



This † Week

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26th November – Christ The King

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.

26th November Christ The King (Red)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Jeremiah 23. 5-8; John 6. 5-14 (Pg 197)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23 (LH); Matthew 25.31-46, <i>followed by refreshments and drawing of the Christ Church Ainsworth Lucky Lotto.</i>
	11.45am	Interment of Ashes of Michael Stephen Waters
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Saturday	7.00pm	Candlelit Christmas Concert
3rd December Advent Sunday (Purple)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (BS); Mark 13.24-37
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer Readings: Romans 13. 8-14; Matthew 21. 1-13 (Pg 47) Psalm 25 v 1-9 (Pg 373)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of The Willows.

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 and Michael Waters.

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

If you wish to receive the Pew Sheet by e-mail, send an e-mail to ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com with ‘send pew sheet’ in the subject; otherwise download from <http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/pewsheets.html>

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- **Church Christmas Fair** – A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and running the Church Christmas Fair, and to everyone who supported this event in any way. The total amount raised for Church funds was an incredible £2,049-65!!
- **Candlelit Christmas Concert** - Saturday 2nd 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 before 9th December. Wreaths can be collected in person or placed on a grave by the Churchyard team; please state your preference when ordering.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship** – Are offering 10% discount off their Advent and Christmas collection; visit brfonline.org.uk then enter the code XMAS10 when you check out. BRF have a great selection of seasonal cards, gifts and books available throughout the year.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** – After a 3 year absence, Ainsworth Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival is back, bigger and better than ever! 24th – 26th November – various times, admission £2 each; light refreshments available.

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

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- **Exploring Prayer** – The next session will be held on Wednesday 29th November from 2 - 3pm at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, with the same session repeated on Monday 4th December from 7.30 - 8.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock. Please contact Alison for more info.
- **Advent Zoom Prayers** - From Monday 4th December the Churches of our Mission Community will once more be praying together on Zoom, each weekday evening at 6pm. Each session lasts approximately 10 minutes; simply click the link below to take part: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOzZ09>
- **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 this Sunday 26th November; remember – you have to be in it to win it!
- **Porch Boxes Christmas Meal Appeal** – Throughout Advent we'll be running a 'Christmas Meal Appeal'. During the first week in Advent (3rd – 9th Dec) we're asking folk to donate things that could be eaten as a starter eg tins of soup or something similar; in week 2 it will be 'main course' items, week 3 'dessert' items and week 4 something which is 'a little extra'. Thanking you in advance!
- **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=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOzZ09>
- **Praying Together:** Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; this week we will be:
 - Giving thanks for all those who were involved with our Mission Community 'Growing, Nurturing & Serving' task group meeting.
 - Giving thanks for the progress that has been made; the discussion and fellowship that was shared, and the ideas and suggestions that were put forward.
 - Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we take these ideas and suggestions back to our individual Churches and PCC's.
 - Praying that at least some of these ideas will bear fruit.

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

If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s). This enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings. Envelopes for occasional givers are in the pews and forms for regular givers are in the porch. **The only details that need to be given,** are your **full** name, address and post code and an acknowledgement that you pay tax to the value of the amount to be claimed. Bank Standing Order forms are also available in the Church porch. Completed forms can be put on the collection plate with your offering.