



This † Week

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3rd December – Advent Sunday

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.

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)
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	Christingle Service
Thursday	10.30am	Celtic Advent
10th December 2nd Sunday In Advent (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 15. 4-13; Luke 21. 25-33 (Pg 49)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a (PH) Mark 1.1-8

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of High Beeches.

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.

“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>

3rd December

- **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.
- **Christingle Service** – This year we’re having a ‘Bring Your Own’ Christingle Service at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6th December; this is a wonderful, family friendly Service which is suitable for all ages. Christingle Creation Instructions can be found in the Parish Magazine and also on our Facebook page.
- **Celtic Advent** – A short, reflective Service held in Church each Thursday morning throughout Advent – everyone welcome.
- **Friends Of The Delph Christmas Lights Switch On** – Sunday 3rd December 3 – 4.30pm on The Delph; includes refreshments, Christmas Craft, Brass Band and much more!
- **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

‘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 Monday 4th December from 7.30 - 8.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock. Please contact Alison for more info.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship** – Are offering an Advent Devotional for Families, a free download to take you and your family through the big story of the Bible and also help with lasting skills on how to read the Bible. Visit brfonline.org.uk for more info.
- **Porch Boxes Christmas Meal Appeal** – Throughout Advent we're running a 'Christmas Meal Appeal'. During this 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!
- **Community Christmas Spirit** - After a long absence, grandparents of school attenders & members of the local community will once more be invited into school to celebrate Christmas. Join us on Thursday 21st December from 1.30 – 3pm, for mulled wine, mince pies, raffle, Christmas songs ... Limited places available; for more info or to book your place, contact Gwen White on 01204-595378
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto** – Raising funds for our Church! 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 - Sunday 31st December; remember – you have to be in it to win it!
- **Save Stamps & Help A Good Cause** – Friends of The Bone Cancer Research Trust are appealing for used, new or obsolete postage stamps, foreign currency, and obsolete UK coins and notes – all of which can be used by them to help fund life-saving research into primary bone cancer. Any contributions can be placed in the container in the Church Porch.
- **Mothers' Union** – Christmas lunch is on Monday 04/12, so no meeting on Tuesday 05/12.
- **Prayer Changes Things** – Please pick up a copy of 'Prayer Changes Things', when you're in Church, then join others throughout our Mission Community as we come together in prayer at 7am, 12 noon or 9pm; if those times don't work for you, please just pray when you can.
- **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
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- **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 the many Advent initiatives which will be held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community.
 - Praying that those who take part in these initiatives will be inspired and will grow in faith.
 - Praying that these initiatives will draw our local communities together, and that through them our Churches may reach out and connect with new and different sections of our communities.
 - Praying that some of those with whom we connect, may become regular attenders within our Churches.

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.