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Parish Diary June 2026



Weds 3 rd	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Adult Baptisms
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Tues 9 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 10 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
Sun 14 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Church Parade & Family Service
Weds 17 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 20 th	11-12 noon	Mission Community Litter Pick (<i>Meet at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe</i>)
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
Sun 21 st	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Hollie & Faye Eccles
Weds 24 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER RINITY		
Sun 28 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
JULY		
Weds 1 st	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 4 th	11.30am	Mission Community Prayer Walk (<i>Meet at Close Park, Radcliffe, followed by Communion at St. Mary, Radcliffe, led by Bishop Mark Davies</i>)
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
Sun 5 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9; 37-38

The first verses of Matthew chapter 9 lists a number of incidents where Jesus used his ministry to help those who were in need; a paralysed man, a woman with chronic bleeding, a blind man & a person who was possessed by demons.

Jesus could have spent every waking hour healing and teaching. There was no shortage of people who needed his help, but in his earthly existence, He was limited - He couldn't be everywhere at once; He couldn't personally meet every need; He grew tired and hungry. On a purely practical level, He needed others to go out and preach the gospel. The problem was not that there were not enough people to harvest, but that there were not enough labourers to do the work.

Fast forward 2000 years & many of our Churches & Clergy are facing the same problems: there are often so many needs within the life of a Church & the community that it serves, that everyone who turns out to work (Clergy & volunteers) is stretched to the max, with many needs remaining unmet. The move towards Clergy being responsible for more than 1 Church can often compound this.

The challenge to us now is the same as it was in Jesus's day – there are too few workers to do all that needs to be done. We need more workers to go out into the harvest fields to work. We need people who feel called to share the responsibility for mission & ministry within their daily lives and within our parishes.

Matthew 9; 38 tells us to ... "ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into his harvest field."

So perhaps each of us could commit to do that by praying the words below – the diocesan prayer for developing missional leaders:

God of love, we thank you for all whom you are calling to lead and serve in your Church. We ask you to continue raising up missional leaders, lay and ordained. Deepen our faith, develop our gifts, and form us into the likeness of Christ. Open our eyes to see where you are at work and give us courage to join in boldly and faithfully. Amen

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is once again packed full of news, interesting articles & useful information.

Whilst the summer months are often a little quieter, there still seems to be a lot of activity going on within our Church & the wider community; the uniformed organisations seem to have been particularly busy in recent weeks, with reports from both Brownies & Guides this month to keep us up to date.

Alongside our usual reports & articles this month, there are updates from the Church Spring Fair, the Ascension Day Prayer Journey & our family Pentecost afternoon, plus details about the Summer Concert, our next couple of Mission Community events and the Archdeacon's Visitation, which this year will be held at Christ Church Walshaw.

Lots of work goes into organising all of these services & events, so please do your best to support them if & when you can.

Hopefully there will be something for everyone in this month's magazine, so enjoy the read, & if you or your organisation has an event or write up that you would like us to include in a future edition, please get in touch at ainsworthparishmagazine@gmail.com

Alison

From The Registers

We welcome to the family of God:

24th May Joy Gape-Rule

Flower Rota

7th June Ainsworth Scout Group

21st June In Memory of Jean Clifford

MidWeek Praise Reporter

The week before half term Debra told us about Pentecost and the flames of the Holy Spirit. We had to hunt for flames in Church and they made the words 'Holy Spirit We Welcome You'.

We had a bake sale to raise money for Alzheimers Society.

From your young MidWeek praise reporter (Year 4)



CCA Litter Pickers



Our litter pickers were treated to glorious sunshine on the day of our May litter pick – it seems that the warmer weather had made the good folk of Ainsworth thirsty, as our teams seemed to have collected a large number of empty cans & bottles!

Our next CCA Litter Picking afternoon will be Thursday 4th of June at 3.15pm; everyone is welcome to join us, so why not come along and help us to keep our village tidy. .

CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

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

Jill Ainsworth & Peter Firth both scored full marks + 2 bonus points this month – congratulations to the winner, drawn at random, Jill Ainsworth.

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

The total amount raised from the May Quiz was £25-00.

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| 1. Outdoor meal | Picnic |
| 2. Speak quietly | Wispa |
| 3. Not before 20:00 hours | After 8 |
| 4. Cat food missing an 'e' | KitKat |
| 5. Favoured by runners before it was renamed | Marathon |
| 6. Where Mother drinks | Mars Bar |
| 7. Dance move | Twirl |
| 8. Formerly 10 cents | Dime Bar |
| 9. Path leading through the dairy? | Milky Way |
| 10. Small Terrier, in short | Yorkie |
| 11. Allows a large cart to move | Wagon Wheel |
| 12. Watch out for mutiny with this one! | Bounty |
| 13. Cows visit the pub perhaps | Milky Bar |
| 14. Flowers | Roses |
| 15. Favoured by the King of the Jungle | Lion Bar |
| 16. Outdoor fun and games | Revels |
| 17. Charge up or energise | Boost |

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| 18. Type of public transport | Double Decker |
| 19. Smart neighbourhood | Quality Street |
| 20. Just enough to treat the kids | Finger of Fudge |
| 21. Parties to mark special occasions | Celebrations |
| 22. Coat fasteners | Chocolate Buttons |
| 23. Star constellations | Galaxy |
| 24. People admired for their courage | Heroes |
| 25. Clever or well dressed folk | Smarties |
| 26. Dark arts perhaps | Black Magic |
| 27. Receptacle for carrying dairy product | Milk Tray |
| 28. Crispy or brittle | Crunchie |
| 29. Clever blending of 'twin sticks' | Twix |
| 30. Terry's citrus fruit | Chocolate Orange |

Tie breaker: A) How many individual segments are there in a Terry's chocolate orange? 20

B) How many colours of Smartie are there in a regular tube? 8

Living Flame



On a glorious and, thankfully, breezy afternoon in half term week, a number of families gathered in the Churchyard to find out more about the exciting things that happened between Easter Sunday & the Day of Pentecost.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, some of them thought he was a ghost, so our first activity was a hunt through the Churchyard to find envelopes which contained a picture of either Jesus or a ghost – the children then tried to guess which it would be.

We learned a bit about Ascension Day and how Jesus was taken up into the clouds as the disciples stood watching & then made Ascension Day scenes using paper cups & cotton wool.

After a short 'cake break' ... finally, the Day of Pentecost & the arrival of the Holy Spirit as tongues of flame gave us an opportunity for the children to get into character with a short play which Revd Debra had written for our main Pentecost Service – the children did a brilliant job of reading this and really put some expression into the parts, before completing their final craft activity which was to colour in & stick together a Pentecost lantern, complete with LED candle.

Thank you to everyone who came along on the day.

Eden Singer's Summer Concert

Save the date!! Local community choir, 'The Eden Singers' will be joining us in Church on Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7pm for an evening of entertainment, performing 'Hits Of The Decades'. This fabulous repertoire includes hits from each decade from 1920 onwards, complemented by newsreel footage of events which were in the news at that time. Tickets now available in Church £7 each including refreshments. For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041.



Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair

A huge thank you to the Social Committee, the ABC Team & everyone who helped to make the Church Spring Fair a successful event; the total amount raised was £1700!

Christian Aid Week 2026

A big thank you to everyone who was able to support our Christian Aid collection, and also to Barbara Clarkson who is our Christian Aid rep & organises this for us each year.

Forest Church Ribbon Appeal



Throughout the year we've been working with the children at Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School, providing Forest Church sessions. These usually take the form of a short time of outdoor prayer, a time of teaching / learning on the theme of the day & then a series of related crafts & activities.

We'll be holding our final Forest Church session of this school year early in July, our focus this time will be on prayer, and one of the activities will involve children writing their hopes for the future onto a coloured ribbon. Our plan is that these prayer ribbons will all then be fastened onto a 'washing line' to create a rainbow prayer curtain in the school grounds.

If anyone has any unwanted ribbon that they would be willing to donate for this project, please contact Alison on 07952-709041, or leave it on the back pew in Church. Any colour, width or quantity of ribbon would be gratefully received.

Ainsworth Village Picnic On The Delph

Cake & drink stalls, raffle, children's crafts & other games - bring your own food, drink & chairs and come & have fun in the sun! Everyone welcome.

Date will dependent on weather & Ground conditions and will be confirmed 1 week prior to the event, but provisional dates are Sunday 14th / 28th June or 5th July, 12 – 4pm.

Scouts Fundraising Coach Trip

Fancy a day out at Whitby? Why not book on Ainsworth Scouts' fundraising trip on Saturday 4th July. Travelling by executive coach, leaving Ainsworth around 8.30am and arriving back at approx 6pm. Tickets cost £30 / person, under 14's £25 / person, under 5's free, Family ticket (2 adults + 2 under 14's) £90. Closing date for booking Sat 21st June; for more info / to book your place please click the following link <https://tinyurl.com/WhitbyJuly2026>

Reflecting On The Seasons - Thy Kingdom Come



“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven:

May your holy name be honoured;

¹⁰ may your Kingdom come;

may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today the food we need.

¹² Forgive us the wrongs we have done,

as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.

¹³ Do not bring us to hard testing,

but keep us safe from the Evil One.

¹⁴ “If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done.”

Matthew 6; 9-15

Each year we join in with ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ in the 10 days between Ascension Day & Pentecost; but have you ever thought about what that actually means?

The phrase *Thy kingdom come* is part of the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that Jesus taught His disciples and all future servants of His kingdom,

as a pattern for prayer.

In Luke 11; 1, the disciples observed Jesus praying and wished to learn from Him how to pray. They recognised that Jesus' day-to-day actions flowed from His intimate prayer life with God, and they wanted their lives to reflect the same. So, Jesus told them: "Whenever you pray, say, Father, your name be honoured as holy. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And do not bring us into temptation".

The words of the Lord's Prayer are seen again & more fully in Matthew 6; 9-15 as part of Jesus's Sermon on The Mount, and again there are those words, 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

The Kingdom of God isn't a physical place; you can't find it on a map. Unlike the kingdoms of the world, the Kingdom of God is driven not by a love of power, but by the power of love.

When we pray *Thy kingdom come*, it is not just an expectant yearning for the coming of Christ in the future; it also expresses the prayerful desire of Christians to see God's Kingdom broaden and become increasingly established throughout the world in the here and now.

Praying, "*Thy Kingdom come*", means asking God to help us in our own lives to be faithful, obedient, and effective Christians. We spread God's kingdom not only with words but also through our actions.

Praying, "*Thy kingdom come*," means asking God to shine His light into the world so that others may respond to Him.

Heavenly Father, we pray that Your presence may be felt & seen more clearly in our own lives & that through our lives and witness, your word may be spread.

May Your kingdom come! Through Jesus Christ our Lord - Amen.

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Christ Church Ainsworth Book Of Remembrance

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



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

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The May Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 31st May, with the lucky winner walking away with £17-50!

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

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

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

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!!

Just A Thought

Swallowing angry words before you say them is better than having to eat them afterwards.

News From The Diocese – Archdeacon’s Visitation Service

The Archdeacon’s Visitation Service for our Deanery will be held at Christ Church Walshaw at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026; during this Service, Churchwardens across the Archdeaconry are admitted to Office. PCC Members and Sidespeople are also encouraged to attend, to affirm / reaffirm their willingness to serve.

Farewell Service For Ven Dr Rachel Mann

As the Venerable Dr Rachel Mann prepares to retire from her role as Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton, all are invited to a special service of Evensong on 5th July 2026 at 5.30pm at Manchester Cathedral. For more info visit [Farewell Service for Ven Dr Rachel Mann - Diocese of Manchester](#)

Mission Community News – Ascension Day Prayer Journey

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

Despite the heavy rain & wild wind in the days leading up to our walk, Ascension Day dawn bright & sunny, if a little fresh!

9 intrepid walkers set off across the fields from Walshaw to Ainsworth, being reminded as we walked of how lucky we are not only to live in such a wonderful, green part of the world, but also to have the freedom to walk through the fields and footpaths and to worship and express our faith without fear of persecution.

Refreshments awaited us at Christ Church Ainsworth, followed by a further time of prayer led by the tear 3 worship team from Ainsworth School, before our group of walkers set off once more across the fields en route to St. Andrew’s, Radcliffe for more prayer, before beginning the final leg of the Prayer Journey.

Abley guided by Ken, our group of walkers set off down ‘the banana path’ arriving at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe ahead of the walkers from the Southern end of the Mission Community – this has never happened before!!

Revd Phil Cansdale led our Celtic Communion Service, which was, as always, a moving experience as members of all of our Mission Community Churches came together in faith & fellowship.

Annual Mission Community Litter Pick

As many of our Churches now have their own regular litter picking groups, rather than all spending an hour litter picking our own localities, this year the Churches of our Mission Community have decided to come together for a 'one off blitz' of an area identified as being particularly in need of litter picking.

Why not join us on Saturday 20th June from 11 – 12 noon, when we'll be litter picking around Radcliffe centre. Meet at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe at 11am; all equipment provided & everyone welcome.

Mission Community Prayer Walk

On Saturday 4th July at 11.30am the Churches of our Mission Community will be holding a Community Prayer Walk through Close Park, Radcliffe, led by Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton. The Prayer Walk will be followed by a 'bring your own lunch' and finally a short Communion Service at St. Mary's, at which Bishop Mark will preside.

Everyone welcome, no need to book – just turn up.

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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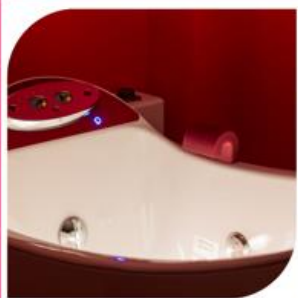
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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Prayer Diary



June 2026

1 st	We pray for those who will be part of the book group being held at St. George's, Unsworth today.
2 nd	We give thanks that all of our Churches will now have held their APCMs. We pray for all those who have taken on a new role within their Church or been re-elected to serve a further term of office.
3 rd	We pray for all who will be taking part in First Wednesday Friends with Revd Marie at St. Thomas & St. John Vicarage today.
4 th	We pray for all who will be part of the Task Group meeting this evening; that each Church would have people who feel called to be part of this group & that the meeting would be fruitful.
5 th	We pray for those who will be involved in the Coffee Morning being held at St. Andrew's, Hillock today, in aid of 'Mopane Tree' (Namibia), that this would be a well supported & successful event. On World Environment Day, we pray also for all who work to promote awareness and action for the protection of our environment.
6 th	We pray for those who will be involved with running Saturday Café at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe today, that this might be a resource that is valued by the community & an opportunity for meaningful encounters.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
8 th	We pray for all who are working through ALM elective modules or Lay Pathway modules; praying also for those who are leading the sessions.
9 th	We pray for those who will be leading or attending Coffee & Conversation at Christ Church Ainsworth today, that this might be an opportunity to meet old friends & make new ones.
10 th	We pray for members of St. Mary's Mothers' Union Branch, who will be holding their 130year celebration event today.
11 th	We pray for all who are involved with ministry to children, families & schools; praying that the seeds of faith would be sown & nurtured in young hearts.
12 th	We pray for those who are involved with running the Cornerstone Café at St. George's, Unsworth. Praying also for the community that they serve.
13 th	We pray for those who will be involved with running Saturday Café at St. Mary, Radcliffe, that this might be a resource that is valued by their community & an opportunity for meaningful encounters.
14 th	We give thanks & pray for Radcliffe & all who live, work & worship in this area.
15 th	We pray for the youth group at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe as they work through Youth Alpha.
16 th	We give thanks for & pray for all who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; praying that this would be a time of inspiration, sharing & support.
17 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.
18 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	We pray for all those who will be taking part in our Mission Community Litter Pick today. Praying for the community that we will be working in & for the opportunity to speak with members of that community whilst out 'picking'.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We give thanks for 200 years of faith and worship at All Saints, Stand and ask for God's blessing for the celebratory events taking place throughout the year, and on those involved in organising them. We pray that the year may be a time for building closer relationships with the local community.
24 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
25 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
26 th	We pray for those who will be organising & attending the concert being held at All Saints, Stand this evening as part of their bicentennial celebrations.
27 th	We pray for those who lead & participate in the prayer groups & Bible study groups which are run by our Churches; may they know God's presence & grow in faith.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
29 th	We pray for those throughout our Mission Community who are preparing for Confirmation in the coming weeks, praying that they would be guided by & filled with the Holy Spirit.
30 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.

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

AINSWORTH VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE DELPH



All welcome. Bring your own food, drink, chairs.



Cake and drink stalls, raffle.
Children's craft tables and other games.



Provisional dates Sunday 14th, 28th
June or 5th July. 12 noon - 4pm.

(date to be officially announced one week prior to event)

Come and have fun in the sun!





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 28th June.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 9th June

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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



Concert



Performed by

The Eden Singers

**A trip down memory lane to hear
songs plus visual news items
from 1920 through to 2000**

7pm Saturday 11th July 2026

Christ Church, Church Street, Ainsworth, BL2 5RU

All Tickets £7.00 including refreshments

Contact 07952-709-041



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 4th June





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."*



Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 9th June

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome.

!! Save The Date – Eden Dingers Summer Concert !!

Saturday 11th July

7pm Christ Church Ainsworth

Tickets available in Church, £7 inc refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Community Picnic On The Delph

Proposed Date Sunday 14th or 28th June or 5th July 12 – 4pm

Date is dependent on weather & will be officially confirmed 1 week ahead

Bring your own food, drinks & seats & come along and join the fun!

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Litter Pick

Saturday 20th June 11-12noon

Meet at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe for an hour of litter picking within the locality. All equipment provided, no need to book, just turn up.

Archdeacon's Visitation Service

Wednesday 8th July 7.30pm

Christ Church Walshaw

During this Service, Churchwardens across the Archdeaconry are admitted to Office. PCC Members and Sidespeople are also encouraged to attend, to affirm / reaffirm their willingness to serve.

Candlelight Prayer

Each Friday @ 8pm on Zoom

An oasis of calm at the end of a busy week. Why not join us for 10 minutes of prayer and quiet reflection each Friday evening. Simply click on the link below to take part:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOzZ09>

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Walk

Saturday 4th July 11.30am

Close Park & St. Mary's, Radcliffe

Why not join us for our Mission Community Prayer Walk through Close Park, followed by packed lunch & Communion which will be led by Bishop Mark Davies. Everyone welcome.

Around The Organisations ...



Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner.

In 1876, when her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth, she was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Inspired, Mary publicised a meeting of mothers in the parish to offer mutual support. Her plan was quite radical in its day as it involved calling women of all social classes to support one another and to see motherhood as a profession as important as those of men, if not more so. The first meeting was held in Old Alresford Rectory, but Mary was so overcome by nervousness that her husband, the Rector had to speak for her and invite the women to return next week. At that second meeting she had gathered enough courage to lead her own meeting.

She started small with that one group of ladies, supporting each other. Could she have foreseen that 150 years later, that small group would have grown to around 4 million members in 84 countries, worldwide?

From that small group of mothers, our figures show that **2.7 million people** were supported by MU in 2004. Over **481,391 people** were directly supported from our work and **over 2 million people** were indirectly supported from our work annually. In my book, that's worth a celebration!

Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union, hosted the York Province Service in the Cathedral in March when 300 members and guests were present. The service was led by Bishop Mark of Middleton and highlights included messages from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and Worldwide President Kathleen Snow.

The service included the unveiling and dedication of a plaque to Mary Sumner, who was born in Swinton, and baptised at St. Mary the Virgin, Eccles. This plaque is now on display in the Cathedral, so why not view it, next time you are there.

Candles were placed on the candle cross on the worldwide table for Mothers' Union and our Provincial and link dioceses and the link diocesan flags were presented.

In June there will be a Celebration Service at St Paul's Cathedral, and the Annual Gathering will take place on consecutive days. I know that none of us will be making the journey to London, but we hope to hear

later in the year from members from our deanery or diocese who were able to attend.

On the 27th June, 12 MU members and friends from across the Manchester Diocese will be completing their 150th Year challenge by crossing the Infinity Bridge in Keswick. Suspended 1,000 feet above sea level, they will tackle the longest high wire bridge in Europe at 190m. It is sure to provide plenty of action, laughter and a true sense of accomplishment and show that Mothers' Union is more than old ladies sitting in a church hall drinking tea!

Please sponsor them if you are able at

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/infinitybridge>

Our first meeting in June will be on the 2nd at 2.30pm in the Church Hall for a time of worship and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

On the 16th of June, we will have our traditional summer lunch at Falshaws, starting at 12.45pm. Please arrive 10-15 mins early.

Finally, a big 'Thank You' to Revd Bob who joined us at our meeting at the beginning of May, to share his Ministry Journey. We all enjoyed it very much and fell in love with your accompanying little lady!

Jennifer White

16th Radcliffe Brownies

The Brownies have had a busy term so far. We are doing our 'holiday badge', so packed a bag, took a walk round the village, went for ice-cream at the Garden Shed and planned our dream holiday. We then made postcards and will end the badge with a trip to a (created by brownies) Italian coastal resort and Disneyland.

We also did our 'Knowsley Safari conservation badge'. We went on safari, saw Lions, Zebras, Baboons and Wilde beast. We did a tiger trail, went on a mini train saw a sealion and bird of prey display.

We will now do one more badge before finishing for the summer.

Yours in Guiding

Snowy Owl

12th Radcliffe Guides

Considering it has been a short half term, we seem to have packed quite a lot in! We welcomed a new Guide, Myana; Erin was awarded her "Have Adventure" Theme award and her Guide Silver award; and our three young leaders made their Girl Guide promise.

We have started a new skills builder – “Communicate” - so we have looked at how to spell our names using British Sign Language; techniques to overcome butterflies before a performance; and, using the idea of butterflies, we made, decorated (and ate!) a butterfly cake. We have been active with “break the bank”; have used the parachute; and have played a “Traitors” type game as well.



The Guides also joined with the Brownies to run a tombola at the Spring Fair and, at Church Parade, Grace and Rubi carried the flags.

12th Radcliffe Guide Leaders

From the Archives – June 2001

The sketch on the inside cover of the June 2001 magazine depicted Jesus as the light of the world, accompanied by the quotation from John 8; 12.

The Parish Diary for June 2001 included details of the annual Walk of Witness to be held with members of Ainsworth Methodist Church, whilst the Parish News included a number of thank yous from the PCC Treasurer in acknowledgement of donations received, and a farewell note from Phil & Georgina Hood who, with their family, were relocating to live in Spain.

In other news, the Spring Fair seemed to have gone well, with a number of thank yous from the various groups and organisations; Mothers' Union had manned the cake stall, Church Women's Fellowship the refreshments. Rainbows were beginning their 2001 challenge 'Adventure Out', 12th Radcliffe Brownies were planning for their Pack Holiday, whilst 16th Radcliffe Brownies had been making doilies & folding serviettes in preparation for their Coffee Morning to be held after the July Church Parade Service. Guides had been working on their Agility Badge, whilst all 26 Cubs had successfully completed their Athletics Badge.

In June 2001, there was 1 Baptism, 1 wedding & 3 funerals recorded from the previous month. Communicants for the previous month were listed as an incredible **439**; with collections listed as £2007.

Everything You Need To Know About - June ...



June 1st 1946 – Television licences were issued in Britain for the first time; they cost £2.

June 2nd 1953 – Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey.

June 3rd 1162 – Thomas Becket was consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury.

June 4th 1039 – Gruffydd ap Llewellyn, Welsh King of Gwynedd & Powys, defeated an English attack.

June 5th 755 – English missionary Boniface, was murdered in Germany by unbelievers, along with 53 of his companions.

June 6th 1944 – D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation

June 7th 1329 – Death of King Robert I, also known as Robert the Bruce.

June 8th 1982 – American President Ronald Reagan became the first American head of state to address a joint session of the British Parliament.

June 9th 1870 – Death of author, Charles Dickens.

June 10th 1829 - The first-ever Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race was won by the Oxford Team.

June 11th 1509 – 18 yr old King Henry VIII Married his former sister in law, Catherine of Aragorn.

June 12th 1667 – The Dutch fleet burned Sheerness, sailed up the River Medway, raided Chatham dockyard, and escaped with the royal barge, the *Royal Charles*.

June 13th 1944 – The first V1 flying bomb, or “doodle bug” was dropped on London.

June 14th 1645 – Cromwell defeated the Royalists at the Battle of Naseby.

June 15th 1215 – King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and signed the Magna Carta, thus removing total authority from the monarchy forever.

June 16th 1779 - Spain declared war on Britain (after France had offered to assist in the recovery of Gibraltar and Florida), and the siege of Gibraltar began.

June 17th 1579 – Francis Drake proclaimed England’s sovereignty over New Albion (California).

June 18th 1815 – The Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo.

June 19th 1917 – During World War I, the British Royal family renounced ‘Saxe-Coburg-Gotha’ & adopted the surname Windsor.

June 20th 1756 – In India, over 140 British subjects were imprisoned in a cell measuring only 5.4m by 4.2m (The Black Hole of Calcutta); only 23 came out alive.

June 21st 1675 – Construction work began on Sir Christopher Wren’s St. Paul’s Cathedral in London.

June 22nd 1814 – The Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first ever cricket match at England’s Lord’s Cricket Ground.

June 23rd 2016 – The UK voted in a referendum to withdraw from the European Union with 51.9% supporting Britain’s exit (“Brexit”) and 48.1% opposing the move; it marked the first time a country had decided to leave the organisation.

June 24th 1981 – The Humber Bridge was opened to traffic.

June 25th 1797 – Admiral Horatio Nelson was wounded in the arm in a battle with the French, leading to the limb being amputated.

June 26th 1483 - Richard, Duke of Gloucester, began to rule England as Richard III, having deposed his nephew, Edward V.

June 27th 1944 – After 21 days of bloody fighting through the Normandy countryside, Allied forces took Cherbourg.

June 28th 1838 – Coronation of Queen Victoria in Westminster Abbey

June 29th 1613 - London’s Globe Theatre was destroyed by flames as a cannon was fired to announce the king’s entrance in Shakespeare’s play ‘Henry V’.

June 30th 1894 - Tower Bridge in London was officially opened by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

Space To Share A Prayer - Trinity

Almighty and eternal God,

You have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

And live and reign in the perfect unity of love;

Hold us firm in this faith,

That we may know You in all of Your ways

And evermore rejoice in Your eternal glory,

Who are three Persons yet one God,

Now and forever - Amen

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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

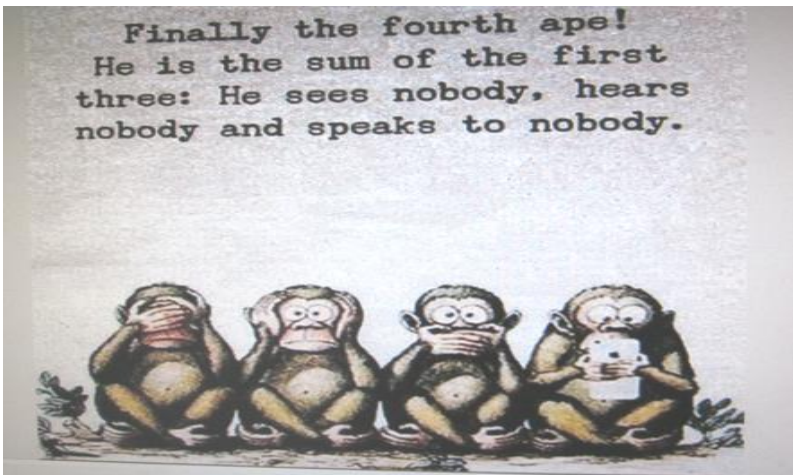
(This poem was included in the Parish Magazine in June 2001)

Never Say You Have No Time

Never say you have no time
To give a helping hand,
To lend an ear and listen,
Or to try to understand –
Someone else's problems,
Their worries and their grief –
Yours could be the hand that brings
The blessing of relief.
Never walk away when there
Are hands outstretched to you,
Let the love of God shine out
In all you say and do.
Try and help somebody out
Each day of every week,
There's always someone needing us
If only we would seek.
Let us try to practise this
And take it as our goal –
For virtues bloom like blossoms
In the garden of the soul.

Kathleen Gillum

Time For A Smile



The Parish Puzzler

Tri Quiz

The answers to the following clues all contain the letters T-R-I:

1. To give or provide something
2. To divide, deliver or spread something out between others
3. Panel or type of judicial body
4. A test or challenge
5. And another test or challenge
6. Victory or great result
7. Step out positively
8. Bitter, abusive or critical speech
9. Strictly binding, or severe
10. Substance causing tightening of eg the skin
11. A specific chamber within the heart.
12. Narrowing of a bodily passage eg the oesophagus
13. Largest & heaviest bird
14. Opening that allows breathing to take place
15. Type of hat
16. Tool for tidying the garden
17. Sweet treats, maybe eaten instead of breakfast
18. A series of lines
19. A gift intended to show gratitude or admiration
20. Small glass dish used in laboratory experiments

(Answers on Pg 36)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
7 th June 1 st Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Margaret Gilman	Barbara Clarkson	Jenny Johnson
14 th June 2 nd Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Barbara Clarkson Scouts	N/A	Scouts
21 st June 3 rd Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Lorraine Holden	Andrew Lowe
28 th June 4 th Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Beryl Sixsmith	Gwen White

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
7 th June 1 st Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Jenny Johnson	Genesis 12.1-9 Romans 4.13-25 Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
14 th June 2 nd Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Scouting Sections	Church Parade
21 st June 3 rd Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Lorraine Holden	Genesis 21.8-21 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39
28 th June 4 th Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Beryl Sixsmith	Genesis 22.1-14 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42

Before You Speak ...

T ... Is it TRUE

H ... Is it HELPFUL

I ... Is it INSPIRING

N ... Is it NICE

K ... Is it KIND

Who's Who

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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 Tri Quiz: 1) Contribute, 2) Distribute, 3) Tribunal, 4) Trial,
5) Tribulation, 6) Triumph, 7) Stride, 8) Diatribe, 9) Stringent, 10) Astringent,
11) Atrium, 12) Stricture, 13) Ostrich, 14) Nostril, 15) Trilby, 16) Strimmer,
17) Pastries, 18) Stripes, 19) Tribute, 20) Petrie

Who's Who For Church Organisations

Mothers Union	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm Branch Contact Jean Eddleston	0161 761 2147
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Cub Scouts	Cubs.Ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
Scouts' 14 th Radcliffe	Fridays 8 - 9.30pm in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White Scouts.Ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
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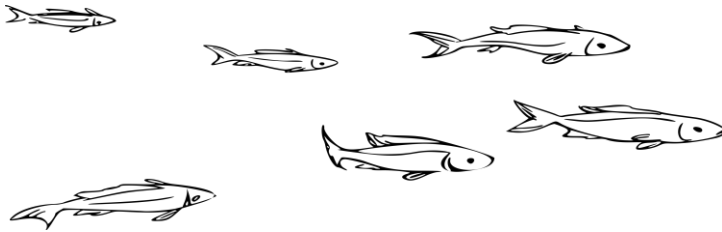


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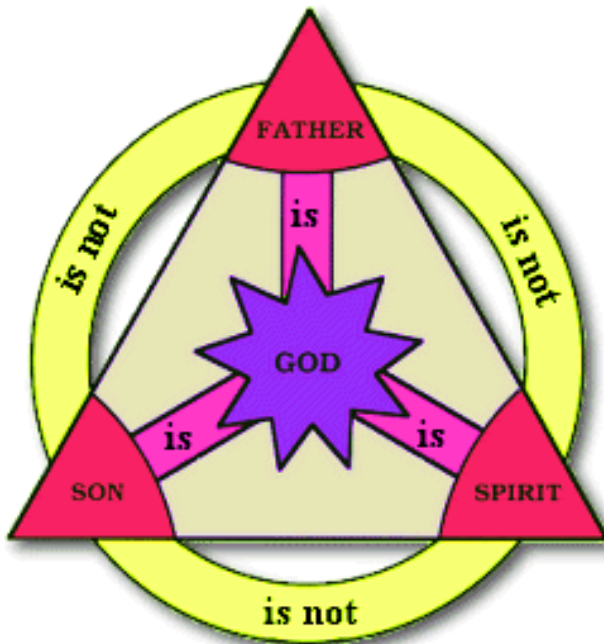
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Little Fishes

Trinity & Trinity Sunday



Trinity & Trinity Sunday

Sunday 31st May 2026

Last month Little Fishes was all about Pentecost and we learned that for 10 days after Ascension Day, Jesus's friends remained in Jerusalem praying and waiting, and how on the 10th day (the Day Of Pentecost) as they knelt together praying they received his promised gift of the Holy Spirit and began to teach the crowds in Jerusalem the good news that Jesus had ascended to heaven and that God had now sent the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them.

But what comes next?

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost, this year it falls on Sunday 31st May. Trinity Sunday is a day we set aside every year to celebrate our wonderful 3 in 1 God.



It's very difficult to explain the Trinity, because nobody totally understands it; in fact, it's a bit of a mystery!

Trinity means 1 thing being made up of 3 things, like a triangle is made up of 3 sides and 3 corners. But how can God, be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all at the same time?



Well, we don't need to understand everything about God to be able to love Him and to serve Him, but here's a good way to try to understand the Trinity a bit; think about the last time you ate an apple ...

An apple has three parts: the seeds, the flesh (or 'fruity part'), and the skin. If you cut an apple in half, you can see that each of these three parts are different and has a different purpose. The skin of the apple is like God the Father, because He protects us; the flesh of the apple is like God the Son, because Jesus took on human form; and the seeds of the apple are like God the Holy Spirit, because the



Holy Spirit helps us to grow. Each of the parts of an apple is different, but they are all still apple.

3 Little Words

Lots of words begin with the letters TRI, but not all of them mean 3. Can you find all of the TRI words?

T	R	I	A	N	G	L	E	E	T
R	R	T	R	I	A	N	G	R	R
I	O	I	R	T	A	B	I	L	I
V	T	R	B	I	B	P	U	K	U
E	I	P	V	A	K	E	T	C	M
T	R	I	A	L	L	T	P	I	P
V	E	R	L	L	I	R	T	R	H
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