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Parish Diary October 2026



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER

Sun 4 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Weds 7 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Fri 9 th	9.15am	School Harvest Service
Sat 10 th	12–4.30pm	Harvest Open Church & Organ Recital

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sun 11 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Harvest Church Parade & Family Service
	6.00pm	Harvest Songs Of Praise
	7.15pm	Harvest Supper (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Tues 13 th	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation (<i>Ainsworth Church & Community Hall</i>)
Weds 14 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sun 18 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 21 st	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Sat 24 th	4.00pm	Wedding Of Heather Ruth Harrison & Kenan Andrew James O'Hara-Davies

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sun 25 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>followed by refreshments and drawing of October Lucky Lotto</i>)

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 st	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Service To Remember The Departed
Weds 4 th	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise

Interregnum Update

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.*

Isaiah 55:8-9

I wonder if you have ever listened to a sermon, or read something, & felt as though the words were directed to you or your situation personally?

The Bible Reading Fellowship produces various daily Bible reading notes, one collection is called 'New Daylight'; the readings for the first weeks in September were taken from the book of Ezra & described how the people of Israel, after many years in exile, were given permission to return to their homeland & rebuild the Temple. They do everything right; praying, preparing, following the rules – but still, time after time there are things that hold them back, delay them & at times cause the work to have to stop completely.

How can this be happening when they are doing God's work?

Eventually the people are forced to stop working on the Temple and have to accept that they can't change the situation they find themselves in; they can't make the people in authority over them do anything differently - all they can do is wait patiently until the time is right, God's timing, and they are able to make progress once more.

The commentary following this passage was written by Sally Welch & continued, "Perhaps the hardest times to experience are those when we feel we are doing everything as we should, and events still do not turn out well. Our plans for ourselves, our families, our communities & our churches might be excellent ones, well thought out & carefully prayed about. But there are delays, even disasters, & it seems as if God has forgotten us. It is then that we must remember Isaiah 55; 8, *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.*"

No prayer is wasted, but God's time is His own, and we must trust in the blessings of the waiting time."

Thank you, Sally, for speaking with such wisdom into this continued time of interregnum at Christ Church Ainsworth.

Lord, help us to trust you and to seek your guidance; help us not to become disheartened or impatient when we experience difficulties or delays. Help us to remember that there is a time and a place for each and every thing, according to Thy will - Amen

Alison Hartley – on behalf of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC

Editor's Spot ...

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

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

This month's magazine includes a whole host of information about this year's Harvest Festival; Service times, Open Church, Harvest Supper ... Make sure you keep an eye on the Parish Diary and also the weekly Pew Sheet for details of all the activities that are happening around this time

Alongside our usual articles this month, there are updates from our Organ Hymnathon & the MacMillan Coffee Morning, plus save the dates for the Church Christmas Fair, Christmas Coach Trip & the Christmas Band Concert – how can it possibly be time to think about these things again already??

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

Funerals: We commend to God's keeping:

10th September Patricia Ann Gilmore

24th September Norma Wainhouse

Flower Rota

11th Oct Mrs. B. Leigh

25th Oct Mr D. Holden



"Everything that God does begins with a seed and ends with a harvest."

Artisan Market – Save The Date

The next Craft & Makers Market will be held on Sunday 11th October 11 – 3pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Arts & Crafts, gifts, jewellery, refreshments & much, much more. Everyone welcome.

Harvest 2026 – All Things Bright & Beautiful!



Our Harvest preparations are now well underway; thank you to everyone who came along to help with cutting out etc when we held our 'crafting session' in Church. We'll be setting up the various displays on Thursday 8th October between 1.30 – 4pm; please feel free to come along & join us – many hands make light work.

Our Harvest Festival this year will be held over the weekend of 10-11th October, when we will be holding a variety of events.

Saturday 10th October 12 – 4.30pm; Open Church – visit Church & view the displays which have been created by members of our groups & organisations to celebrate our theme of thankfulness for all that God provides. There will also be an Organ Recital, Sing-along-Harvest Hymns, refreshments & a raffle.

Sunday 11th October 8am BCP Communion

Sunday 11th October 10.30am Harvest Church Parade & Family Service

Sunday 11th October 6pm Songs of Praise, followed by Harvest Supper in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.

If you haven't yet requested tickets for the Harvest Supper, there is still time to do this, please contact Alison on 07952-709041 or alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com Closing date is Sun 04/10.

Harvest Flowers

Kate from Barlow's Bespoke Flowers, has offered to provide pew end 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.

Harvest Donations

Our Harvest Festival this year will be held on Sunday 11th October, when we will once again be supporting 'Porch Boxes'. This local charity is based on the Bradley Fold Trading Estate and provides crisis packs of food and toiletries to local agencies to distribute to local people who are in urgent need.

Porch Boxes distribute in excess of 450 crisis packs each month and have distributed over 50,000 packs since the charity began in 2001.

Donations of produce / toiletries for our Harvest Appeal can be brought to MidWeek Praise on Wednesday 7th October, or to any of our Services in Church on Sunday 11th October.

An Update From Porch Boxes



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

Tins of:-

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

UHT milk – full fat or semi skimmed

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

Thank you again from the Porch Boxes Volunteers.

Christmas Fair

Our Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 21st November from 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Stalls, games, refreshments and more ... all proceeds to Church funds.

Save the date and watch this space for more info!

Service To Remember The Departed

This year, our annual 'Service For The Departed' will be held in Church on **Sunday 1st November, at 6.30pm.**

At this Service we take time to reflect and remember members of our families, friends, members of our local community and our worshipping community who are no longer with us.

The names of those for whom a funeral has been held in Church during the past year, will automatically be included in the list of names to be read out at this service, but if you would like the name of a friend or loved one to be added to the list, please put the names of those you wish to be read out, in the red box at the back of church, or leave a message on 01204 595378. To allow time for printing, the last date for receiving names is Sunday 25th October.

Christ Church Ainsworth Book Of Remembrance



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

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

Christ Church Ainsworth - Grave Cleaning & Maintenance

If you choose to have a memorial stone on your loved one's grave, you are welcome to tend the grave and place flowers yourself, but if you are unable to do so, our Churchyard Team offer a number of options:

- Regular cleaning of headstone £30-00 / year
- Regular cleaning of headstone, flowers placed monthly & wreath placed at Christmas £210-00 / year

For more information about grave maintenance please contact Janet Hayes on 07895-033736.

Candlelit Christmas Concert

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit, with a fabulous programme of Christmas music provided by Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band.

Enjoy Christmas Classics & seasonal refreshments, all in our beautiful candlelit Church.

Saturday 5th December, 7pm; tickets available soon.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning; the total amount raised was £494-00, much of which was gift aided.



Organ Hymnathon Challenge

A huge thank you to Jenny, our Organist, for successfully completing this incredible 3 day Organ Hymnathon Challenge; thank you also to everyone who came along to Church throughout the 3 days to support her; to those who came along on Saturday evening for the 'Big Sing' – it was brilliant to have the opportunity to sing all of those well known favourites, but we were very glad of our half time tea break! - & to all who made donations to Church funds. The total amount raised from this initiative was an amazing £505-00!



CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League

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

There were a number of people on 29 points, but the winner - with a full house plus 2 bonus points was Peter Firth.

October quiz sheets are now available in Church (Rock bands 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 September Quiz was £19-00.

1. Bovine's 'bonce'	Bull's Head
2. Nobleman, Bill - in short	Duke William
3. Nick a field closure	Nab Gate
4. Regal Tree	Royal Oak
5. Light coloured female equine	Grey Mare
6. Another light coloured equine	White Horse
7. Multiple celestial bodies	Seven Stars
8. Flower with a diadem	Rose & Crown
9. Moody / sinister bovine	Black Bull
10. Firework perhaps	Rocket
11. Cheerful haulier	Jolly Carter
12. Scottish tenant farmers	Crofters
13. Outdoor time piece?	Sun Dial
14. Unidentified dwelling	The House With No Name
15. Brightly coloured river crossing	Red Bridge
16. Medieval jail	Dungeon
17. Multiple way markers	Three Arrows
18. Load bearing equine	Pack Horse
19. Prince of thieves?	Robin Hood
20. King of the jungle looking warm	Red Lion
21. The hunters & the hunted	Hare & Hounds
22. Archaic haulage business	Waggon & Horses
23. Cut of an old sheep	Shoulder Of Mutton
24. Village limbs	Ainsworth Arms
25. Wife of Albert	The Victoria
26. Dated place for educating children	The Old School House
27. Flashy old fashioned footwear maybe	Sparking Clog
28. Founder of 'The Met'	Robert Peel
29. Belonging to a monarch	The Queens
30. Outdoor footwear; just one	Wellington

Tie breaker: A) What was the name of the local frequented by Del Boy & Rodney? Nag's Head

B) Which soap names 'The Woolpack' as it's local? Emmerdale

Reflecting On The Seasons - Harvest

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease,”

Genesis 8,22

For those living in Biblical times, the harvest was a really important event. The gathering of things planted, a natural time of reaping in joy what had been sown and produced during the year.

Many of the parables that Jesus told used the growing and harvesting of crops as analogies to teach his followers about the Christian faith. Luke chapter 8 tells the story of the Sower; of where his seeds fell and how they grew. In Matthew chapter 20 we read the story of the workers harvesting in the vineyard and the master rewarding them all equally, and in Matthew chapter 13, we read the parable of the mustard seed; the smallest seed which grew into a huge plant.

Jesus used the analogies about crops and harvesting because he knew the people, he was speaking to understood growing things; they were dependent on the harvest and would be able to relate to these stories.

In our modern age, with the option to transport food from all over the world, unless we live or work in the farming industry, most of us are far less aware of or dependent on the harvest, but we all know that God doesn't magic the food into the shops. Farmers work long hours planting, cultivating & growing produce, and there are often many more people involved in the wider production & transport process. In all of this, God works with us - He gives us the soil we need in which to plant the seed. He provides the water, the sun and all of the other things which we need before a crop is ready to be harvested and taken to shops.

The fact that we are less dependent on the Harvest shouldn't stop us from celebrating it and giving thanks to God for all that he provides.

God of the Harvest, the earth is yours and all that is upon it;

Created and creative things, fruit and fruitfulness

Springtime and Summer, seedtime and harvest

For the promise of harvest contained within a seed, we thank you.

For the oak tree within an acorn, the bread within a grain, we thank you.

For the apple within a pip, the mystery of nature gift wrapped for us to sow, we thank you. Amen

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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 30 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. £973-60

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The Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto!

The September Lucky Lotto draw took place in Church on Sunday 27th September, with the lucky winner walking away with £16-00!

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

News From The Diocese – Vocations Day; Sat 3rd October

Why not join us for our upcoming Vocations Day and explore the many ways to serve God through ordained and lay ministry. You can meet and chat with people serving in a wide range of ministry roles, hear from our keynote speaker, the Revd Canon Rachel Watts, Director of Vocations, and take part in a series of interactive

workshops led by the Ministry Exploration Group to help you discern your calling.

Where: St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND

When: Saturday 3rd October 10am – 1pm

To reserve your place visit: [Vocations Day Tickets, Saturday, October 3 • 10 AM - 1 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Mission Community News – Bee Inspired



'It was fantastic to see so many people at our Mission Community Autumn Worship Event. With live worship music played by members of Revd Jason Lawton's family, an inspirational address by the Venerable Simon Cook, Archdeacon Of Bolton & Salford, goody bags, food & fellowship – what more could you want! A huge thank you to St. Andrew's, Hillock for hosting this event, to everyone who came along on the night, & to all who helped with organising it.

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



October 2026

1 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
2 nd	We give thanks for & pray for all members of Clergy; that they would find time within their busy schedules to rest. We pray also for all Clergy spouses & family members.
3 rd	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 & a time of encounter.
4 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
5 th	We pray for all who will be part of the book Group at St. George's, Unsworth today.
6 th	We pray for members of St. Andrew's, Radcliffe Youth Group, who will be meeting together today.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
8 th	We pray for those who are preparing for the Pet Service to be held at All Saints, Stand this coming Sunday; giving thanks for all of God's creatures & the joy that they bring us.
9 th	We pray for the children & staff of Christ Church Ainsworth School as they hold their Harvest Service in Church this morning; giving thanks for the connections between Church & School. Praying also for those who will be attending the Organ Recital at All Saints, Stand tomorrow.
10 th	We pray for St. Andrew's, Radcliffe PCC members who are on an Away Day today; that this might be a meaningful & fruitful time together. Praying also that the Harvest activities being held at Christ Church Ainsworth & St. George's, Unsworth, would be well supported & successful events.
11 th	We pray for & give thanks for all volunteers in our individual Churches & across the wider Mission Community; giving thanks for all that they contribute to the lives of our Churches. Praying also for the Churches who will be celebrating Harvest today.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
13 th	We pray for all who will be attending Coffee & Conversation at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that this would be a time of fellowship & companionship for those who may be lonely or isolated.
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 all who will be part of the Harvest Ceilidh at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening, that this would be a time of fellowship, encounter & fun for all.
18 th	We pray for the community at St. Andrew's, Hillock as they celebrate Harvest. Praying also for the work of Mopane Tree & giving thanks for all that this worshipping community continue to do to support this charity. Praying also for Campfire Church being held at Christ Church Walshaw today.
19 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.
20 th	We pray for all who will be part of the Alpha Course running at Christ Church Ainsworth tonight.
21 st	We pray for Wiggle Welcome, as the new Nursery and Reception families are welcomed to Christ Church Walshaw School.
22 nd	We pray for & give thanks for the many volunteers that support our Churches & wider communities.
23 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.
24 th	We pray for those who will be involved with running Saturday Café at St. Mary, Radcliffe today, that this might be a resource that is valued by the community & a time of encounter.
25 th	We pray for all who will be attending Harvest Café Communion at All Saints, Stand today; that this new initiative might touch the hearts of new & different people & create an opportunity for encounter
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
27 th	We pray for those who will share Jesus Prayer hour on Zoom this evening; that this would be a time of spiritual refreshment. Praying that others might access this & other prayer initiatives offered throughout our Mission Community.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
29 th	We pray for & give thanks for all those who take on the role of 'EcoChampion' within their Churches
30 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
31 st	We pray for those who will be holding 'Light Parties' this evening; praying that the light will shine through the darkness & the darkness will not overcome it.

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



CHRIST CHURCH AINSWORTH 50/50 LUCKY LOTTO!!



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

The next Lucky Lotto draw will take place
on Sunday 25th October.

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



Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday 13th October

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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Together, we build.*



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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.

Prebooking essential; Adults £7-50, Children £5.

*For further info about any of our events, or for details of
our Christmas Services, please email*

ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

OTHERWISE AINSWORTH

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday 13th October

10.30 – 12 noon Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

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

Everyone welcome.

Ainsworth Mothers’ Union

Tuesday 6th October

2.30pm Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Open meeting; new members always welcome.

Tuesday 20th October

Out & about meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Artisan Market

Sunday 11th October

11 – 3pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Arts, crafts, gifts, jewellery, refreshments & more! Everyone welcome.

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

Saturday 21st November

11 – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall

Stalls, crafts, games & Café – everyone welcome.

!! Save The Date - Candlelit Christmas Concert !!

Saturday 5th December

7pm, Christ Church Ainsworth

Once again, we’ll be joined by members of Farnworth & Walkden Band for an evening of seasonal entertainment. More info & tickets coming soon.

Ainsworth Scout Group Coach Trip – The Piece Hall, Halifax

Saturday 28th November

Adults £30, Children under 13yrs £25, Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)

£90. For more info / to book click the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/PieceHallNov26>

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Around The Organisations ...



We have a new CEO!

Mothers' Union has appointed Alison Marshall as its new Chief Executive.

Alison brings more than 30 years' experience in international development, advocacy, campaigning and charity leadership to the worldwide Christian movement.

Alison is currently Chief Executive of Age International, where she leads work advocating for the rights and needs of older people in low- and middle-income countries, alongside fundraising, humanitarian response and international partnerships. She has previously held senior leadership roles with Sense International, UNICEF UK, Bond and CAFOD.

Throughout her career, Alison has championed the rights and dignity of women, children, people with disabilities and older people. She has represented organisations at the United Nations and with governments internationally, built partnerships across global networks and led campaigns on issues including poverty, gender justice and access to healthcare.

She brings substantial experience of charity governance, strategy, fundraising and organisational leadership, having served as a trustee of organisations including the Disasters Emergency Committee and the Fairtrade Foundation.

Alison joins Mothers' Union as it looks beyond its 150th anniversary and enters an important new chapter. With a strong focus on advocacy, Mothers' Union will build on its long tradition of standing alongside women, children and families through faith and action, while exploring new ways to respond to the challenges facing communities around the world today.

Responses from Alison will be in November's magazine. She will commence her role in December 2026.

At the beginning of September, we welcomed Debs and Lewis from the Fire Prevention Service. It's so surprising how we learn something new, and possibly lifesaving, every time we hear them. For example: Leaving phones etc on charge all night ... NO

Leaving the washing machine/tumble dryer on while we go out or go to bed ... NO

Using the wrong type of extension plugs or some dangerous ones bought on the internet ... NO etc, etc.

Have a routine of checking that all electrical goods are switched off before going to bed ... YES

Only use safely tested equipment ... YES

Have an escape plan, preferably not including climbing through upstairs windows ... YES

Shut / lock all doors, leaving keys in an easy place for you to access and use but not where criminals can see or reach them ... YES etc, etc.

The fire prevention team will come out to our homes for a free Fire Assessment and most of us are eligible for free alarms. While eligibility varies, services generally focus on vulnerable groups such as:

Adults aged 65 and over, people with disabilities, mobility issues, or sensory impairment, low-income households, families with young children, or people living alone.

If you live in the local area, you can check your eligibility and request a visit directly through the [Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#). Telephone Number: [0800 555 815](tel:0800555815)

Please don't be afraid to phone them and ask for an assessment. They are not in there to be judgemental, but to make sure that you are as safe as you can be in case of a fire in your home. I haven't met a fire prevention officer yet who hasn't got an infectious sense of humour.

At our first meeting on the 6th October at 2.30pm in the Church Hall, following Worship, we will have an All Members Meeting. If members have an item that they wish to discuss, please will you notify me so that it can be added to the Agenda.

Friday, the 23rd October at 10am is the Diocesan AGM and Council Meeting at St John's House, Bury. I will do my best to attend but would love someone to come along with me.

Finally, we have two very sad notices. We were very sorry to hear of the death of Pat Gilmore, the wife of Paul and daughter-in-law of our Indoor Member, Moira. Pat has been vital in our maintaining contact

with Moira and helping us to arrange visits. We will remember you, Pat with thanksgiving.

We also extend our deepest condolences to Revd Debra on the death of her mother, Norma. We pray for you, Debra, and all your family that you will be held firmly in God's hands as you are led along new paths in your future journeys.

Jennifer White

From the Archives – October 2001

The Parish News in October 2021 included a number of thank yous for well wishes during illness & support following bereavement, but also brought news of the plans for the forthcoming Harvest Festival; parishioners were encouraged to consider making a cash donation rather than bringing a traditional Harvest gift; monies raised would then be donated to support the work of the British Red Cross. Donations of fresh flowers were suggested as an alternative to a cash donation if preferred; these would later be distributed to those in hospital or resident in the local Nursing Homes

In other news, the Flower Festival held the previous month had been a well supported & successful event which had raised £2350-00 for Church funds; members of the Church Womens' Fellowship had held a successful Coffee morning; 16th Radcliffe Brownies had enjoyed Pack Holiday held at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe & Scouts had held a Father & Son Camp at Great Tower.

In October 2001, there were 3 baptisms recorded from the previous month, but no Weddings or Funerals. Communicants for the previous month were listed as 193; with collections listed as £1,315.

Everything You Need To Know About - October ...

October 1st 1207 – The birth of King Henry III

October 2nd 1452 – The birth of King Richard III

October 3rd 1940 – Former British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain formally resigned from Winston Churchill's wartime coalition government due to worsening health.

October 4th 1911 – Britain's first escalator opened at London's Earls Court.

October 5th 1930 – British airship R101 crashed near Beauvais, France killing 48 people.



October 6th 1892 – The death of the English Poet Laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson.

October 7th 1920 – Women became eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and were given the right to take degrees.

October 8th 1944 – Former British Prime Minister, Clement Richard Atlee died.

October 9th 1967 – The roadside breathalyser was introduced.

October 10th 1903 – *The Women's Social and Political Union*, campaigning for women's suffrage in Great Britain, was founded by Emmeline Pankhurst.

October 11th 1899 – Start of the Anglo-Boer War.

October 12th 1984 – An IRA terrorist bomb killed 4 people at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, Sussex.

October 13th 1852 – Birth of Lillie Langtry, actress and mistress of King Edward VII.

October 14th 1066 – The Battle of Hastings was fought in East Sussex.

October 15th 1666 – Samuel Pepys, diarist, recorded the wearing of the first waistcoat by King Charles II.

October 16th 1902 – England's first prison for Young Offenders was opened at Borstal in Kent.

October 17th 1860 – The first professional Golf Tournament was played at Prestwick, in Western Scotland. Mr. Willie Park headed the leader board.

October 18th 1851 – Herman Melville's classic novel *Moby-Dick* was first published in London by Richard Bentley under the original title *The Whale*

October 19th 1989 – The Court of Appeal quashed the convictions of the Guildford Four, leading to their release after 15 years wrongly imprisoned.

October 20th 1632 – Birth of English architect, Christopher Wren.

October 21st 1805 – Admiral Nelson was mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar.

October 22nd 1957 – The children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash made his television debut.

October 23rd 1843 – Nelson's Column, the famous monument honouring Admiral Nelson in London's Trafalgar Square, was finished.

October 24th 1776 – Jane Seymour, 3rd wife of King Edward VI died following the birth of the future king Edward VI.

October 25th 1854 – The Charge of the Light Brigade: During the Battle of Balaclava in the Crimean War, a British light cavalry brigade took part in a suicidal charge against Russian artillery, later immortalized by Lord Tennyson's poem

October 26th 1863 - Formation of the English Football Association which documented the first rules of soccer.

October 27th 1914 – Birth of Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas.

October 28th 1831 – English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrated the dynamo, founding the science of electro-magnetism.

October 29th 1618 – Sir Walter Raleigh was beheaded on the orders of King James I.

October 30th 1925 – The first television transmission of a moving image was made by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird.

October 31st 1517 - Martin Luther nailed his '95 Theses' to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany triggering the Protestant Reformation.

Space To Share A Prayer

God of heaven and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for our daily food. Thank you for the sunshine, the rain, and the hard work of those who grow our food. Help us to be grateful for your constant love, and show us how to share your abundance with those in need. Amen

Time For A Smile

10 Reasons Why God Made Eve

1. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
2. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
3. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

4. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, dentist or haircut appointment for himself.
5. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the rubbish bin out.
6. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
7. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, God knew Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
8. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
9. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
10. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do much better than that!"



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Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

The gardeners' hymn

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.

All things spray and swattable,
Disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable,
The Lord God made them all.

The green fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumbs.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

But still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours' will somehow bypass ours.
All things spray and swattable, etc.

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The Parish Puzzler

Add A Fruit Or A Vegetable

Place an item of fruit or veg in the gap to create a new word:

1. D - - - - (fruit) – fleck with sunlight.
2. INUN - - - - (fruit) - overwhelm
3. AP - - - R (veg) – become visible
4. S - - - - (fruit) – a weapon
5. S - - - - (veg) - disdain
6. S - - - - (fruit) – gooey or sticky substance
7. - - - - MER (fruit) – someone to deal with a burst
8. EF - - - Y (fruit) – an idol
9. CARIB - - - - (veg) – holiday resort
10. IM - - - - - (fruit) – charge with treason

(Answers on page 37)

A Thought For Harvest ...

A man had the opportunity to look into heaven and hell.

In hell he saw a great table laden with food but all the people sitting around were obviously starving. He noticed that the cutlery they used had very long handles and try as they may, the dinner guests couldn't get their food into their mouths.

In heaven, the man was surprised to see exactly the same table and precisely the same cutlery, but here the dinner guests were healthy and well fed.

Puzzled he asked his guide, 'Why are these people so much better off?'

'Ah', said the guide, 'In hell, people think only of themselves. Here in heaven, we feed each other'.

Sidesmen, Lay Assistant & Prayers Rota

Date	Sidesmen	Lay Assistant	Prayers
4 th October 18 th Sunday After Trinity	Margaret Gilman	Peter Holden	Jenny Johnson
11 th October Harvest Sunday	Barbara Clarkson Guiding Sections	N/A	Guides
18 th October 20 th Sunday After Trinity	Susan Campbell Barbara Leigh	Barbara Clarkson	Andrew Lowe
25 th October Bible Sunday	Jean Ellis Christine Shaw	David Holden	David Holden

Reader's Rota

Date	Reader	Readings
4 th October 18 th Sunday After Trinity (Green) VC	Peter Holden	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46
11 th October Harvest (Green) AH	Church Parade Guiding Sections	Harvest
18 th October 20 th Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Enid Horrocks	Exodus 33.12-23 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22
25 th October Bible Sunday (Green) VC	Jenny Johnson	Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35

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
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(Answers to Add A Fruit Or Vegetable: 1) Dapple; 2) Inundate; 3) Appear; 4) Spear; 5) Scorn; 6) Slime; 7) Plummer; 8) Effigy; 9) Carribean; 10) Impeach.

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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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
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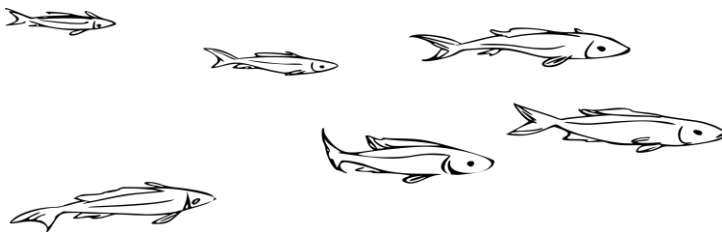


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Little Fishes

Saint Francis



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 Francis Of Assisi

4th October

Meaning: In Hebrew, Francis means Freedom / liberty'

Patron Saint: Francis is the patron saint of Animals, ecology & the environment.

Feast Day: 4th October.

Who Was Saint Francis?

St Francis was born in Italy, in a place called Assisi. His family were very wealthy and Francis was able to buy expensive clothes and nice food.

One day Francis was out riding when he came across a poor, sick man. Usually he would have turned away, but this time Francis got off his horse & helped the man, wrapping him in his own cloak to keep him warm.

Francis started going to church every day, and one day, as he prayed, he heard a voice say, "Francis, repair my Church."

Thinking that God was telling him to repair the chapel, Francis sold some of his goods to pay for the repairs.

When his father found out, he was very angry and had Francis arrested for stealing. Francis returned all of the money and goods. He even took off the clothes he was wearing and gave them back to his father! From then on Francis lived in poverty.

He realised that when God had asked him to repair His Church, He meant the church around the world, not just 1 small Chapel. From that day onwards, Francis worked to make the church better by speaking up for the poor and looking after them.



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