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Parish Diary July 2026

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
Weds 8 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 11 th	7.00pm	Eden Singers Summer Concert

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 12 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Confirmation Service at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe
Tues 14 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 15 th	5.00pm	MidWeek Praise
Fri 17 th	9.15am	School Leavers Service

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 19 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 22 nd	6.30pm	Wild Worship

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>followed by refreshments and drawing of the July Lucky Lotto</i>)
Weds 29 th	6.30pm	Wild Worship

AUGUST

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 2 nd	10.30am	View From The Pew
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

*"In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps."*

Proverbs 16; 9

Life is a journey which begins on the day that we are born; each of us will have a different journey – our own unique path to travel. Each of us will have different travelling companions, and even these will change as we travel onwards. Each of us will encounter highs and lows as we travel – life's road isn't always easy or fun; sometimes we look around and wonder how we ended up where we are, but as Christians, we know that God is with us and will help us through those difficult times, even when we ourselves are unsure of where it is we are meant to be going.

After some 12 years of guiding & supporting our community at Christ Church Ainsworth, Revd Debra will shortly be leaving us to begin the next phase of her journey as she heads north to Orkney.

Debra's input & presence at Christ Church Ainsworth will be greatly missed – she has been a huge part of the life of our Church; been the anchor for our MidWeek family Service since it began; gone above & beyond to support our Church throughout the ongoing interregnum; & been a good friend to many members of our Church family, our school & our wider community. We hold her in our prayers & wish her well as she explores whatever it is that God is now calling her to do.

There are many passages in the Bible which remind us that God walks with us on life's journey, and will give us courage and comfort if we turn to Him, but the verse from proverbs 16;9 reminds us that whilst we may devise goals, make decisions, and map out our lives, it is ultimately God who directs our journey and determines the outcome.

*Heavenly Father, as we journey with you,
may we never lose our sense of direction,
never lose sight of the landmark towards which we travel.
And should cloud or rain obscure our vision,
may we draw closer to you, so that our feet may tread in your
footsteps, your words be our encouragement,
and your love our protection against the storms that assail us.
We ask this in the name of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ - Amen.*

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

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

It seems crazy to think that we are now more than halfway through another year; the summer solstice has been & gone & the summer holidays lie ahead. Whilst the summer months are often a little quieter, it generally serves as a small breathing space before we get to the busyness of Creationtide, Harvest, Remembrance, Advent & Christmas ... Let's make the most of this small pause!

Alongside our usual reports & articles this month, there are details about the Summer Concert, our Mission Community Pilgrimage in the Park event and the Archdeacon's Visitation, which this year will be held at Christ Church Walshaw, plus info about our big plans for Harvest & an 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.

Lots of work goes into organising all of these things, 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:

7 th June	Kim Lay
	Mercedes Lay
	Siobhan Flanagan
21 st June	Faye Eccles
	Hollie Eccles

Flower Rota

5 th July	Mr G. Hampson
19 th July	Mrs J. Ainsworth

MidWeek Praise Reporter

This month we learned about the different colours that we have in Church in the different seasons.

Some are to celebrate things & some are because we are in ordinary time. Debra let us put on her coloured scarves.

From your young MidWeek praise reporter (Year 3)



CCA Litter Pickers

After a week of unseasonably wet, chilly weather & drowps on & off all morning, our trusty team of litter pickers were favoured with a dry hour to get out & get picking.

A few random objects were collected this month – alongside the usual cans, bottles, packets & wrappers, we collected a windscreen wiper, a table cloth / sheet & a clock cog!

Our final CCA Litter Picking afternoon of the school year will be Thursday 2nd of July 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 June Quiz League Quiz Sheet – it was a tricky one this month & lots of interesting & imaginative answers ... the list of *actual* answers is below.

Jill Ainsworth & Peter Firth were our highest scorers this month, each with 29 marks + 2 bonus points – congratulations to the winner, drawn at random, Jill Ainsworth.

July quiz sheets are now available in Church (musicals 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 June Quiz was £23-00.

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| 1. Public celebration in Spain or Latin America | Ford Fiesta |
| 2. Rocky island in the Bay of Naples | Ford Capri |
| 3. King's soldier in the Civil War | Vauxhall Cavalier |
| 4. Minty sweet, or game played on horseback | Volkswagen Polo |
| 5. Gentlemen only, ladies forbidden | Volkswagen Golf |

6. Cool room for storing food	Lada
7. Affluent area of London, reduced in size	Mini Mayfair
8. Bamboo munching mammal	Fiat Panda
9. Type of insect	Volkswagen Beetle
10. Gaining knowledge of something previously unknown	Landrover Discovery
11. Short letter, possibly musical	Nissan Note
12. Star like bedding plant maybe	Vauxhall Astra
13. Third biggest cat in the world	Jaguar
14. Employment history recorded twice	Citroen 2 CV
15. Travelling companion offering protection	Ford Escort
16. Luxury hotel or exclusive club, both found in London	Vauxhall Carlton
17. Used to curl hair, colloquially	Rolls Royce
18. One who protects, supports or champions something	Landrover Defender
19. Goods transported by ship or plane	Ford Cargo
20. Sounds like a type of cow that got stretched	Limousine
21. Bee Network tram?	Austin Metro
22. Formal agreement or harmony	Honda Accord
23. Polishing cloth	Dacia Duster
24. To concentrate completely	Ford Focus
25. Wild horse found in Western USA	Ford Mustang
26. Type of music	Honda Jazz
27. Popular coastal town in Southern Italy	Kia Sorento
28. Dependable bird	Reliant Robin
29. Lovely views!	Renault Scenic
30. The ultimate Mediterranean party destination	Seat Ibiza

Tie breaker: A) What was the name (acronym) of Knight Rider's car?
KITT

B) What make of car was driven by Inspector Morse? 1960 Jaguar
Mark II

Children's Society Update

A huge "thank you" to all the Children's Society boxholders, who collectively have raised £408.91 for the work of The Charity. This is a

wonderful amount which will go towards helping children and young people face their futures with support and confidence.

The work of The Society was very much in the spotlight in May, as they were fortunate to have been invited to help design a garden at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. With support from co-sponsors Project Giving Back (PGB), who are a grant-providing charity who fund gardens for good causes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, they worked with renowned landscape designer Patrick Clarke to design a space of hope, safety and connection to nature.

This opportunity has been an amazing chance to shine a light on the UK's teen wellbeing crisis and show what can be achieved with specialist support to rebuild trust, confidence and hope.

The garden, which you may have seen on TV, was inspired by the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, or finding beauty in imperfection. Patrick Clarke designed the space alongside a team of young 'creative partners', young people who have been helped by the Society. The aim was to create an area of garden as a calming space for young people to use, so they could reconnect with nature, have a quiet area to chat with their project workers, and to consider their future options. The planting has soft calming colours in the shrubs used, and has different types of seating using natural materials, to cater for various individuals or groups.

Although the garden has been show-cased at Chelsea, it will be removed and rebuilt at the Society's Youth Support Centre in Leighton Buzzard, becoming the first permanent outdoor wellbeing space there.

Susan Campbell
Local Secretary for the Children's Society

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.



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.

Following the big count up, the collections from Christ Church Ainsworth raised £150-04, of which £90 was gift aided.

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 July & August 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.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing materials for the displays, flowers etc you can do so by placing cash or a cheque in a clearly labelled envelope which can be brought to Church or dropped off at 30, Knowsley Road, Ainsworth; or by bank transfer using the following details: Co-op Business Account; Account Name: Christ Church Ainsworth PCC; Sort Code: 08-92-99; Account Number: 65510959, please mark your donation 'Harvest'.

All donations very gratefully received; thanking you in advance!

Just A Thought

The person who does nothing never makes a mistake ...

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.

Churchyard Trees

Those who pass by or through our Churchyard on a regular basis may have noticed that a number of trees have recently been felled.



This isn't a decision that has been taken lightly; in line with Diocesan requirements, PCC members are required to commission an independent Tree Surveyor to assess the health of the trees within our grounds on a regular basis, to identify any damaged or diseased trees & to monitor any deterioration in overall condition of the trees which may lead to them posing a risk to those passing by or through the Churchyard.

The trees which have been felled were all identified as being diseased, mainly affected by Ash Dieback, and deemed to pose a significant health & safety risk due to an increased likelihood of branches being shed, or the trees being unable to withstand stormy conditions.

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.

Reflecting On The Seasons - Trinity



*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end – Amen”*

This ancient and widely used Christian prayer, also known as the *Gloria Patri* or the Minor Doxology, is a beautiful, timeless declaration of praise to the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Over millennia, people have tried with varying degrees of success to use logic to explain the concept of the Trinity; to demonstrate how 3 people can all be part & parcel of the same person.

But the Trinity is a mystery that we are to experience with our hearts not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word ‘mystery’ to talk about and describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we contemplate and pray about the reality and presence of the Trinity in our lives, the more of itself will be revealed to us. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us, and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us.

Whether or not we fully understand it, the Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of and share in.

Heavenly Father, faithful and unchanging: fill our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

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

The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The June Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 28th June, with the lucky winner walking away with £15-00!

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 – Retirement Of 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.

[Farewell Service for Ven Dr Rachel Mann - Diocese of Manchester](#)

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.

Mission Community News – Pilgrimage In The Park

On Saturday 4th July at 11.30am the Churches of our Mission Community will be holding a Community Prayer Walk in 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.*

Another Thought ...

In happy moments – praise God; in difficult moments – seek God; in
quiet moments – worship God; in painful moments – trust God; and in
every moment – thank God.



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Ideally, this position is full time (35hrs per week), however part-time may be considered.

*The full-time salary for this position is **£24,486** pa.*

To find out more about these opportunities and how to apply, please go to: <https://urbanoutreach.co.uk/join-the-team/>.

*The closing date and time for applications is **17:00, Friday 17th July 2026**.*



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Prayer Diary



July 2026

1 st	We pray for all who will be part of the Summer Fun Day at Christ Church Walshaw Toddler Group & Summer Concert for Christ Church Walshaw Community Choir, giving thanks for both.
2 nd	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.
3 rd	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.
4 th	We pray for all who will take part in the 'Pilgrimage in the Park' today; praying that they will find peace & tranquillity. Giving thanks for the team at St. Mary's who are leading on this event.
5 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.
6 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
8 th	We give thanks for all who hold Office within our Churches & pray for those who will be sworn in as Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Christ Church Walshaw this evening.
9 th	We pray for all who will be part of Forest Church at Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School today; that seeds of faith might be planted & nurtured.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 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.
12 th	We pray for those from across our Mission Community who will be Confirmed by Bishop Matthew at St. Thomas & St. John today, that this may be the start of their journey of faith. Giving thanks that there are so many children & adults who have come forward for Confirmation this time.
13 th	We pray for members of St. Andrew's, Radcliffe PCC who will be meeting this evening.
14 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.
15 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
16 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.
17 th	We pray for all who will be part of the School Leavers' Service at Christ Church Ainsworth today; and for Year 6 children at Christ Church Walshaw Primary who will be leaving school today.
18 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.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 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.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
22 nd	We pray for all who will be involved with the Community Litter Picking session at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening; that volunteers would be seen as a positive presence within the community.
23 rd	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.
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 & give thanks for all who will be involved in running Breakfast Club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the school holidays. Praying also for the families who will access this facility.
28 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.
29 th	We give thanks for all who have completed ALM elective modules or Lay Pathway modules; praying for them & their teams as they discern how best to use this training within their local context.
30 th	We pray for Revd Michele as she heads off to Namibia to support the work of 'Mopane Tree'; giving thanks for the work done by this organisation & praying for the communities which they support.
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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- 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 July.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 14th July

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

PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

A PILGRIMAGE IN THE PARK

A prayer walk through Close Park,
finishing up at the Church for lunch & a short
Communion Service with Bishop Mark

 Meet at 11:30am

 Saturday 4th July 2026

 St Mary's Radcliffe & Close Park

 Bring your own lunch

 Communion at 1pm



*Walk as little
or as much as you want
You can sit in the churchyard
if you wish*

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Alpha is a space to

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



Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 14th 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 Singers Summer Concert !!

Saturday 11th July

7pm Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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

Wild Worship

Wednesday Evenings 6.30pm, starting from Weds 22nd July

Why not join us for a time of outdoor worship in our lovely Churchyard; this year we’ll be bringing the bible to life as we explore some of the parables.

Everyone welcome!

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.

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Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Pilgrimage In The Park

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 ...



It was good that we had time at our first meeting in June to have some open discussion on Branch matters. These times are beneficial for members as we can be open and honest without fear of criticism or judgement. We don't always agree with other opinions and, at other times we might change our minds when we hear a different point of view, maybe one that we hadn't considered previously.

We gathered a few ideas for making our jigsaw piece to put into the big Diocesan Jigsaw which will be displayed in the Cathedral at the Manchester Diocese 150th Anniversary Evensong on Sunday 9th August at 5.30pm.

At our first meeting on 7th July at 2.30pm in the Church Hall we will finally assemble our piece and put any final touches to it.

Tuesday 21st July is our 'Summer Outing' and we will be going to Falshaw's Farm, Rowlands Road, Bury. As this will be for lunch, we will be meeting there at the earlier time of 12.30 p.m.

As with all meetings, non-members are very welcome, but please let either myself, Andrew or Jean know if you'd like to come, to make sure that they can accommodate us.

On Saturday 1st August Bolton Archdeaconry are holding a 150th Anniversary celebration. This will be an Afternoon Tea at St Augustine's Church, Parish's Hall, Tonge Moor, at 2.0pm. Tickets are available from any Mothers' Union member and cost £5 each.

Jennifer White



From the Archives – July 2001

The sketch on the inside cover of the July 2001 magazine depicted a garden party scene, complete with barbecue & sizzling sausages!

The Parish News in July 2001 included the news that Father Alan, the Incumbent at that time, was unwell & a request for parishioners to hold him & his wife, Venitia, in their prayers; also a thank you to the various members of visiting clergy who had helped out with Service

cover. In addition, a number of thank yous - from the PCC Treasurer in acknowledgement of donations totalling £1,120-00 received on Gift Day; to all who had supported the Christian Aid fundraising efforts - £76-33 raised from a Coffee Morning & a further £647-95 from a door to door collection; and to all who had supported the Children's Society Coffee Morning & Housebox collection, the overall total raised being £175-80.

In other news, Jeanette Fawcett was named as the new Choir Secretary; the Choir reported they were holding a Songs of Praise event to raise funds for buying flowers for the forthcoming flower festival; Mothers' Union members were planning a Yoga night to raise funds for Rwanda, and also planning a day out to Skipton; Church Women's Fellowship were planning a day trip to Kendal; 12th Brownies had enjoyed Pack Holiday, although the weather had been a bit mixed; Beavers had been making puppets & Cubs had been away on their annual Dad's & lads camp. School reported a successful May Fair which had raised just under £2,000 & were planning an end of year party – tickets available soon!

In July 2001, there was 1 wedding & 2 funerals recorded from the previous month, but no Baptisms. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 294; with collections listed as £1,522.

Everything You Need To Know About - July ...

July 1st 2007 – A landmark law came into force making it illegal to smoke in all enclosed public places and workplaces across England



July 2nd 1644 – Parliamentary forces defeated Prince Rupert at the Battle of Marston Moor; their first victory over the Royalists in the English Civil War.

July 3rd 1996 – It was confirmed that the Stone of Scone the symbol of the Scottish nation taken by Edward I of England in 1296, was to be returned to Scotland from Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the coronation of 30 British Monarchs.

July 4th 1776 – Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson, formally ending American links with Britain.

July 5th 1948 – Establishment of the National Health Service.

July 6th 1535 – Sir Thomas More was executed after refusing to recognise the King as the head of the Church.

July 7th 1307 – English King Edward I, died on the way to Scotland to fight Robert the Bruce.

July 8th 1965 – Ronald Biggs, one of the notorious criminals behind the 1963 Great Train Robbery, dramatically escaped from Wandsworth Prison in London while serving a 30-year sentence.

July 9th 1877 – The inaugural Lawn Tennis Championship was played on top of the croquet lawns at Wimbledon.

July 10th 138 - Death of the Roman Emperor Hadrian who ordered the building of a wall across northern England to keep out the Scots.

July 11th 1848 – The iconic Waterloo Station officially opened to the public.

July 12th 1962 – The Rolling Stones performed their very first live gig at the Marquee Jazz Club in London.

July 13th 1923 – The British parliament passed a law banning the sale of alcohol to under-18's.

July 14th 1858 – Birthday of English Suffragette, Emeline Pankhurst.

July 15th 1557 – 200 British men, women and children were chopped up by local butchers and thrown down a well at Cawnpore, as the Indian Mutiny continued.

July 16th 1557 – Death of Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of Henry VIII.

July 17th 1717 – George Frideric Handel's *Water Music* premiered on the River Thames as King George I took a trip on the royal barge.

July 18th 1920 – 750,000 war dead were commemorated with the unveiling of a new national monument in Whitehall, London.

July 19th 1545 – King Henry VIII flagship, the *Mary Rose*, sank in the Solent, off England's south coast, with the loss of 700 lives.

July 20th 1588 – The Spanish Armada, consisting of 130 warships set sail for England.

July 21st 1969 – US astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first man in history to walk on the moon.

July 22nd 1946 – Bread rationing was introduced in Britain. The shortage being blamed on a poor harvest and drought.

July 23rd 1940 – The Local Defence Volunteers changes its name to the Home Guard.

July 24th 1567 – Mary Queen of Scots abdicated after being defeated by the Protestants at Carberry Hill,

July 25th 1814 – George Stevenson, unveiled *Blutcher*, a steam powered locomotive capable of pulling 8 carriages loaded with 30 tons of coal at the break-neck speed of 4 mph.

July 26th 1978 - The world's first test-tube baby was born in Oldham General Hospital

July 27th 1953 – The Korean War was formally ended with the signing of a peace agreement at Panmunjom.

July 28th 1540 – King Henry VIII had Thomas Cromwell beheaded and then went on to marry Catherine Howard.

July 29th 1981 - wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

July 30th 1966 – England won the World Cup at Wembley Stadium, beating Germany 4:2 in extra time.

July 31st 1956 - Yorkshire-born cricketer, Jim Laker, took 10 wickets for 53 runs for Surrey against Australia at Old Trafford, becoming the first man to claim all 10 wickets in a Test match

Space To Share A Prayer - Summer

Heavenly Father,

As we are surrounded by the light and warmth of the sun, may we know the surrounding of your light and warmth in our lives.

May we know this not only because we see your light, but because by your light, we see everything else.

Amen

Straplines

What you give is not what counts; it is the love with which you give it that matters.

A river cuts through a rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence.

Generosity gives assistance and not just advice.

Many things are opened by mistake, but none more so than a person's mouth.

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Just For Interest ...

Here are 10 English words that mean the exact opposite (contranymy) ...

1. Sanction

Approve ... "The government sanctioned the project."

Punish ... "He was sanctioned for breaking the rules."

2. Oversight

Supervision ... "She has oversight of the department."

Mistake ... "It was just an oversight on my part."

3. Dust

Remove dust ... "She dusted the shelves."

Add dust ... "The baker dusted sugar on the cake."

4. Left

Departed ... "He left the party."

Remaining ... "There are three cookies left."

5. Seed

Plant seeds ... "They seeded the field with corn."

Remove seeds... "She seeded the watermelon."

6. Fast

Quick ... "She runs fast."

Fixed, unmoving ... "The boat was held fast by the rope."

7. Weather

Withstand ... "The house weathered the storm."

Wear away ... "The rocks were weathered by the wind."

8. Cleave

Split apart ... "He cleaved the wood in half."

Stick together ... "She cleaved to her beliefs."

9. Screen

Show ... "They screened the movie last night."

Hide ... "Trees screened the house from view."

10. Trim

Decorate ... "They trimmed the Christmas tree."

Cut away ... "He trimmed his beard."

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

Never Stop Dreaming

Sometimes life can feel lonely,
Sometimes it feels hard;
There are days when it seems
You've been dealt the worst card.

Days when things all go pear shaped,
When nothing goes right;
Days when even the simplest of tasks
Is a fight.

But when life gets you down,
Don't get lost by the way –
Just remember tomorrow's
Another new day.

Believe in yourself,
Keep looking ahead;
Don't feel sad when it rains,
Look for rainbows instead.

Never ever stop dreaming;
In all that you do
Try to reach for the stars
And be brave and be true.

(Author Unknown)

Time For A Smile

A group of tourists from a downtown church in American was visiting Runnymede and the tour guide was explaining its significance.

"This is where the Magna Carta was signed", he told them.

"When was that?" came a voice from the crowd.

The guide replied, "1215".

"Just our luck," said the voice, "we've missed it by twenty minutes".

A young girl was at her first wedding and gaped at the entire ceremony. When it was over, she asked her mother, "Why did the lady change her mind?" Her mother asked, "What do you mean?" The girl replied, "Well, she went down the aisle with one man and came back with a different one."

The Parish Puzzler

Cryptic Quiz

The answers to these cryptic clues are Church Seasons ...

1. A charge for writing materials coming 50 days after Easter
- - - - -
2. Uncertainty following direction
- - - - -
3. A way to let off steam in the run up to Christmas
- - - - -
4. Propped up without a vowel
- - - -
5. Trying to recall
- - - - -

The answers to these cryptic clues are found in Church ...

1. The source of all knowledge without you
- - - - -
2. Make an attempt as part of an under garment
- - - - -
3. Church walkway surrounded by water
- - - - -
4. A place selling clergymen?
- - - - -
5. Amend or change by small adjustment
- - - - -

(Answers on page 39)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
5 th July 5 th Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Margaret Gilman	Jan Burrow	Jenny Johnson
12 th July 6 th Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Barbara Clarkson Jan Burrow	Chris Haworth	Gwen White
19 th July 7 th Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Peter Holden	Andrew Lowe
26 th July 8 th Sun After Trinity 10.30am	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	David Holden	Alison Hartley

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
5 th July 5 th Sunday After Trinity	Enid Horrocks	Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
12 th July 6 th Sunday After Trinity	Gwen White	Genesis 25.19-34 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
19 th July 7 th Sunday After Trinity	Peter Holden	Genesis 28.10-19a Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
26 th July 8 th Sunday After Trinity	David Holden	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

It's Okay To ...

Make mistakes

Have bad days

Not know everything

Not be able to do everything yourself

Not be okay

Do what's best for you

Be yourself

Who's Who

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Services

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 10.30am Family Service, 2nd Sunday Family & Parade Service
 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 1st Sunday

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

Answers to Cryptic Quiz: Seasons: 1) Pentecost, 2) Easter, 3) Advent, 4)
 Lent, 5) Remembrance

Found In Church: 1) Font, 2) Vestry, 3) Priest Stall, 4) Aisle, 5) Altar

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
Explorers	Friday 8 – 9.30pm; in the Church Hall Leader Stacey White Group.Ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
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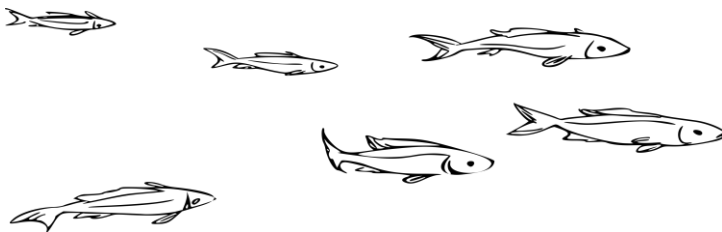


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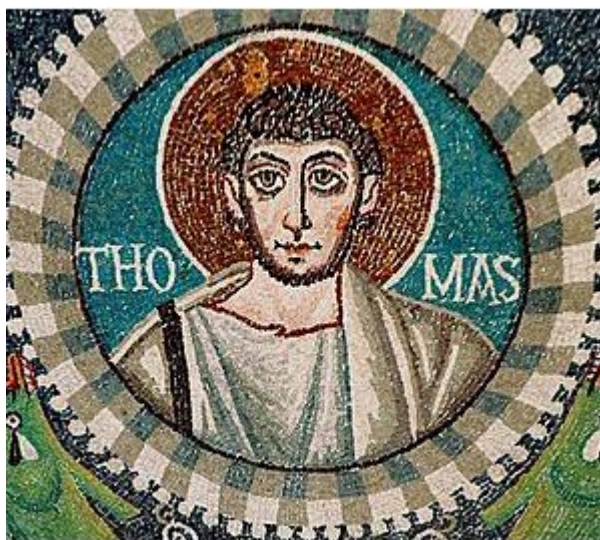
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Little Fishes

Saint Thomas The Apostle



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 Thomas The Apostle

3rd July

Meaning of his name: Both his Greek and Aramaic names mean "twin".

Famous Nickname: "Doubting Thomas". He wanted absolute proof that Jesus had risen.

The Traveller: Thomas was a great adventurer. According to ancient history and tradition, he travelled as far away as India to share the stories of Jesus.

Patron Saint: Thomas is the patron saint of Architects.

Feast Day: 3rd July.

Who Was Thomas the Apostle?

Thomas the Apostle lived in the 1st century & was one of the twelve main followers of Jesus.

He is often called "Doubting Thomas" because he famously said he would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead unless he saw and touched Jesus's wounds himself. Later, Jesus appeared to him, and Thomas believed.

Thomas is known for his missionary work. Many traditions say he travelled far & wide to spread Christianity. He spent a lot of time working in India, where he is believed to have brought the Christian faith.

According to Christian tradition, Thomas was killed at St. Thomas Mount in Chennai in India on July 3, AD 72, when he was stabbed with a spear. His body was buried in Mylapore.



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