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Parish Diary September 2026

Weds 2 nd	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
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
Tues 8 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 9 th	2.30 - 4pm	Church Open for National Day of Prayer For Schools
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 13 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Church Parade & Family Service
Tues 15 th	11.00am	Interment of Ashes of Elsie Smith
Weds 16 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 20 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 23 rd	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 27 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	View From The Pew (<i>followed by refreshments and drawing of the September Lucky Lotto</i>)
Weds 30 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER

Sun 6 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer

Interregnum Update

*“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous be shaken.”*

Psalm 55:22

Life is full of challenges. Economic difficulties, illnesses, family problems, and political unrest plague many people on a daily basis. Pressures in our lives can build and pull us in different directions, and these pressures can pull against our sense of well-being. Trying to do too much work with too little time or too few resources can stretch us beyond our capacity. Trying to cope with the financial demands of life without adequate income can make us begin to feel desperate. Difficulties in family or work relationships, can lead to anxiety and a sense of hopelessness.

Church life brings its own unique set of challenges; issues around Parish admin, finance & governance; maintenance of buildings & land; relationship building and, during interregnum, finding Clergy to cover our Services; finding volunteers who are able to take on a variety of essential tasks & finding answers to the many & varied queries that arise seemingly on a daily basis.

The Bible has much to tell us about challenges – there is not one person in the Bible who has not experienced some form of challenge; from Adam & Eve facing the challenge of temptation, Moses facing the challenge of leading his people in search of the Promised Land, right through to Jesus facing the challenges of persecution and crucifixion; no one is exempt.

And yet when it comes to dealing with these challenges, the Bible is also full of advice and encouragement.

King David wrote Psalm 55 during a time of intense personal anguish and betrayal by a close friend, but instead of letting fear and distress overwhelm him, David turned his focus to God's faithfulness.

For Christians, the first step in dealing with life's challenges is to bring them to God; God promises to support & provide for those who trust in Him; hard times might happen, but God will see us through them.

Heavenly Father, as we walk life's path and face life's challenges, fill us with your light and hope; grant us strength when we are weak; love when we feel forsaken; courage when we feel afraid; wisdom when we feel foolish; comfort when we feel alone; hope when we feel rejected & peace when we are in turmoil – Amen.

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the September 2026 edition of the Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine; a little quieter this month due to the uniformed organisations having been on their summer break, but still containing plenty of news, interesting articles & useful information.

As we move on through the year, it seems impossible that already we are approaching Autumn – the evenings are drawing in & the days are cooler. And with Autumn comes a whole host of celebrations & special events in the life of our Church. Watch out for information about this year's Harvest Festival and make sure you check out the 'What's On At Christ Church Ainsworth' leaflet within this month's magazine to keep up to date with other events.

Alongside our usual articles this month, there is information about the National Day of Prayer for Schools, Jenny's Organ Hymnathon Challenge & also a reflection from Revd Debra – from the far-flung Scottish Islands!

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 – there's still time to sign up for The Alpha Course, which will be running at Christ Church Ainsworth during 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

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God:

2nd August Rowan Evans

9th August Ava Anderson

9th August James Anderson

Flower Rota

13th Sept Mrs. G White

27th Sept Mrs S. Varnom

Thank You From Revd Debra

To everyone who knows me, contributed to my amazing present, and sent cards and good wishes; there are absolutely no words that can express my gratitude and love.

As I said at my final Sunday Service, you are ALL amazing people whose faith has grown and flourished.

To the Mid-Week Praisers – thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping to make Wednesdays chaotic fun. Jesus would be laughing along and thinking it was marvelous.

Keep on keeping the faith, carry on having fun and PLEEEASE support Alison as she carries on with the brilliant services.

Remember that you are ALL loved by God and by me. Your generosity, not just in giving to my present, but in the kindness you have shown me; I hadn't realised how much I was appreciated to be honest. Maybe that's something we all need to work on – telling people how great they are, so they know. It encourages all of us and makes us feel loved.

I will miss you all, I will come along to a service if I'm back for some reason and I will never forget the family we have become. Let's see where the journey carries on. Thank you for travelling along with me so far.

Remember to go out each day and be the light, bringing out the God colours in the world.

God bless - Debra x

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Once again we will be taking part in "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning", with our MacMillan Coffee Morning taking place on Friday 25th September from 10:00 to 11:30am in Ainsworth Church and Community Hall.

Any donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be most welcome and can be brought to the Church Hall on Thursday 24th September from 8:15pm to 8:30 pm or before the coffee morning itself on the Friday from 9:00 – 10:00am.

National Day Of Prayer For Schools – 09/09/2026

Praying for our schools, children, young people, teachers and school staff has never been more important than it is today.

On Wednesday 9th September the National Day of Prayer for Schools is back for 2026, and the aim is that every school across the UK should be prayed for as Christians, Churches and organisations unite in prayer.



Christ Church Ainsworth will be open from 2.30 – 4pm for quiet prayer, but there will also be specific prayer stations creating opportunities to pray for the staff, volunteers & pupils who are part of our local school communities, plus the option of a brew & a chat for those who want it.

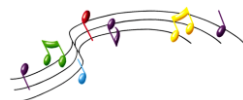
It doesn't matter whether or not you have current connections with a school, please feel free to come along & join us.

Harvest 2026 – All Things Bright & Beautiful!



As we continue with our Harvest preparations, we'll be holding a 'crafting session' in Church on Wednesday 2nd September from 2.30-4pm, when we'll be cutting, sticking & generally preparing some of the items which will be included in the main displays. Please feel free to come along & join us for a cuppa & a chat whilst we get crafting; no expertise necessary & all equipment provided.

Organ Hymnathon Challenge



Between 9.15am on Thurs 3rd Sept & 6.15pm 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.

Playing times as follows:

Thursday 3rd September: 9–1.15pm; 1.45-6pm; 6.15-8.15pm

Friday 4th September: 9–1.15pm; 1.45-6pm

Saturday 5th September: 10-12noon; 2.45-4.45pm; 5-6.15pm

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.

If you would like to support this fundraising challenge you can use the following link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/christ-church-ainsworth>

Alternatively, you can donate directly to Christ Church Ainsworth by scanning the QR code:



Clicking the link below:

<https://givealittle.co/c/5DnxUeLJmzbxirRWakUOSu>

Or making a donation when you visit.

Thank you for your support!

CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a copy of our August Quiz League Quiz Sheet; a difficult one it seems – the list of *actual* answers is below.

Sue Campbell & Barbara Leigh both scored 28 marks + 2 bonus points – congratulations to the winner, drawn at random, Sue Campbell.

September quiz sheets are now available in Church (local pubs, past & present 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 August Quiz was £27-00.

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| 1. Brightly coloured ringer | Bluebell |
| 2. Small bird appears to be dishevelled | Ragged Robin |
| 3. Sounds like trading before a meal | Celandine |
| 4. Drinking vessel found in the dairy perhaps? | Buttercup |
| 5. Bovine error / accident | Cow Slip |
| 6. Vulpine hand covering | Foxglove |
| 7. Spoof boulder perhaps? | Shamrock |
| 8. Drinking vessel used by the monarch | King Cup |
| 9. Body part of a young male horse | Coltsfoot |
| 10. Bovine herb | Cow Parsley |
| 11. Ringer for your Barnet perhaps? | Hare Bell |

12. Chlorine gets above this one	Clover
13. The final colour of a rainbow	Violet
14. Found in the woods or in rock pools	Anemone
15. Female found in the dell	Lily of the Valley
16. Female servant working in the dairy	Milkmaid
17. Looks great on a tandem!	Daisy
18. Try to remember me?	Forget Me Not
19. This flower is neat & formal to excess	Primrose
20. Unwanted plant favoured by pigs	Hogweed
21. Found in Flanders' Fields	Poppy
22. Unwanted plant, but maybe valuable	Silverweed
23. Garden plant found among boulders	Rock Rose
24. Truthfulness; sincerity	Honesty
25. Female found in ponds & rivers	Water Lily
26. Flower found in the bakery or mill	Corn Flower
27. Made by bees for nursing?	Honey Suckle
28. Female often found on the moors	Heather
29. Brightly coloured stinger, no longer alive	Red Dead Nettle
30. Travel fast & competently	Speedwell

Tie breaker: A) Winner of 1 of Willy Wonka's Golden Tickets, with a floral first name? Violet Beauregarde

B) The violent & tyrannical leader of the Efrafa Warren in 'Watership Down'? General Woundwort

The Alpha Course



Have you ever wanted to know more about the basics of the Christian faith? Why not consider joining us for Alpha! These sessions will be starting on Tuesday 22nd September from 7–8.30pm, & then each Tuesday until 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

Just A Thought

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Reflecting On The Seasons - Creationtide

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good,"

Genesis 1,31

As Christians, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. Throughout the month of September each year the Christian Community celebrates the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. The season of creation begins on the 1st September, with the World Day of Prayer for Creation.

The story of creation is told in the book of Genesis; Genesis chapter 1 describes the creation of the world and everything in it, but it is in Genesis chapter 2 that we find specific instructions for humankind to care for creation & guard it. Genesis Chapter 2 v 8 – 15 tells us; "Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East, and there he put the man he had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruit. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad.

A stream flowed in Eden and watered the garden; beyond Eden it divided into four rivers. The first river is the Pishon; it flows around the country of Havilah. (Pure gold is found there and also rare perfume and precious stones.) The second river is the Gihon; it flows around the country of Cush. The third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria, and the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it."

I wonder how many people are aware of that final verse; how many people realise that it is our God given duty to cultivate and guard God's creation?

Creator God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign. Amen.

Revd Debra's Reflections From Eday

Well, it's been a bit of a journey. Not just the travelling, but the decision to come to Orkney. My readings this week have been related to Jesus as the vine.



As with any living thing, vines need to be looked after, the deadwood cut away, the branches that will never bear fruit are pruned and sometimes it looks like we've gone too far. Yet, at the right time, new branches and leaves grow and there is more fruit than we can possibly need, all because we pruned. If we hadn't, the vine would have become too woody, and any fruit would be sour and inedible.

Jesus said He is the vine, he will prune as much as it takes so that we will bear fruit.

As I have time to contemplate, I see now that as life has gone on, each rebellious streak, each sin I have committed, has been forgiven, pruned away and made me stronger in my faith. I picture God with his head in his hands as I stumble through life. Then, at each point where I finally understand, he leans back and smiles - we're getting there.

It seems a shame that it's later in life that we finally get the picture. Maybe that's the whole point.

As a young girl, all I wanted was to live on a farm. 60 years later, I am sat in a house surrounded by fields, with the sea right there. Just before he died, my Dad told me he always intended to build a rockery on the lawn; the lawn is a large patch of grass that he lovingly mowed. I asked someone on the island to build a sort of rockery, but for it to be a place I can just sit and be. It didn't turn out how my Dad would have liked, but it was made with love and respect for him.

I like to give things names, my car is called Florence, and so I wanted to give this special place a special name. I looked up various Norse and Viking words and found the perfect one – 'Grimlins'.

It doesn't sound at all inviting until you read what it means:

It is the lingering summer twilight, the magical calm where the Sun barely sets and the sea glitters.

That's how I see life. Jesus has guided us to this perfect moment. He has pruned and loved us with a love so pure and unconditional. As we begin to fully understand, there is a magical calm, and the overflow of His love makes us shine for all around to see. I pray for your glitter moment.

*Jesus, my true vine, my source of life, I choose to abide in obedience.
Father, my gardener, shaper of my life, I surrender to your pruning.
Holy Spirit, my helper, sustainer of my life, I welcome your presence
now as I seek your word. Amen*

(Prayer courtesy of Lectio 365)

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The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The August Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 30th August, 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

News From The Diocese – Worship Around The World

Worship Around the World, will take us on a rich and vibrant journey across cultures through music and dance. Together, we will celebrate the beautiful diversity of the Diocese of Manchester, as different cultural heritages are showcased in worship.

- A multicultural gospel music group leading us in praise

- Musical performances representing communities from Africa, Persia (Farsi), South India, Pakistan, Cantonese, and Europe
- Inspiring cultural dance presentations, particularly from across the African diaspora

This promises to be a Spirit-filled musical experience and a powerful expression of unity in Christ, where many cultures come together in one voice of worship and praise.

Sunday 13th September at Manchester Cathedral; 2pm for a 2.30 start. International light buffet – 4.30pm

Guests are warmly invited to remain for Manchester Cathedral Evensong at 5:30pm.

For more info or to book your place visit [Worship Around the World Tickets, Sunday, September 13 • 2 PM - 5 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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 & 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



September 2026

1 st	We pray for the staff & pupils of all local schools as they return for the start of a new term.
2 nd	We pray for the families who will be starting back at MidWeek Praise at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening; praying that this Service would continue to be a gateway to faith for those who attend.
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 those who will be involved with running Saturday Café at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe & St. Mary, Radcliffe tomorrow, that these might be a resource that is valued by the community & a time of encounter.
5 th	We pray for all who will be leading or attending Back To School Sunday Services tomorrow; praying especially for those at Christ Church Walshaw & St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
6 th	We pray for a generous response to the Gift Day being held at St. Andrew's, Hillock today.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
8 th	We pray for the many family worship groups & Services which will start back in the coming days, praying especially for the Youth Group at St Andrew's, Radcliffe & the Toddler Group at Walshaw.
9 th	On National Day of Prayer for Schools, we pray for all students, staff & volunteers within schools.
10 th	We pray for those who will be leading or attending Wiggle Tots at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe this afternoon.
11 th	We give thanks for all those who have worked hard to put together the displays & information for the Heritage Open Days being held at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe; praying also that these days will be well supported & an opportunity to connect with new & different people.
12 th	We pray for all who will be attending the Bury & Rossendale Lay Leaders' Conference today, that they would be nourished & refreshed. We pray & give thanks for all Lay Leaders & their ministries.
13 th	We pray for all who will be part of All Saints, Stand's Bicentenary Holy Communion Service, which will be led by Bishop David today, that this might bring the whole community together in celebration.
14 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
15 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 activities offered by our Churches
16 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 th	We pray for & give thanks for those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; praying that this would be a time of refreshment & community guided by the Holy Spirit.
18 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
19 th	We pray for the Authorised Lay Ministers who will be authorised or re-authorised at the cathedral today, that they would be blessed & guided in their ministry.
20 th	We pray for those who will 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.
21 st	We pray for those who will be preparing for 'Bee Inspired' in the coming days; praying that God will draw those who need to be there to attend this event.
22 nd	We pray for those who will be leading & attending the Alpha Course which starts at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening; that these sessions might be a time of learning, sharing & spiritual growth.
23 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
24 th	We pray for all who will be part of 'Bee Inspired' this evening; giving thanks for the 'worker bees' within our Churches & worshipping communities & praying that they would receive spiritual refreshment & inspiration through this event.
25 th	We pray for all who are holding MacMillan Coffee Mornings today; especially those at St. Andrew's, Hillock & Christ Church Ainsworth. Praying that these events would be well supported; praying also for those who will benefit from the funds which are raised.
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
27 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
29 th	We pray for all who will be representing their Churches at the Task Group meeting this evening; praying for guidance & inspiration as we consider future opportunities & possibilities.
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."

Friday 25th September



10:00 to 11:30 am

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- All proceeds to Church funds

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place on Sunday 27th September.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 8th September

10.30 – 12 noon

Ainsworth Church and Community Hall

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



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Or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

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



What's On At Christ Church Ainsworth Organ Hymnathon Challenge

Thurs 3rd-Sat 5th September; various times. Hymns played
on the Church Organ, refreshments available

Harvest

Sat 10th October 12-4pm "All Things Bright & Beautiful",
Harvest displays, Organ Recital, Refreshments

Sun 11th October 10.30am - Parade & Family Service

Sun 11th October 6pm - Harvest Songs of Praise, followed
by Thanksgiving Supper in the Church & Community Hall

Season Of Remembrance

Sun 1st Nov 6.30pm - Service To Remember The Departed

Sunday 8th Nov 10.30am - Remembrance Service

Christmas Fair

Sat 21st Nov - 11- 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Christingle Service

Weds 2nd Dec 6.30pm; make your own Christingle & bring it
along on the night. All age service, everyone welcome.

Brass Band Christmas Concert

Sat 5th Dec 7pm; featuring Farnworth & Walkden Band.

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our Christmas Services, please email*

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OTHERWISE AINSWORTH

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 8th September

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 1st September

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Open meeting; new members always welcome.

Tuesday 15th September

Out & about meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course will be starting on Tuesday 22nd September 7-8.30pm, then each consecutive Tuesday until the end of November. 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

Jenny will be playing 2 verses from each of our Church hymn books, culminating in a Top 50 countdown from 5 – 6.15pm 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

St. Andrew’s, Hillock

Live worship music, Keynote speaker The Venerable Simon Cook, Archdeacon of Bolton & Salford; refreshments & more.

Candlelight Prayer

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Around The Organisations ...



Celebrating Mary Sumner Day at 150 Years

On 9 August, Mothers' Union members around the world celebrated Mary Sumner Day, a special opportunity to give thanks for the life, faith and vision of our founder and to reflect on the incredible legacy she began 150 years ago.

In 1876, Mary Sumner gathered women together in prayer and fellowship, believing that by supporting one another and serving their communities, they could make a lasting difference. From that small beginning, Mothers' Union has grown into a global movement of people committed to transforming families and communities through faith, hope and action.

As we marked our 150th anniversary year, we celebrated the thousands of members who continue to carry Mary Sumner's vision forward, through prayer, practical support, advocacy, fundraising and community outreach. Members across the UK and Ireland are demonstrating that the heart of Mothers' Union remains as strong today as it was when it began.

Manchester Diocese celebrated with a special thanksgiving service in Manchester Cathedral. The Diocesan jigsaw was on display and I hope that we will get the opportunity to see some photographs of it, identifying the diversity of branches, but all with one aim.

Mary Sumner Day is not only a time to look back with gratitude but also an opportunity to look forward with hope, recognising the difference we can make when we come together in faith and friendship.

And so, the year moves on apace! As I write this, we are just entering more days of a heatwave, yet when you read this, we will be entering autumn with its shorter days but a wealth of colour to enjoy in the countryside.

Durban, South Africa, from 30 September – 3 October is the place to be, for a once-in-a-generation celebration of 150 years of Mothers' Union with our wider global family. I look forward to hearing from members who've been to this wonderful, truly worldwide Celebration Anniversary Gathering.

Our next meeting is on the 1st September at 2.30pm in the Church Hall when we welcome firefighters to bring us up to date about Fire Safety in our homes.

I'm sure that, over the years we've heard similar talks but there are always new things to learn, and information to hear about free installation of smoke or heat alarms for men and women 'over a certain age'.

Everyone is welcome to join us, and one new 'tip' learned, might save a life!

Jennifer White

From the Archives – September 2001

In his Letter To The Parish in September 2001, Father Alan wrote of his gratitude to everyone who had sent cards & good wishes & requested that people continue to hold him & his wife Venitia in their prayers as his treatment continued. He talked of his intention to set himself small goals, the first of which would be to lead the morning Service during the upcoming Flower Festival.

The Parish News in September 2001 included lots more info & requests relating to the Flower Festival; including a request for volunteers to help with Churchyard tidying ahead of the big weekend; 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, Mothers' Union members had thoroughly enjoyed their outing to Skipton & were planning a visit to a Jewish Museum in Whitefield, the church Women's Fellowship were planning a Coffee Evening plus Bring & Buy stall; Cockey Moor Women's Institute were celebrating their 8th anniversary; and a new Christian Youth Group was expected to be starting at Ainsworth Methodist Church – aimed at children from year 6-9, 'Rock Solid' was to be open to children from Christ Church Ainsworth also.

In September 2001, there were 2 weddings & 1 funeral recorded from the previous month, but no Baptisms. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 293; with collections listed as £1,712.

Everything You Need To Know About - September ...

September 1st 1159 – The death of the only English Pope Adrian IV



September 2nd 1666 – The Great Fire of London began in Pudding Lane and raged for 5 days; incredibly only 9 people were killed.

September 3rd 1939 – Britain & France declared war on Germany.

September 4th 1962 – The Beatles started their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios, London.

September 5th 1800 – The Siege of Malta ended, as Napoleon's forces surrendered to the British, following a two year long naval blockade.

September 6th 1620 – 'The Mayflower' set sail from Plymouth, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America.

September 7th 1533 – Birth of Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII & Anne Boleyn.

September 8th 1944 – The 1st V2 'Flying Bombs' killed 3 people in London.

September 9th 1513 – James IV of Scotland was killed at the Battle of Flodden.

September 10th 2022 – The Accession Council met at St James's Palace to formally proclaim King Charles III as the new British sovereign, following the death of Queen Elizabeth.

September 11th 1915 – Britain's first Women's Institute opened in Wales.

September 12th 1908 – Marriage of Winston Churchill to Clementine Hozier.

September 13th 1902 – Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence.

September 14th 1752 – The 1st day of the Gregorian Calendar in Britain.

September 15th 1830 – MP William Huskisson became the first rail fatality at the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway.

September 16th 1400 – Owain Glyndwr was proclaimed Prince of Wales.

September 17th 1701 – King James II of England died whilst in exile in France.

September 18th 1709 – Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English dictionary.

September 19th 2022 – State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey in London, following her death on 8th September.

September 20th 1215 – Consecration of Salisbury Cathedral.

September 21st 1327 – Death of Edward II, murdered with a red hot poker by his jailers.

September 22nd 1735 – Britain's 1st Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moved in to 10, Downing Street.

September 23rd 1848 – Chewing Gum was produced commercially for the 1st time.

September 24th 1776 – The 1st St. Leger Horse Race was run at Doncaster.

September 25th 1818 – First transfusion of human blood was performed at Guy's Hospital,

September 26th 1580 - The Golden Hind arrived in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake.

September 27th 1825 – The Stockton & Darlington Railway opened, marking the start of the world's first public railway service with a steam locomotive.

September 28th 1745 – 'God Save The King', was sung for the 1st time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.

September 29th 1758 – Birth of Horatio Nelson

September 30th 1840 – The foundation stone for Nelson's Column was laid in Trafalgar Square.

Space To Share A Prayer

For each step that I might take, be my guide, O Lord of life.
For each load that I might bear, be my strength, O Lord of life.
For each mountain I might face, be my power, O Lord of life.
For each river that might impede, be my safety, O Lord of life.
For each place where I might rest, be my peace, O Lord of life.
For each sunrise and sunset, be my joy, O Lord of life. Amen



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Straplines

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

The test of a person's character is what he does when no one is watching.

Half of the people of the world are unhappy because they cannot afford the things that bring misery to the other half.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

In This Place

In this place of solitude
Soft silence fills the air,
I sit upon a time worn pew
And bow my head in prayer;
And feel the ever present calm
Soak deep into my soul;
A strength and peace beyond this world,
That somehow makes me whole.

In this place of solitude
The world seems far away,
Life's bustle and life's toil recedes
As, silently, I pray;
And feel my mind grow quiet,
Feel my scattered thoughts grow clear;
The solemn silence of this place
The only sound I hear.

In this place of solitude
The silence fills the air;
And yet, my heart seems lighter
As I bow my head in prayer;
Nothing changes, nothing alters,
Nothing makes the smallest sound;
Yet in this place,
I feel God's loving presence, all around.

Time For A Smile

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the Vicar!"

The Parish Puzzler

How many words can you make from the following letters?

C R E A T I O N T I D E

Autumn Quiz

1. Which English Romantic poet composed "To Autumn"?
2. In which year did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament?
3. What are hedgehogs' spines or quills made from?
4. In Australia, Autumn begins in which month?
5. In which month does the pheasant shooting season begin?
6. Which monarch did Guy Fawkes try to blow up?
7. Which pigment produced by trees makes their leaves green?
8. Oktoberfest is held annually in which German city?
9. Which celebration has its origins in the Celtic, Samhain?
10. Which national holiday in the US marks the start of Autumn?
11. What is the nickname of the seeds of Maple & Ash trees?
12. What is a baby hedgehog known as?
13. Which Autumn vegetable was thought to remove freckles?
14. What is the name given to a full moon early in Autumn?
15. Which pigment causes leaves to turn brown?

(Answers on page 37)

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
6 th September 14 th Sunday After Trinity	Margaret Gilman	Beryl Sixsmith	Gwen White
13 th September 15 th Sunday After Trinity	Barbara Clarkson Scouting Sections	N/A	Scouts
20 th September 16 th Sunday After Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	David Holden	David Holden
27 th September 17 th Sunday After Trinity	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	N/A	Alison Hartley

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
6 th September 14 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>BM</i>	Beryl Sixsmith	Exodus 12.1-14 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20
13 th September 15 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>BM</i>	Church Parade Scouting Sections	Exodus 14.19-31 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35
20 th September 16 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>VC</i>	David Holden	Exodus 16.2-15 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16
27 th September 17 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) <i>VFTP</i>	Lorraine Holden	Exodus 17.1-7 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

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 Autumn Quiz: 1) John Keats, 2) 1605, 3) Keratin, 4) March, 5)
October, 6) James I, 7) Chlorophyll, 8) Munich, 9) Halloween, 10) Labor Day,
11) Helicopters, 12) Hoglet, 13) Pumpkin, 14) Harvest Moon, 15) Tanin.

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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Group Leader	Group.Ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk	07742 610281
Beaver Scouts	Beavers.Ainsworth@prawscouts.org.uk Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall	
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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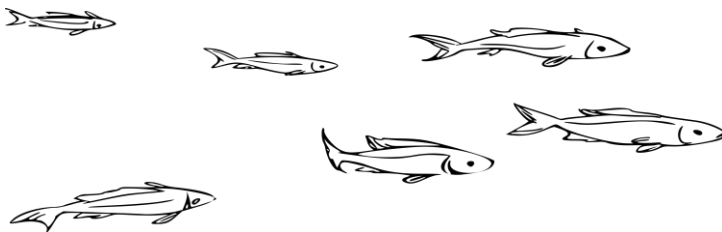


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Little Fishes

Saint Michael



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 Michael

29th September

Meaning: In Hebrew, Michael means 'who is like God?'

Patron Saint: Michael is the patron saint of Police Officers & Paramedics

Feast Day: 29th September.

Who Was Saint Michael?

Michael is a very special angel known as an archangel! He is famous in many religions like Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. He is often seen as a brave leader who helps protect people. In fact, his name means "Who is like God?" which means he's really important!

Michael is often pictured with a sword, fighting against evil. He is thought to be the defender of Heaven and Earth.

Michaelmas means "Michael's Mass", the feast day of St Michael the Archangel. In many churches it also honours all angels - hence the title "St Michael and All Angels". Saint Michael, also referred to as the archangel Michael, is common to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In Christian tradition, Saint Michael is a protector and a bringer of courage and the triumph of good over evil. He is often shown defeating a dragon, wearing armour & carrying a spear.

Folklore says the devil fell into a blackberry bush when Michael threw him out of heaven & spoiled the fruit; people today still avoid picking blackberries after Michaelmas!



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