the flowers bloom.



Just a little kindness,
Bright and sunny smile,
Makes the sad heart sing again,
And all its cares beguile.

Words and smiles so kindly
Like the sunshine fall,
Lord. may your presence ever be
Rich blessings unto all.

Space To Share A Prayer

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you,
Intellect to understand you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
A vision to meditate upon you,
A life in which to proclaim you. Amen. *(Attributed to St. Benedict)*

Things To Look Out For In August – Willow Warblers



The willow warbler is one of the most common summer visitors to this country, with 2.4 million breeding pairs setting up nests for the season. This slim, delicate bird of woodland, scrub, parks and gardens, can often be heard singing a melodious, warbling song from the tree canopy.

The willow warbler is green above and pale yellow below, with an off-white belly and eyebrow stripe. Willow warblers and chiffchaffs are both very similar, olive-coloured warblers, so are best identified by their song: chiffchaffs sing a distinctive 'chiff chaff chiff chaff', whilst willow warblers sing in a sweet, descending scale. Willow warblers have pale legs, while chiffchaff legs are dark grey.

Willow Warblers are insectivorous but will eat berries and fruit in autumn; they are one of the few species of bird that moult all their feathers twice a year - once at their breeding grounds and once at their wintering ground.

Common Blue Damselfly

The Common blue damselfly is the UK's most common damselfly – on a bright sunny day it can be found hovering around almost any waterbody, or away from breeding sites in grassland and woodland; it is also regularly seen in gardens with any form of water feature.

Common blue damselflies are carnivorous insects that eat other smaller insects. They primarily feed on flying insects like midges, and flies, but also consume other small insects they find among vegetation, sometimes even other damselflies.



Straplines

Friendship is when people know a lot about you but like you anyway.

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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

An English Summer's Day

Tonight, I find myself alone
Beneath a foreign sky,
Adrift from all I know and love,
Alone, bereft I lie.
Through darkest night,
Oppressive with the sultry heat of day,
My heart and soul seek comfort
In an English Summer's Day.

Senses searching for a mem'ry,
Fingers reaching through the dark,
Touch the sweet, ecstatic music
Of an unseen, soaring Lark,
The scent of English roses,
Petals drenched with morning dew,
Soft clouds that drift across a sky
That's, oh so English blue.

The wildflowers in the hedgerows,
The sea of golden corn,
The way the night sky blushes
When it's kissed by English dawn,
The smell of rich, dark earth,
The sound of softly falling rain –
Oh, English Summer's Day!
Help ease this lonely traveller's pain.

Time For A Smile

One Sunday a Parish Priest found several letters awaiting him in the Vestry. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool." Quietly and with becoming seriousness he shared the letter with the congregation and announced: "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign their name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing their name and forgetting to write the letter."



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The Parish Puzzler

Holiday Anagrams

Can you unscramble the letters below to find the sunspot?

1. ACRNGANAIRA

2. ODSOTLAESL

3. FITNEREE

4. ECEGER

5. RYEUTK

6. YIATL

7. INPAS

8. ABUDI

9. LGTORUPA

10. AAICROT

11. YPRSUC

12. DSAMLVEI

13. SAIUTIN

14. OJCARMA

15. AIIDN

(Answers on pg 38)

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Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
3 rd August 7 th Sunday after Trinity	Mags Gillman	Beryl Sixsmith	Clergy
10 th August 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Barbara Clarkson Jan Burrow	N/A	Andrew Lowe
17 th August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lorraine Holden	* David Holden
24 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	* Jenny Johnson
31 st August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	Barbara Leigh	Peter Holden	Andrew Lowe

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
3 rd August 7 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Beryl Sixsmith	Hosea 11.1-11 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
10 th August 8 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Lorraine Holden	Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40
17 th August 9 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	David Holden	Isaiah 5.1-7 Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2 Luke 12.49-56
24 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Jenny Johnson	Jeremiah 1.4-10 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17
31 st August 11 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Peter Holden	Jeremiah 2.4-13 Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16 Luke 14.1,7-14

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10.30am	Family Service, 2 nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) 1 st Sunday
Weds 6.30pm	Mid-Week Praise

Arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Banns of Marriage, and Funerals
Contact 01204-398567.

Answers to Sunspot anagrams: 1) Gran Canaria, 2) Costa Del Sol
3) Tenerife, 4) Greece, 5) Turkey, 6) Italy, 7) Spain, 8) Dubai, 9) Portugal,
10) Croatia, 11) Cyprus, 12) Maldives, 13) Tunisia, 14) Majorca, 15) India.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

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Cub Scouts	Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
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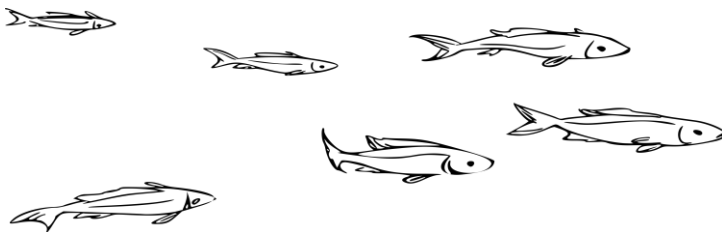


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The Sermon On The Mount



Stories Of Jesus

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

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

The Sermon On The Mount

Jesus had a group of people who travelled with him from village to village, listening to him and learning from him and helping him - these people were known as Jesus's disciples. From this group of people, Jesus chose twelve people who he believed would be able to carry on spreading the good news of God and leading the early Christians onwards. This group of people were called apostles.



Jesus needed to teach them how to do his great work, but it was always so busy in the towns and villages that it was hard to find time, and so Jesus decided they needed to get away from the busyness and find a quiet place where the apostles could rest and learn from him.

Jesus led the apostles away from the village and towards a great mountain; they climbed the mountain together, and then Jesus sat down and began to speak. The apostles all stood near to listen, and other people who had followed them up the mountain also gathered round to listen to the great sermon that Jesus preached that day.



Jesus began by saying; "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The apostles wondered what Jesus meant; he explained to them that people who are humble and who understand that they need God's help to live a good and honest life are blessed because God will watch over them and help them,

but those people who are proud and think that they are better than other people and that they don't need God's help, will not receive God's blessing.

The next thing Jesus told them was, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." These words sounded strange to the people who were listening - they didn't realise that God loves to comfort people who are weary and sad.



"Blessed are the meek:" Jesus told them next, "for they shall inherit the earth." The apostles must have wondered what on earth that meant; but Jesus explained that gentle, kind people who don't lose their temper and become cross and discontented will be happy and will enjoy the blessings God gives.

The next thing that Jesus said was, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Righteousness means living according to what God wants us to do, learning, praying, being kind and thoughtful and helping others. Only those people who really try their hardest to do these things and believe they can only do them with God's help, will be blessed.



"Blessed are they who show mercy to others," said Jesus; "for mercy shall be shown to them. And blessed are they who have pure hearts; for they shall see God. And blessed are they who make peace among men, for they shall be called the children of God." The apostles understood these words, because they knew that God would bless people who show mercy, and people who don't allow themselves to get mixed up in bad things, and people who bring peace where there is trouble.

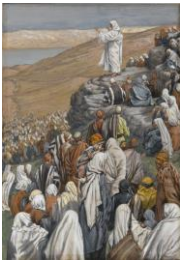
And finally, Jesus said: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

These words must have sounded strange to the apostles!

Persecution means causing someone to suffer or treating them unfairly, it can involve hurting them, scaring them, or making their

lives very difficult. The apostles must have wondered how the kingdom of God could belong to them when trouble was filling their lives. But Jesus explained to them that people who are persecuted in their life on earth can be sure that they will find peace and love in heaven.

This long speech that Jesus made to his apostles became known as The Sermon On The Mount. All of the things that Jesus told the apostles in this sermon were his way of explaining to them and the other people who were listening, how Christians should live. He



taught them how they should pray, how they should treat their enemies and their friends, and he also told them about God's love and care for those who trust him.

When Jesus finished speaking, he said: "Those who hear my words and do them are like the man who builds his house on a rock - when the wind blows and the rain falls, that rock will stand firm, and the house will not fall. But those who hear my words and do not obey them are like the man who builds his house on a sandy beach. When the wind blows and the rain falls, that sandy beach will be washed away, and the house will fall."

Jesus meant that people who heard him and followed his instructions would be saved and find peace and love in heaven, but people who heard him and chose not to follow his instructions for leading a good Christian life, could not expect to be saved and find peace and love in heaven.

When Jesus finished his sermon, the apostles and all of the people looked at each other in surprise. They wondered who could obey such commands as these: "Love your enemies." "Pray for them who treat you wrongly." "Do good to them who hate you." But they also knew that Jesus's words were the words of God, and over time, many of them learned that even the hardest commands could be obeyed by those who truly loved and believed in God.





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