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Parish Diary August 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 2 nd	10.30am	View From The Pew
	1.00pm	Baptism of Rowan Nathan Evans
	2.00pm	Interment of Ashes of Stanley Highfield
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Weds 5 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 9 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15pm	Baptism of Ava & James Anderton
Tues 11 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 12 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 16 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 19 th	2.00pm	Kick Start family afternoon
	6.30pm	Wild Worship

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER RINITY

Sun 23 rd	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 26 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 30 th	10.30am	Prayer & Praise (<i>followed by refreshments and drawing of the August Lucky Lotto</i>)
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SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3 rd	9.15am	Organ Hymnathon Challenge Begins
Sat 5 th	6.30pm	Organ Hymnathon Challenge Finishes

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 6 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evensong

Interregnum Update

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13; 1-3

This wonderful & well-known passage from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, was the subject of Revd Debra's sermon during her final Service at Christ Church Ainsworth.

Debra spoke about the different types of love: *Eros* – being erotic or sexual love; *Storge* – referring to love between family members; *Philia* – being brotherly friendship & affection, possibly the highest kind of love that humankind is capable of without God's help; and *Agape* – a self-giving love that gives because it wants to, without demanding or expecting repayment; a love that gives even in the face of rejection.

Debra spoke of the love that she had been greeted with when she first moved to Christ Church Ainsworth & how that had encouraged her & inspired her in her journey of faith. She spoke of how fulfilling it has been to be part of a community that works together, and supports one another, demonstrating that agape love, that gives because it wants to; and she urged us as a Church family never to lose sight of how important that is, both for those who give love & for those who receive that love.

St. Paul summed it up in the words that he wrote to those early Christians who were part of the Church in Corinth: Love never fails. Gifts given or skills shared are meaningless if they are not underpinned by love. Christians may fail to love, but God's kind of love will always be effective, and will last forever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love; we thank you for caring for us in our daily journeys; for guiding us in our decisions; for giving us wisdom when we stumble, and for leading us to support one another. Draw us deeper into your love, strengthen us, teach us and inspire us to live our lives with love, generosity, joy and courage. For the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ our Lord - Amen

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the August 2026 edition of the Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; a little quieter this month due to the holiday season, but still containing plenty of news, interesting articles & useful information.

Already we are well into the summer months, and the days are beginning to close in a little earlier; before too much longer the heatwaves of June & July will be a distant memory as the leaves begin to turn & Autumn nips the evenings. Time does indeed seem to fly by!

Alongside our usual articles this month, there are write ups from Forest Church, CCA Litter Pickers, & from the Eden Singers' Summer Concert, plus some lovely photos from the Mission Community Confirmation Service & also from Revd Debra's leaving Service. Thank you to everyone who contributes articles & information to keep us all up to date.

Make sure that you catch up on the plans for Harvest & don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about the Christian Faith by signing up for The Alpha Course, which we hope to run at Christ Church Ainsworth in the Autumn.

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

CONFIRMATION

We offer the church's congratulations to: Declan Donohue, James Hughes, Jacob Rees, Lexi Shaw, Lochlen Smart, Madeleine Trainor, Shirley Balfour, Jade Donohue, Valerie Newman, Joanne Riu & Olivia Trainor who were Confirmed by the Rt Revd Dr Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton, at a Service held at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, on Sunday 12th July 2026.

Flower Rota

2 nd Aug	White Family
23 rd Aug	Mrs Maudsley

CCA Litter Pickers



It was decidedly breezy, but the sun favoured our litter pickers for our final pick of the school year, and 8 children plus 5 adults headed out armed with our trusty pickers, bags, gloves & hi-viz – it's a bit of a challenge to get litter into a bag that's blowing around in the wind & trying to empty everything back out again!

Along with the regular cans, bottles, packets & general debris – our star find this month was a tap!! Surely someone must be missing that?

Instead of our usual refreshments, we rounded up with a full on 'Litter Pickers Party', complete with cake, crisps, sausage rolls & a treasure hunt around the churchyard, as a thank you to the families who have turned out throughout the year to help to keep our local community clean & tidy.

Forest Church

The final Forest Church session of this school year was held on a baking hot day under a cloudless sky – a far cry from the Easter term session, when it was so cold, wet & windy that we had to run the whole day indoors as the hailstones rattled against the classroom windows!

At this busy time of year, the theme for our final session was prayer; an opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of taking time to be quiet and still and tune into the world around us, so that we can listen to what God might be saying to us & also take our thoughts, worries & needs to Him.

During the day, each child wrote the things they are thankful for onto a leaf cut out, to create a tree of thankfulness; year 3 children wrote their 'top tips for year 2s' onto footprint cut outs – these will be displayed along the corridor leading from the year 2 classroom, to encourage the children who will be moving up from Infants to Juniors next term.

Year 6 children were each given a jigsaw piece cut out to demonstrate that we are all a small piece in a bigger picture. They were asked to write on it some of the things that they have learned at Christ Church Ainsworth, some of the things they are looking forward to at High School & any worries they might have.

Finally, the rainbow of hope, which was the project that so many people donated ribbons for. Each child wrote their hope for the

summer, or for their future, on a length of ribbon, which was then attached to a length of rope to create a rainbow of hope. Some of the things these children wrote were incredibly honest, moving & though provoking – a wonderful end to a wonderful day, and hopefully one that those who took part in will remember as they move on to whatever comes next for them in their lives.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated ribbon for this project – the end result will stay in the school grounds & really does look amazing.

MidWeek Praise Reporter

We have done lots of things this month, but my favourite was when we had a sing along of all our favourite church songs & Debra let us sing 'Ding-Dong', even though it was July.



Debra told us all about going to live in Orkney & showed us some pictures so that we will know where she has gone to live.

From your young MidWeek praise reporter (Year 4)

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Revd Debra's Final Service

It was wonderful to welcome so many people into Church for our 10.30 Service on Sunday 26th of July; and a true reflection of how much our Church family appreciate all that Revd Debra has done for our Church & wider community during her 12 years at Christ Church Ainsworth.

Revd Debra has thrown herself into all aspects of the life & ministry of our Church; her enthusiasm & willingness to give things a go have been a huge part of her ministry; she has been a constant source of encouragement & support & a true friend to many of our Church family.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to Revd Debra's leaving gift – alongside the pewter Travelling Communion set which she had requested, we were also able to give her a significant cash donation towards the purchase of a specially crafted poly tunnel which will hopefully be able to withstand the rigours of the weather on Orkney & allow her to grow her own vegetables.

Many thanks also to those who shared photos of their memories of working alongside Revd Debra – a few of which are included below.

Thank you Revd Debra, from everyone at Christ Church Ainsworth – you will be very much missed.



CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

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

Jill Ainsworth, Barbara Clarkson & the Cropper family all scored 30 marks + 2 bonus points – congratulations to the winner, drawn at random, Barbara Clarkson.

August quiz sheets are now available in Church (wildflowers 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 July Quiz was £21-00.

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| 1. Makin' the best of wet weather | Singin' In The Rain |
| 2. Apparition at the theatre? | Phantom Of The Opera |
| 3. Mr. Dawson feeling sad perhaps? | Les Miserable |
| 4. Leader of the faith at the top of His game | Jesus Christ, Superstar |
| 5. Body fluid shared by siblings | Blood Brothers |
| 6. Musician playing up high | Fiddler on The Roof |
| 7. Lots of a certain genre of music | All That Jazz |
| 8. Tale of a compass point | West Side Story |
| 9. Theatrical performance in a café or pub | Cabaret |
| 10. Female with blonde hair | My Fair Lady |
| 11. Charles & Me | The King & I |
| 12. Avenue just before dusk | Sunset Boulevard |
| 13. US city on the shores of Lake Michigan | Chicago |
| 14. The boy who asked for more! | Oliver! |
| 15. Lads with children's toys | Guys & Dolls |
| 16. Female called to arms | Annie Get Your Gun |
| 17. Straight refrain | Chorus Line |
| 18. William might say this to his wife | Kiss Me Kate |
| 19. Big Cat Ruler | Lion King |
| 20. Felines | Cats |
| 21. Jacob's son | Joseph |
| 22. US State, part of the great plakins | Oklahoma |
| 23. First Lady of Argentina | Evita |
| 24. Males have a colour preference | Gentlemen Prefer Blondes |
| 25. Sounds like an Italian exclamation! | Mama Mia! |
| 26. Noise produced by instruments | The Sound Of Music |
| 27. Strategic board game | Chess |
| 28. Girl with a raincoat | Mack & Mable |

29. Spinster of Ho Chi Minh City
30. The Demon Barber

Miss Saigon
Sweeney Todd

Tie breaker: A) How many Musicals are attributed to Andrew Lloyd Webber? 21

B) Which is the longest running West End Musical in history, having run continually since 1985? Les Miserable

Eden Singer's Summer Concert

A huge thank you to local choir, The Eden Singers, who joined us in Church on an incredibly hot July evening for our Summer Concert – Hits Of The Decade. Thanks also to everyone who came along & supported this event; everyone seemed to have a great time in spite of the heat!



The total amount raised for Church funds was a fantastic £543-00.

Harvest 2026 – All Things Bright & Beautiful!

Harvest may seem like it's a long way off, but we are thinking **BIG** for Harvest 2026 & would like this special season in the Church's year to be a huge celebration of thankfulness for all that God gives us.

Our theme is 'All Things Bright & Beautiful', and we already have a number of events planned, including an Organ Recital, Harvest Evensong & Harvest Supper.

We would also like to create big & bold displays throughout our Church & Church grounds, and a number of our groups and organisations have already begun to work on these ideas, alongside members of 'Ainsworth Artists', who will be displaying some of their work in Church throughout the Harvest weekend.

Throughout September we'll be holding some 'crafting sessions' in Church on Wednesday afternoons, when we'll be cutting, sticking & generally preparing some of the items which will be included in the main displays – these dates will be advertised on the Pew Sheet & are open to anyone who would like to come along for a cuppa & a chat whilst we get crafting.

Kate from Barlow's Bespoke Flowers, has offered to provide bouquets to display within Church at a cost of £15 for artificial flowers or £20 for fresh flowers. If anyone would like to 'sponsor' a bouquet, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please speak to either Jill Ainsworth or Alison. Bouquets will then be available for sponsors to take home afterwards.

The Alpha Course



Have you ever wanted to know more about the basics of the Christian faith? Why not consider joining us for Alpha! We're planning to run Alpha on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening from mid-September through to the end of November. No pressure, no strings, just a space for interesting talks & open conversations – that's it. For more info or to sign up, speak to Revd Bob, email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com or add your name to the list at the back of Church.

Wild Worship



Wild Worship is back!

Why not join us for family friendly outdoor worship in our lovely Churchyard this summer. Starts Weds 22nd July at 6.30pm, then each Wednesday evening throughout the summer holidays; this year we will be bringing the bible to life as we explore & re-enact some of the well known parables.

Reflecting On The Seasons - Summer



"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 8,2

in the Celtic year, Summer starts at the beginning of May; it is a time when the world seems full and abundant; the land is awash with warmth and colour, and the sun seems to bring joy to the world.

The summer season is a crucial time in the yearly cycle of the earth's climate, weather, and astronomical position. Without summer, crops would fail, animals may not find food, habitats would change, and life as we know it would shift immeasurably.

Summer reminds us that there is hope in the world, that the light of the sun that we see shining brightly, can spread to the far reaches of the globe and inspire others also. Let us remember that we can nurture others, just as the Sun nurtures us.

Heavenly Father, as the warmth and light of the summer surrounds us, may we know your presence night and day, may we know the joy of You near us in all that we think and say and do, now and always – Amen.

Easyfundraising



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

We currently have 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. £962-44

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The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The July Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 26th July, with the lucky winner walking away with £15-50!

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!!

News From The Diocese – Foundations For Ministry

Applications for this year's Foundations for Ministry (FFM) course are now open! FFM aims to provide you with a sound biblical foundation for exploring and developing your call to Christian ministry and commitment to lifelong discipleship.

The course runs over three terms from October to May, and includes an induction evening, 20 core sessions and three additional Saturday course days. Sessions include a mixture of interactive talks, group work, and personal reflection, all designed to help you to:

- Identify your spiritual gifts and the shape of your specific ministry.
- Understand the Church.
- Discover your call to mission, discern where God is calling you to serve, and learn how to remain fruitful in ministry.

For more information, contact Adesola Akala, Lay Ministry Officer, at: adesolaakala@manchester.anglican.org

Mission Community News – Bee Inspired



‘Bee Inspired’, the Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Autumn worship event is back!

This year the event will be held on Thursday 24th September 7.30pm at St. Andrew’s, Hillock – get ready for live worship music, plus our guest speaker, The Venerable Simon Cook, newly appointed Archdeacon of Bolton & Salford, refreshments, Isaiah 53 book shop & much, much more ...

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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Prayer Diary



August 2026

1 st	We pray for all those who have been part of 'New Wine' during the past week; that they might have found inspiration & renewal.
2 nd	We pray for Revd Michele & the rest of the team as they arrive in Okathitu. Giving thanks for the work done by & through 'Mopane Tree' & praying for the communities which they support.
3 rd	We pray for all who will be leading or attending Morning Prayer at St. George's, Unsworth, today; that this might be a time of spiritual encounter.
4 th	We pray for the community at Christ Church Walshaw; praying that God would draw in new people and build relationships at Cake & Chat every Tuesday.
5 th	We pray for all who are involved with ministry to children & families; praying that the seeds of faith would be sown & nurtured in young hearts through the summer activities offered by our Churches.
6 th	We pray for the families who will be part of Wild Worship at Christ Church Ainsworth throughout the summer months; that they might grow in faith & in their appreciation of God's wonderful world.
7 th	We pray for All Saints C of E Primary School, the staff and pupils, that they enjoy family time together during the holidays and come back refreshed. We pray especially for year 6 as they look forward to moving to High School.
8 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.
9 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.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 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.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
13 th	Praying that the heritage talks being given by members of the congregation at All Saints, Stand, will bring in people from the local community and that they would feel welcome and want to come again.
14 th	We pray for all who were Confirmed in July as they continue on their faith journey.
15 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.
16 th	We pray for those who will be leading or attending Campfire Church at Christ Church Walshaw today; praying that this new venture may bring new people to explore or rediscover their faith.
17 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
18 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
19 th	On World Humanitarian Day we pray for all those who are living in crisis situations; praying also for the groups, organisations & individuals who provide support & aid.
20 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
21 st	On International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, we pray for all those who are victims of terror attacks, their families, friends & all who provide ongoing support & care.
22 nd	On International Day of Commemoration for the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief, we pray for all who are victims of religious persecution; praying for a time of greater equality, acceptance & understanding across the world.
23 rd	On the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition, we pray for all those who have been & continue to be affected by slavery.
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 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.
27 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who have been involved in running Breakfast Club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the school holidays. Praying also for the families who have accessed this facility.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
29 th	We pray that through the efforts of the worshipping & wider community at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, the rest of the money needed to pay for their window repair would be raised.
30 th	We pray for all who will be part of the Blessing of Schoolbags being held in the Radcliffe Team Churches today.
31 st	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."



!! WILD



WORSHIP !!

Why not join us for
Family friendly outdoor worship
in our lovely churchyard this
summer

Wednesdays @ 6.30pm

Starts Weds 22nd July

Come along & join the fun!!





**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 30th August.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 11th August

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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





YOU ARE INVITED TO

KICK OFF SUMMER FUN

FOR
AGES
3-16

COME AND ENJOY FUN ACTIVITIES, GAMES, AND ACTIVE
LEARNING FOR CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026

2PM – 3:30PM

**CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH
CHURCH ST, BOLTON BL2 5RU**

ACTIVITIES:

Arts & craft
Group sport
Faith reflection

For more information please contact: Amelia Brummitt
07570326494

CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH



Organ Hymnathon Challenge!!

Between 9.15am on Thurs 3rd Sept &
6.30pm on Sat 5th Sept,

Jenny, our Church Organist, will play 2
verses from each of the 973 hymns
listed in our Church Hymn Books.

Church will be open & refreshments
available whenever Jenny is playing, so
please feel free to call in & offer your
support.

We'll be counting down the top 50 hymns
from 5pm on Saturday - why not come &
join us for a 'right good sing'!

All proceeds raised from this challenge
will be donated to Church funds.



Alpha is a space to

Unpack the basics of the Christian faith together.

No pressure. No strings. Just space for food,
interesting talks, and open conversations.

That's it.

*We're planning to run Alpha at Christ Church
Ainsworth on either a Tuesday or Thursday
evening from mid-September through to the
end of November and would love to invite you
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*"As the shadows begin to lengthen, be guided by the
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Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 11th August

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 4th August

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Open meeting; new members always welcome.

Tuesday 18th August

Out & about meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Alpha Course

We’re planning to run the Alpha Course at Christ Church Ainsworth later this year; for further info or to let us know you’d be interested in joining us, please speak to Revd Bob or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

Organ Hymnathon Challenge

Thursday 3rd September – Saturday 5th September (various times)

Christ Church Ainsworth

Why not join us as Jenny attempts this marathon challenge – playing 2 verses from each of our Church hymn books, culminating in a Top 50 countdown from 5 – 6.30 on Saturday 5th Sept. Everyone welcome, refreshments available throughout. All monies raised will be donated to Church funds.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

‘Bee Inspired’

Thursday 24th September 7.30pm

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Around The Organisations ...



Thank you, Andrew for leading us in worship at the start of our meeting in July.

We then made progress on our Branch's jigsaw piece to go into the Diocesan jigsaw which will be on display at the Diocesan 150th Celebration Evensong in the Cathedral. This will be on Sunday August 9th at 5.30pm. Thank you, Enid for searching the photo albums and editing numerous photos of members through the decades. Further thanks to Hilary as she finishes the glueing of these photos onto our jigsaw. I'm glad to report that there were no accidents with the scissors even though there were several pairs in use around the tables.

As I mentioned last month, on Saturday, August 1st Bolton Archdeaconry are holding a 150th Anniversary celebration. This will be an Afternoon Tea at the Parish Hall of St Augustine's Church, Tonge Moor, at 2pm. Tickets are still available from Andrew or me and cost £5 each. Everyone will be made welcome.

Our first branch meeting in August will be on Tuesday 4th as usual in the Church Hall at 2.30pm. I'm hoping to have someone who was at the 150th Celebration Service in St Paul's Cathedral at which the Archbishop of Canterbury presided, come and tell us all about that, and also the Annual Gathering on the following day.

The venue for the 'get together' on the 18th will be confirmed that day.

Following the Gathering, the Mothers' Union CEO, Canon Bev Jullien was retiring. We pray for Bev that she will have a fulfilling and joyous time as she steps out on this next stage of her life's journeys. We also pray for the Mothers' Union Board as they go through the process of appointing her successor.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – August 2001

The sketch on the inside cover of the August 2001 magazine depicted the calming of the storm, with waves pounding & the people clinging to the sides whilst Jesus stood calmly on the deck.

The Parish News in August 2001 included lots of info & requests relating to the forthcoming flower festival; requests for bakers to provide refreshments, requests for raffle prizes & also for items to make up a food hamper; also details of a concert by New Life Singing fellowship which was planned as a grand finale to be held in Church on the Sunday evening.

In other news, there was a thank you from the choir to everyone who had attended their Sons of Praise event; Mothers' Union members were preparing to 'stroll for their supper', The Church Women's Fellowship had held a successful fashion show put on by 'Jill's of Whitefield', Beavers had been on the steam train up to Rawtenstall & had also taken part in the County Fun Day, plus spent an evening tracking around the village.

An additional note advised that Ainsworth Village Day was to be 'resurrected', with requests for help to set the field up, man stall etc

In August 2001, there were 3 Baptisms, 1 wedding & 1 funeral recorded from the previous month. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 220; with collections listed as £1,570.

Everything You Need To Know About - August ...

August 1st 1740 – 'Rule Britannia' was sung for the first time in public.



August 2nd 1111 – King William II was killed by a crossbow bolt in mysterious circumstances whilst hunting in the New Forest.

August 3rd 1926 – Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appear on the streets of London.

August 4th 1914 – Britain declared war on Germany in support of Belgium and France, and on Turkey because of her alliance with Germany.

August 5th 1962 – Nelson Mandela imprisoned for attempting to overthrow South Africa's apartheid rule.

August 6th 1881 – Birth of Sir Alexander Flemming, Scottish discoverer of penicillin.

August 7th 1840 – Britain banned the employment of 'climbing boys' as Chimney Sweeps.

August 8th 1963 – £2.6 M stolen from Royal Mail, during Britain's Great Train Robbery.

August 9th 1757 – Birth of Thomas Telford, Scottish civil engineer credited with opening up northern Scotland, by building roads, bridges and waterways.

August 10th 1675 – King Charles II laid the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich.

August 11th 1897 – Birth of popular children's author, Enid Blyton.

August 12th 1822 – Lord Castlereagh, British Foreign Secretary, committed suicide. In his role as Foreign Secretary, he managed the coalition that defeated Napoleon

August 13th 1964 – Peter Allen and John Walby become the last people to be hanged in Britain.

August 14th 1040 – Duncan I of Scotland was killed in battle by his own troops, led by Macbeth.

August 15th 1557 – Japan surrendered to the Allies, ending the Second World War.

August 16th 1819 – The Peterloo Massacre took place in Manchester at St. Peter's Fields.

August 17th 1896 – Mrs. Bridget Driscoll of Croydon, Surrey, became the first pedestrian in Britain to die after being hit by a car.

August 18th 1783 – A massive fireball meteor was witnessed across the skies of Britain.

August 19th 1274 – Coronation of King Edward I at Westminster Abbey.

August 20th 1940 – In an address to the nation, Winston Churchill stated of RAF Pilots that, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

August 21st 1764 – Birth of King William IV

August 22nd 1485 – King Richard III became the last English king to die in battle, killed at Bosworth Field in Leicestershire.

August 23rd 1940 – The first night of 'the blitz' as German planes bombed the city of London.

August 24th 1875 – Matthew Webb became the first person to swim the English Channel from Dover to Calais. He arrived in France having been in the water for 22 hours.

August 25th 1919 – The world's first international daily air service began between London and Paris.

August 26th 1994 - Surgeons in Britain performed a pioneering operation giving a patient the world's first battery-operated bionic heart.

August 27th 1900 – Britain's first long distance bus service began between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!

August 28th 1207 – Liverpool was created a Borough by King John.

August 29th 1833 - England passed the Factory Act to improve and regulate child labour laws in textile factories.

August 30th 1860 – Britain's first tramway opened in Birkenhead, near Liverpool.

August 31st 1900 - Coca Cola is sold for the first time in Britain.

Space To Share A Prayer

Loving God, as we go about our daily lives, help us never to be too busy to think of those around us; help us never to be too busy to notice the world that you have given us; help us never to be too busy to spend time in your presence.

When life becomes hectic and we are stressed or worried, guide us to still waters where we may find rest and peace in you. Amen



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A Walk In God's Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods, admiring all that the 'accident of evolution' had created. 'What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!' he said to himself.

As he walked, he became aware of something following him; turning to look back along the path he saw a huge grizzly bear coming towards him. The atheist upped his pace, but glancing back he saw the bear gaining on him. The atheist ran as fast as he could, but still the bear was getting closer, then catching his foot on a tree root, the atheist fell. Scrambling to try to get up he realised the bear was standing over him, its huge paw raised to strike.

"Oh my God!" the man cried out.

And at that moment.

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The woods were silent.

Even the river stopped flowing.

Then a bright light shone upon the man & a voice spoke from the sky; "You deny my existence for all of these years; teach others that I don't exist; and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the bright light.

"It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps You could make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well". The voice said.

The light faded.

The river ran again.

The sounds of the wood resumed.

The bear dropped its paw ... brought both paws together ... bowed its head... and spoke;

"Lord, for this food that I am about to receive, I am truly thankful".

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Life's A Jigsaw

Life is like a jigsaw,
Many pieces great and small;
Some slot easily together,
Some don't seem to fit at all!

There are pieces that define us,
There are pieces we can choose,
There are pieces that life hands us
Which we simply have to use.

There are pieces meant for sharing,
Pieces that will touch your heart;
Every piece will have a purpose,
Every piece must play its part

Every challenge, chance, or choice you make,
Each person that you meet,
Becomes an interlocking shape,
Life's jigsaw to complete.

AL Hartley

Straplines

By the time you are wise enough to watch your step, you are usually too old to walk far anyway.

Blessed are those who are too busy to worry in the daytime, for they will be too tired to worry at night.

Stormy weather is what we need from time to time to remind us that we are not really in charge of anything.

Just A Thought

Kindness is more than deeds – it's an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch; in fact, it is anything that lifts another person.

The Parish Puzzler

Summer Quiz

1. Which British seaside attraction is 158m tall?
2. At 1.34 miles, which is the longest pier in the UK?
3. Which group had a Top 10 Hit with 'Summer Sunshine' in 2004?
4. Which longstanding ITV show was hosted by Judith Chalmer?
5. On what date does the summer solstice fall in the UK?
6. Which feast day falls on 15th of July?
7. Which movie was 'Summer Nights' sung in?
8. What term is given to a hot, dry spell of weather in the Autumn?
9. Which TV sitcom featured Foggy, Compo & Clegg?
10. Which British Rock band had a hit with 'In The Summer'?
11. What is the Italian word for summer?
12. Which city hosted the summer Olympics in 1988?
13. Castel Gandolfo is the summer residence of whom?
14. What was the name of the fictional seaside town in the Australian soap 'Home & Away'?
15. In which month does the summer solstice occur in the Southern hemisphere?

(Answers on page 37)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
2 nd August 9 th Sunday After Trinity 10.30am	Margaret Gilman	N/A	Alison hartley
9 th August 10 th Sunday After Trinity	Barbara Clarkson Jan Burrow	Beryl Sixsmith	David Holden
16 th August 11 th Sunday After Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Jan Burrow	Jenny Johnson
23 rd August 12 th Sunday After Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	Barbara Clarkson	Gwen White
30 th August 13 th Sunday After Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	N/A	Alison Hartley

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
2 nd August 9 th Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Alison Hartley	Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
9 th August 10 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>BM</i>	Beryl Sixsmith	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
16 th August 11 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>VC</i>	Jenny Johnson	Genesis 45.1-15 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. 21-28
23 rd August 12 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>BM</i>	Enid Horrocks	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
30 th August 13 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>P&P</i>	Alison Hartley	Exodus 3.1-15 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28

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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 Summer Quiz: Seasons: 1) Blackpool Tower, 2) Southend, 3)
The Corrs, 4) Wish You Were Here, 5) 21st June, 6) St. Swithin's Day, 7)
Grease, 8) Indian Summer, 9) Last Of The Summer Wine, 10) Mungo Jerry,
11) Estate, 12) Seoul, 13) The Popes, 14) Summer Bay, 15) December.

Who's Who For Church Organisations

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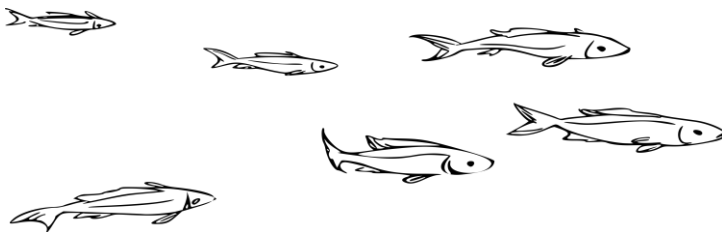


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Little Fishes

Saint Clare of Assisi



Saints

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

Saint Clare of Assisi

11th August

Born: 16th July 1194

Original Name: Chiara Offreduccio

Patron Saint: Clare is the patron saint of televisions (amongst a number of other things)!

Feast Day: 11th August.

Who Was Saint Clare?

Clare was born into a wealthy family and enjoyed a life of comfort and luxury, until one day, when she was 18 years old, Francis of Assisi visited her town & Clare heard him preach. Through his teaching, Clare realised that God was calling her to become a nun. The following night, Clare sneaked out of the family home & ran away to meet Francis and his followers at a nearby church, before travelling to a Benedictine convent.

Her parents were very angry & tried to force her to return home; they even sent a group of soldiers to try to capture her, but Clare refused to change her mind.

With the help of St. Francis, Clare soon founded a new religious order for women, which later came to be known as the Poor Clares. The Poor Clares wore no shoes, spoke little, didn't eat any meat, and owned nothing, relying instead on the food and other items that were given to them.

Clare became the first woman in church history to write a formal "Rule of Life" - this was a set of religious guidelines for the women who were part of the Poor Clares.

Interesting Extras ...

According to legend, Clare was lying in bed feeling poorly one night, when invading soldiers attacked the convent. Clare faced them holding the Eucharist, and a sudden blinding light scared the enemy who fled.

Pope Pius XII named Clare as the patron saint of television, because she once miraculously saw and heard a Christmas midnight mass projected onto her convent wall while stuck in bed feeling unwell.

Clare is also the patron saint of people with eye disorders, embroiderers, good weather & bicycle messengers!



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