



# This † Week

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## 19<sup>th</sup> November – Second Sunday Before Advent

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship.

**Large print versions of the Order of Service are available at the back of church.**

**A loop system is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. Please switch it to 'T'. Please switch off mobile phones.**

<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>Before Advent</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Safeguarding Sunday</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (JJ); Matthew 25.14-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Funeral</b> of Cedric Simmons followed by committal at East Lancs Crematorium
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ The King</b>  (Red)	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: Jeremiah 23. 5-8; John 6. 5-14 (Pg 197)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23 (LH); Matthew 25.31-46
	<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Interment of Ashes</b> of Michael Stephen Waters

### **Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Boundary Drive.

**The sick:** All who are ill; especially Father Chaminda and Mr. Fernando.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones; may they find healing, peace, strength, and courage to face the future. Praying especially this week for the family and friends of Cedric Simmons.

***“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)***

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### 19<sup>th</sup> November

- **Candlelit Christmas Concert** - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 7pm in Church, featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band; **Please note, this event is now sold out.**
- **Christmas Wreaths** – The Churchyard Team are once again doing Christmas wreaths. £11 per wreath; please place your order and payment (cash only) in the box at the back of Church. Wreaths can be collected in person, or placed on a grave by the Churchyard team; please state your preference when ordering.
- **Scouts Fundraising Coach Trip To Harrogate Christmas Market** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 8.30 – 6pm. Please note the coach for this trip will have disabled access / facilities. For more info / to book your tickets email [scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts.ainsworth@praws.gmnscouts.org.uk)
- **Christmas Tree Festival** – After a 3 year absence, Ainsworth Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival is back, bigger and better than ever! 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November – various times, admission £2 each; light refreshments available.
- **Donations Of Bird Seed / Fat balls / Sunflower Seeds / Nuts** - would be greatly appreciated by members of the Churchyard Team, to allow them to keep the newly installed feeders topped up. Donations can be left in the church porch any Sunday or brought up to Church any Wednesday morning between 9.30 & 11am.

## **Christ Church Ainsworth**

**‘Celebrating, encouraging, proclaiming and supporting faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ our Lord...’**

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- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto** – Tickets cost £1 each, to enter simply fill in a 50/50 Lucky Lotto slip and place it in the box at the back of church. Next draw will be Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November; remember – you have to be in it to win it!
- **Request For Raffle Prizes** – We'll be holding a raffle at the Christmas Concert, all proceeds to Church funds. Any donations of bottles, sweets, chocolates etc for prizes, would be gratefully received. Please pass any items onto Alison, Chris or Debra, or leave on the back pew in Church. Thank you for your support.
- **Flower Rota** – There are a few dates available on the church flower rota; if you would like to join the rota to mark a special date or simply to make sure our Church continues to look bright and welcoming, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378 for further details.
- **Prayer Changes Things** – Please pick up a copy of 'Prayer Changes Things', next time you're in Church, then join others throughout our Mission Community as we come together in prayer at 7am, 12 noon or 9pm; don't worry if none of those times works for you – please just pray when you can.
- **Circle of Prayer** – We already have lots of 'Prayer Rocks' snaking their way along the ledge inside of Church. Everyone can join in with this fabulous initiative; next time you visit our Church, why not write a short prayer on 1 of the stones that you'll find in a bucket at the back of Church then add it to the line of prayer rocks; help us to create a 'circle of prayer' that reaches all the way round our Church.
- **Candlelight Prayer** - is an oasis of calm at the end of a busy week. Why not join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection each Friday at 8pm on Zoom. Simply click the link below to join in, or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOz09>
- **Praying Together:** Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; this week we will be:
  - Praying for all those who are involved with our Mission Community 'Growing, Nurturing & Serving' task groups.
  - Giving thanks for the things that these task groups have achieved so far.
  - Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire all those who are involved in the task group meeting this coming week.
  - Praying that there will be someone from each Church that feels called to be a part of these groups.
  - Praying that these individuals will become 'Champions' within their own Churches, as we explore new opportunities for growing, nurturing and serving.
  - Praying that our PCCs, Leadership Teams, and members of our congregations, will be enthusiastic in their support of new ideas / initiatives which may come from these task groups.

*If you would like to include a notice on the pew sheet about your organisation or a specific event that's happening, please email [ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com)*

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