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Parish Diary October 2025



Weds 1st 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 5th 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Weds 8th 6.30pm Midweek Praise

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sun 12th 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Harvest Church Parade & Family Service
6.30pm Celtic Harvest Service

Mon 13th 9.15am School Harvest Service

Tues 14th 10.30am Coffee & Conversation (*Ainsworth Church & Community Hall*)

Weds 15th 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 19th 10.30am Holy Communion
12 noon Baptisms

Weds 22nd 6.30pm MidWeek Praise

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sun 26th 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion (*followed by refreshments & drawing of the October Lucky Lotto*)
12.15pm Baptisms

NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sun 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Service To Remember The Departed



Interregnum Update

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Autumn is a time of dew drenched grass, a time of rust red, falling leaves; a time when trees and hedgerows are heavy with ripe berries; a time of activity as birds and animals prepare for the winter months ahead.

Autumn is a time of change and transition - the time between the Summer and the Winter months. So too we all experience Autumn within our own lives, and also within the life of our Church; a time for taking stock, and for letting go of the things which we no longer need.

Some changes we eagerly await, others we may find unsettling or intimidating. Some changes we plan, and others arrive uninvited. But in all of these changes we look for the gift of God's perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

Most people will, by now, be aware that once again there were no applicants for the post of Incumbent at Christ Church Ainsworth; as we move onwards into October, this will be the third Autumn of our ongoing interregnum.

Perhaps it would be helpful to view this time of interregnum in a similar way to the season of Autumn – a time of change and transition; the time between what was and what will be. A time of change, but also a time of opportunity and potential. A misty, grey Autumn morning has the potential to morph into a glorious sunlit afternoon; a forest of brightly coloured fungi can sprout seemingly overnight from an unpromising fallen tree; a nondescript shrub can be transformed by a crop of brightly coloured berries.

Amazing things often happen when and where we least expect them to – we may not have had any applicants for the post of Incumbent yet, but who knows what is round the corner; waiting for the early morning mist to lift, waiting for the moment to be right.

As the changing seasons are reminders to us that God is at work renewing the earth, as Christians we know that our God of renewal, is ever at work in our lives, and in the life of our Church also.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the October 2025 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is crammed with reports, updates, interesting articles and useful information.

As always, the last few months of the year are a busy time in the life of our Church; Harvest is fast approaching, followed by the Season of Remembrance, and before you know it, we are planning for Advent and Christmas will be just around the corner!

Make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary and also the weekly Pew Sheet for details of special Services and seasonal events, both within our Church & the wider community.

If your group / organisation is holding an event that you'd like us to publicise, please get in touch ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

Enjoy this month's magazine and do your best to support the many things that are going on within our Church and wider community in the coming month.

Alison

From The Registers

Baptisms:

We welcome to the family of God:

14th September Dottie Shepherd-Haycock

21st September Riley Rushton

21st September Clara Rushton

Weddings:

We offer the Church's congratulations to:

6th September Nicola Wareing & Robert Hession

Flower Rota

12th October Mrs B. Leigh

26th October Mr. D. Holden

Artisan Market – Save The Date

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

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival this year will be held on Sunday 12th October, when we will once again be 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.

Donations of produce / toiletries for our Harvest Appeal can be brought to MidWeek Praise on Wednesday 8th October, or to any of our Services in Church on Sunday 12th October.

An Update From Porch Boxes



Thank you so much for continuing to support Porch Boxes, it is very much appreciated. Donations of any tinned or dried food are always welcome, but items which are particularly needed include:

Tins of:-

Hot Dogs	Tuna
Stew	Meat
Ravioli.	Chilli con Carne
Meatballs	Spaghetti Bolognese
Beans and Sausage	Spaghetti
Fruit	
Pasta in sauce	Instant noodles
Savoury Rice.	Tea bags(40s)
Biscuits	Bottles of squash

UHT milk – full fat or semi skimmed

Toiletries, tooth paste, tooth brushes, baby products & “Bags for Life” are also very gratefully received.

Thank you again from the Porch Boxes Volunteers.

Christmas Fair

Our Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 15th 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 2nd 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 26th 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.

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.

Just A Thought

Faith is like Wi-fi; it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to whatever you need.

Candlelit 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 candlelit Church.

Saturday 6th December, 7pm; tickets available soon.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning; the total amount raised was £475-10, of which £370 was gift aided.



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 - October:

Getting Ready For Winter – *Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.*

Even if you don't have a large garden, there are likely to be birds nearby. Could you help them to prepare for the winter months by putting out a little seed each day? Feeders don't have to be fancy or expensive – a handful of seed or crumbs regularly left in a safe spot will be welcomed by our feathered friends.

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The September Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 28th September, with the lucky winner walking away with £16!

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

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 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!

Forest Church At Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School



Forest Church is a form of outdoor worship, and a way to connect with God through creation, encouraging awareness of nature and thankfulness for the world around us. The theme for our worship activities at our Autumn Forest Church event was “God’s Wonderful World”.

After a week of wild wind & torrential rain, it was wonderful to be greeted with blue skies & sunshine on Forest Church Day – even if it was a bit chilly.

As with our previous Forest Church Day, each class began their session with a time of quietness where the children were encouraged to think about what they could hear, feel and see around them, followed by a prayer of thankfulness. Each class then divided into 3 groups and headed across to the outdoor workstations where they used God’s creation to make new creations – activities included working in teams to create Eco-pictures, writing prayers on leaves to form a collage & creating ‘thankfulness wreaths’.

By the end of the afternoon the sun was shining as the whole school came together for a time of outdoor worship, during which Revd Debra read out some of the prayers which the children had written, finally rounding up with a brilliant whole school rendition of “My God Is A Great Big God”.

What a great day! Hopefully it’s something that the children will remember, and an initiative that school and our Church can work on together again in the future



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

We currently have 29 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 £937-07; 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 – World Homeless Day; 10th October 2025



World Homeless Day is observed internationally on 10th October each year. This international day serves as a platform to celebrate good works, benchmark progress, and advocate for improved policies and funding that can help prevent and end homelessness. World Homeless Day also aims to raise awareness about the needs of people who currently experience homelessness and promote work in local communities to alleviate suffering and prevent death.

The concept of 'World Homeless Day' emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world.

The Inaugural day was marked on the 10th of October 2010, which makes 2025 celebrations, the 16th annual World Homeless Day. Since its founding, it has been observed on every continent (except Antarctica), in over 100 countries.

How You Can Help:

- Support local & international charities that support those who are homeless, eg. Urban Outreach, Crisis, Bury Homeless Project, either financially or by volunteering.
- Donate essential items, such as food, warm clothing & toiletries to local organisations that support homeless people.
- Hold a fundraising event to raise funds for & increase awareness of a local charity that supports homeless people.

For more info visit [World Homeless Day 10th of October](#)

News From The Diocese

Saying Goodbye – Baby Loss Remembrance Service

Baby Loss Awareness Week is observed annually from October 9th to 15th offering a space for remembrance and raising awareness around pregnancy and baby loss. This year, [Saying Goodbye](#), part of Mariposa International, will host a special remembrance service at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, 19th October at 2:30pm.

The charity supports anyone who has experienced the loss of a baby during pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy, offering remembrance services and vital emotional support.

The service is open to all who have been affected by baby loss, including those grieving childlessness due to infertility or other circumstances.

Early Years Conference – Sat 8th November, 10 – 3pm

A ‘must’ event for anyone who is working with or interested in ministry for young children and their families. Come and be inspired by leading experts in the field and gather practical ideas to help you engage with children under 5 and their families. [Early Years Conference Tickets, Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Intercultural Kingdom Conference – Sat 15th November, 9.30-3pm

This special day will bring together churches from across our diocese to celebrate the rich cultural diversity within our communities. Through worship, teaching, and shared hospitality, we'll explore what it means to be part of God's intercultural Kingdom. Tickets are free, but registration is required by Wednesday 5th November. [Intercultural Kingdom Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, Nov 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Mission Community News – Lord's Prayer Day; Friday 10th October 2025

See video
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The Churches of our Mission Community will be taking part in Lord's Prayer Day on Friday 10th October. Please join with other members of our Mission Community to say The Lord's Prayer together at 7am, 12 noon or 8pm on Zoom, or simply pray yourself at these times.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOz09>

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.*

A Little Inspiration

One tree can start a forest
One smile can begin a friendship
One hand can lift a soul
One word can frame the goal
One candle can wipe out darkness
One laugh can conquer gloom
One hope can raise your spirits
One touch can show you care
One life can make the difference
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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Prayer Diary



October 2025

1 st	We pray for Revd Jason as he starts his new ministry, and the new chapter in the life and mission of St. George's, Unsworth & St. Andrew's, Hillock. We give thanks for all who have supported these Churches during the interregnum.
2 nd	We give thanks for members of our Mission Community Prayer & Spirituality Group who will be meeting this evening; may prayer underpin all that we do in our individual Churches & as a Mission Community.
3 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
4 th	We pray for those from St. George's, Unsworth, who will be litter picking this morning; that they would have meaningful encounters as well as working to improve their local environment.
5 th	We pray for Revd Jason, the Church leaders & the worshipping community at St. Andrew's, Hillock as Revd Jason leads his first Service there today.
6 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
7 th	We pray for all of our Baptism families - thanking God that they still see this as important.
8 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 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.
10 th	On World Homeless Day, we pray for those who have nowhere to go & no one to turn to. We pray for & give thanks for the work of local organisations who work to support those in the greatest need.
11 th	On World Hospice & Palliative Care Day, we pray for & give thanks for all who work in these areas. Praying also for those who access the care & support that these people offer.
12 th	We pray for those who will be attending Harvest Services at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe and Christ Church Ainsworth today. We pray for & give thanks for the work of 'Porch Boxes', which will be supported by both of these Churches & their worshipping communities.
13 th	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Ainsworth School, who will be holding their Harvest Service in Church today. Praying also for Trinity Food Bank, who will be supported by this Service.
14 th	We give thanks for & pray for all members of Clergy; that they would find time within their busy schedules to rest. We pray also for all Clergy spouses & family members.
15 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
16 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 th	We pray for all who have organised or will be attending the Harvest Supper & Ceilidh at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening.
18 th	We pray for all at St. Andrew's, Hillock as they hold their Harvest Festival today.
19 th	We pray for Revd Jason, the Church leaders & the worshipping community at St. George's, Unsworth as Revd Jason leads his first Service there today.
20 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide ministry to older people; praying especially for members of the Whitefield Anna Chaplaincy Team.
21 st	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We pray for & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
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 pray for & give thanks for all those who are involved with ministry for children & families.
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walsaw.
27 th	We pray for & give thanks for the many volunteers that support our Churches & wider communities.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
29 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
30 th	We pray for & give thanks for all those who take on the role of 'EcoChampion' within their Churches.
31 st	We pray for those who will be holding 'Light Parties' this evening; praying that the light will shine through the darkness & the darkness will not overcome it.

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



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!



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

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place
on Sunday 26th October.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 14th October

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





CCA Litter Pickers



First Thursday of the month
3.15 - 4pm

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

Equipment provided.

Children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult.

Next date Thurs 2nd October





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

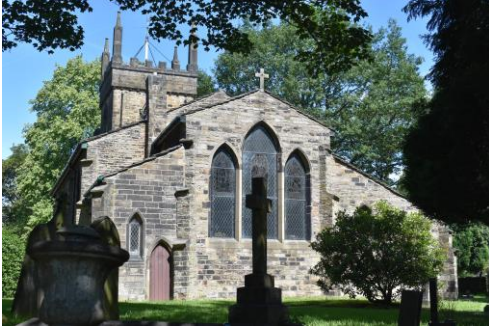
*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the
light that shines within you."*



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.



Tea, cake and a chat split the session into two halves. All are welcome.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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9:30 – 11.45 A.M.

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Ainsworth
Methodist Church

**Harvest
Hotpot**

**Saturday 11th
October 2025**

6.30pm



**HOTPOT
SUPPER**



QUIZ

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1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

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Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 14th October

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Mothers’ Union

Tuesday 7th October

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Tuesday 21st October; venue to be confirmed.

New members always welcome, please call in to any of our meetings to find out more.

Harvest Hot Pot Supper With Bingo & Quiz

Saturday 11th October

6.30pm, Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

A fun night, suitable for all ages. Adults £7, children £3. For more info

contact fionajbelli@hotmail.co.uk

Cuppa, Cakes & Company

Thursday 2nd October 2 – 3.30pm

Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall

Participate in board games, dominoes, table tennis & jigsaws or just come for a chat. Cost is £2.00 payable on the day.

Artisan / Makers Market

Sunday 12th October

11 - 3pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

!! Save The Date - Candlelit Christmas Concert !!

Saturday 6th 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.

!! Save The Date - Christ Church Ainsworth Christmas Fair !!

Saturday 15th November

11 – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Stalls, crafts, games & Café – everyone welcome.

Around The Organisations ...

Join Us & Join In!



As you will know, our Mothers' Union branch has been raising money to buy duvet covers, especially children's brightly coloured ones, for Fortalice, a Domestic Abuse Charity in the North West. 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our 'Take a Cake Break' effort, whether by helping at the event, supporting us on the day by bringing cake's and enjoying yourselves, or upholding us in prayer. Very special thanks are also extended to Jan Burrow and Barbara Leigh. We couldn't have managed without you.

At the time of writing, we had raised £132.67. The Duvet Cover Collection will continue until the middle of October; they can be left in the box in the church porch or brought to ABC in the Church Hall on Friday mornings between 9.00am and 11.15am (not 3rd Oct.).

As I mentioned last month, Autumn Council is on 3rd October at St. John's House, The Rock, Bury from 10.00am to 2.30pm. If anyone, member or non-member would like to come, you will be very welcome, it's always a very enjoyable and informative event. Just let me know and we can arrange to go together.

The following Tuesday, October 7th at 2.30pm we will have our short time of worship followed by an All Members Meeting when we look forward and plan until our own AGM in February. Hopefully I will have the Christmas Meal menus by then!

We will also confirm the venue for our next meeting on the 21st of October.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – October 2000

In addition to the usual Services & events, the Parish Diary for October 2000 included a Parade & Harvest Service and also a Harvest Evensong Service. A note from the Vicar advised that, once again, rather than collecting produce, people would be encouraged to make a financial donation to The British Red Cross or alternatively they could bring fresh flowers to Church – these would then be distribute to those who were unwell, housebound or in hospital.

The Parish News in October 2000 included a reminder that children's and adult's Confirmation classes would be starting early in October,

alongside an explanation of why someone might wish to be Confirmed.

In other news, plans were well under way for the Annual Old Folks Party; members of the Church Women's Fellowship had held a successful and enjoyable Coffee Morning; the Social Committee were planning a change to tradition and holding a 'Harvest Lunch' after the morning Service, rather than the usual Harvest Supper; Rainbows were working on their 'Teddy Bear Challenge'; 16th Radcliffe Brownies reported on a fun filled Pack Holiday which had been spent at Waddow Hall; Guides were preparing for an 'Olympics Themed' camp; and Cubs had won the District 5 a side competition

In October 2000, the 'Face To Face' interview was with Barbara Aspin, "one of our sidespeople and a very regular 8 o'clock attender" *(25 years later, I can vouch for the fact that Barbara is still a very regular 8 o'clock attender! Ed)*. In October 2000 there were 5 Baptisms, 2 Weddings and 2 Funerals recorded from the previous month. Communicants for the previous month was listed as 250; collections were listed as £1649.

Harvest Traditions



Harvest refers to the time during autumn when farmers traditionally brought in the crops that supplied their community through the year. Although our food today is more likely to come from the supermarket, Christians believe it is still important to remember God as creator and thank Him for the good things He provides.

Many harvest customs are connected with bringing in corn or other cereal crops. The final sheaf of corn was considered to be significant; that final handful of corn stalks would have been woven into a 'corn dolly'. This represented the spirit of the corn and was kept until the following spring to ensure a good harvest next year.

In modern times, Harvest is not only to thank God for the abundance of food many of us enjoy, but also to raise awareness of the hunger that exists in other parts of the world. Some churches might encourage their members to give financially to those in need in the developing world.

A Hymn For The Season Of Harvest



We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Chorus:

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

Chorus:

We thank You, our Creator, for all things bright and good:
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all Your love imparts;
Accept what You most welcome: our humble, thankful hearts!

Chorus:

(Mattias Claudias 1782)

Space To Share A Prayer

Creator God,
We thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal. Amen

Straplines

You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice
because thorns have roses.

You are not wise if you give the right answers; you are wise if you ask
the right questions.

Arguments are like fences – they always have two sides.

Things To Look Out For In October – Long-Tailed Tit



The long-tailed tit is a tiny bird of hedgerows, woodland, parks and gardens, and does, indeed, have a long black-and-white tail that is bigger than its body. It has a black, white and pink back, a white head with a wide, black eyestripe, and a pale pink belly.

Sociable and noisy, long-tailed tits are usually spotted roaming about in flocks of 20 or more birds during the winter. At night, long-tailed tits cluster together to keep warm. During the breeding season, long-tailed tits build a domed nest out of moss in a bush or the fork of a tree, and camouflages it with cobwebs and lichen. They line the nest with as many as 1,500 feathers to make it soft for the eight to twelve eggs they will lay.

Long-tailed tits are active feeders, hunting out insects and spiders among the smaller branches and leaves of trees in woodlands, but they are also well-adapted to gardens and towns and will visit bird tables and feeders. In winter, they form flocks with other tits, roaming woodlands, parks and gardens, and commons and heaths with suitable bushes.

Fungi



The UK is home to around 15,000 species of fungi. They can pop up everywhere from woods and riverbanks to meadows and even your garden, with different species favouring different environments.

Fungi are neither plants nor animals. Instead, they belong to their own fascinating kingdom.

The mushroom we can see above the ground is just one small part of the fungus: the fruiting body. It releases spores for reproduction, while below ground the rest of the fungus concentrates on drawing nutrients and energy from organic matter using a series of long threads called the mycelium. In some fungi, the mycelium can stretch for several miles, making them the largest living organisms on earth!

Did you know that fungi play a pivotal role in our ecosystem? They recycle waste and break down organic materials like leaves and wood into new nutrients, helping plants and trees to grow and thrive.

For more info about the fungi which can be found in our area visit [Nine amazing autumn fungi to spot | The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire Manchester and North Merseyside](#)

Time For A Smile

Thoughts From The Allotment

Plant 4 rows of peas: Preparedness

Promptness

Perseverance

Prayer

Then 3 rows of squash: Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Add 5 rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful

Let us be unselfish

Let us be loyal

Let us be truthful

Let us Love 1 another

No garden is complete without a few turnips: Turn up to meetings

Turn up on time

Turn up with a smile

Turn up new ideas

Turn up with enthusiasm and determination

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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Autumn Leaves

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Leaves of red and gold and brown;
Fluttering, fluttering, fluttering down.

Hedgehogs want their winter sleep,
Find a hole that's warm and deep;
Snuggle, snuggle down to sleep.

Birds are flying over seas,
Seeking warmer lands than these;
Flying, flying over seas.

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The Parish Puzzler

Harvest Anagrams

Can you unscramble the following to find 10 vegetables?

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

Can you unscramble the following to find 12 fruits?

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

(Answers on pg 35)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
5 th October 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Mags Gillman	David Holden	David Holden
12 th October Harvest Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Guiding Sections	N/A	Guiding Sections
19 th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lillian Haworth	Jenny Johnson
26 th October Bible Sunday	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	Andrew Lowe

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
5 th October 16 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	David Holden	Lamentations 1.1-6 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10
12 th October Harvest (Green)	Guiding Sections	Church Parade
19 th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Jenny Johnson	Jeremiah 31.27-34 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18.1-8
26 th October Bible Sunday (Green)	Gwen White	Joel 2.23-32 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 Luke 18.9-14

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Services

Sunday 8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) 2 nd & 4 th Sunday
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 Vegetable Anagrams: 1) Carrot, 2) Cabbage, 3) Broccoli, 4) Kale, 5) Potato, 6) Celery, 7) Aubergine, 8) Radish, 9) Onion, 10) Turnip, 11) Butterbean, 12) Mushroom.

Answers to Fruit Anagrams: 1) Plum, 2) Melon, 3) Orange, 4) Apple, 5) Nectarine, 6) Strawberry, 7) Pomegranate, 8) Blueberry, 9) Peach, 10) Grapefruit, 11) Rhubarb, 12) Pear.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

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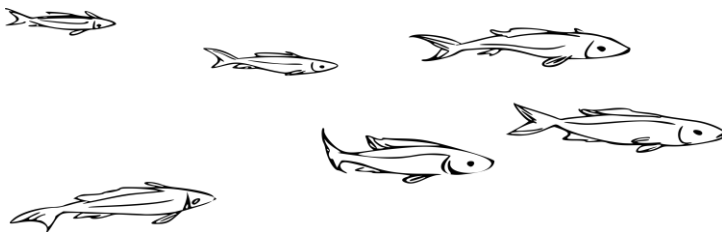


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Little Fishes

Jesus Walks On The Water



Stories Of Jesus

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

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

Jesus Walks On The Water

You'll find this story in Matthew chapter 14, verses 22-33.

It had been a very long day; Jesus and his disciples had been busy teaching people about God, praying with people and healing the people who came to ask for help. As the sun began to set, Jesus and his disciples were all feeling tired.

When the last of the crowds had left, Jesus told the disciples to go back to their boat and sail back to the other side of the lake, where they would be spending the night. He told them he had something important that he needed to do, but not to worry, because he would catch up with them.



Jesus had had a long tiring day; he needed some quiet time where he could just be close to God, and so when everyone left Jesus went up the mountainside by himself to pray.

Jesus spent a long time praying; it was very late at night before he made his way back down the mountain, but Jesus didn't feel tired anymore - he felt refreshed and strong again.

Jesus walked down to the shore where the disciples' boat had been. He could see the boat bobbing on the waves in the distance, but it was a long way away, far out across the lake.

Jesus needed to get to the other side of the lake and join the disciples, so he stepped out on to the water and began to walk across the surface of the lake towards their boat!!!

The lake was really deep - almost like a sea, but Jesus looked



straight ahead; he put one foot in front of the other, and he just kept on walking. Jesus walked and walked, until finally he was close enough to the boat that he could see them all

busy with their tasks as they guided the boat towards the opposite shore.

Suddenly one of the disciples looked up. "What is that!" He said, pointing out into the water, "There's a dark shape coming towards the boat!"

Quickly, all of the other disciples stopped what they were doing and hurried to see what it was that was out there.



"Is it a sea monster?" someone asked

"Is it a great wave approaching?" asked someone else.

Someone else cried out, "Help! I think it's a ghost!"

By this time the disciples were starting to be really scared.

Jesus could see and hear the confusion, he realised they were afraid, and so he called out, "I am here, do not be afraid."



The disciples didn't understand - how could Jesus be walking across the surface of the lake? They felt silly they had thought that Jesus was a ghost, but they still didn't understand.

Then Peter called out to Jesus, "Lord if it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come." Jesus said with His hand reaching out to him.

The disciples watched and held their breath as Peter carefully climbed out of the boat and began to walk on the surface of the

water towards Jesus. Peter looked straight ahead at Jesus and put one foot in front of the other to start with; but then he noticed that it was a bit windy and there were some larger waves and he started to feel a bit frightened. He took his eyes off Jesus and glanced nervously down at his feet walking over the waves.



As soon as he did that, he began to sink - the water covered his feet and then his ankles and was creeping up to his knees!!

"Lord, save me!" He cried out.

And immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him pulling him up out of the water.



"Peter", Jesus said, "You have such little trust for me. Why did you doubt me?"



As Peter walked back to the boat with Jesus by his side, he wondered to himself why he had taken his eyes off Jesus - as soon as he had stopped focusing on Jesus, he had started to think about other things and feel afraid, and that was when he began to sink.

Jesus helped Peter into the boat and then climbed in himself; as soon as he did this, the wind stopped blowing, the waves stopped splashing, and the water was calm.

Then everyone in the boat worshipped Jesus saying, "Truly you are God's Son!"





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