



# This † Week

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## 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In 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.**

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| <b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In</b><br><b>Advent</b><br><i>(Purple)</i> | <b>8.00am</b>   | <b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: Romans 15. 4-13; Luke 21. 25-33 (Pg 49)                                |
|  | <b>10.30am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a (PH)<br>Mark 1.1-8                    |
| <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>Celtic Advent</b>  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In</b><br><b>Advent</b><br><i>(Purple)</i> | <b>10.30am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (Clergy) John 1.6-8,19-28 |
|  | <b>11.45am</b>  | <b>Interment of Ashes</b> of John Benyon  |
|  | <b>6.00pm</b>   | <b>Joint Carol Service</b> at Ainsworth Methodist Church  |

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Old Oak Close.

**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)***

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## 10<sup>th</sup> December

- **Christmas Wreaths** – If you have ordered a Christmas Wreath from the Churchyard Team, these should be collected from Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December between 9.30 & 11.30am.
- **Candlelit Christmas Concert** – What a great night!! A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event; those who prepared our Church, provided & served refreshments, helped to clear up at the end of the evening, and to all who joined us on the night. The total amount raised currently stands at £660-87! Next year’s concert is already booked for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024; we’re also hoping to have a Summer Prom Concert early in July; watch this space for more details.
- **Celtic Advent** – A short, reflective Service held in Church each Thursday morning throughout Advent – everyone welcome.
- **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

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- **Advent Zoom Prayers** - From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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>
- **Taize Advent Service** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock; readings, Taize chants, time to reflect. Everyone welcome.
- **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](http://brfonline.org.uk) for more info.
- **Porch Boxes Christmas Meal Appeal** – Throughout Advent we're running a 'Christmas Meal Appeal'; many thanks to everyone who brought tins of soup for a 'starter' in week 1. During this second week in Advent (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec) we're asking folk to donate things that could be eaten as a main course eg tins of stew, pasta, rice etc. In week 3 we'll be asking you to donate 'dessert' items and in week 4 something which is 'a little extra'. Thanking you in advance!
- **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **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 <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:
  - Praying for all of the Churches within our Mission Community, especially those that are currently in interregnum.
  - Praying for all at St. Andrew's, Hillock and St. George's, Unsworth as they prepare to move into interregnum also.
  - Praying for Revd Donna Williams, as she prepares to take on her new role, and giving thanks for all that has been achieved during her time at St. Andrew's, Hillock & St. George's, Unsworth.
  - Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire all those who are involved in the process of recruiting clergy to the vacancies within our Mission Community.

*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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