



This † Week

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17th December – 3rd 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.

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

17th December 3rd Sunday In Advent (Purple)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (Clergy) John 1.6-8,19-28
	11.45am	Interment of Ashes of John Benyon
	6.00pm	Joint Carol Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thursday	10.30am	Celtic Advent
Friday	9.30am	School Christmas Service
24th December 4th Sunday In Advent (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Philippians 4.4-7; John 1. 19-28 (Pg53)
	10.30am	Carol Requests Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-27 (EH) Luke 1.26-38 <i>Followed by seasonal refreshments</i>
	2.00pm	Around The Crib – Family Service
	11.30pm	First Communion Of Christmas

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Boundary Street.

The sick: All who are ill; Father Chaminda and Mr. Fernando; members of our families, our congregation and our wider community.

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of John Benyon; 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>

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- **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 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
- **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=QUdYYiN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Holly Wreaths** – Many thanks to all those who purchased a wreath from the Churchyard Team; the total amount raised was £120, which is enough to provide petrol for the mowers for half of the Summer months!
- **Taize Advent Service** – Monday 18th December 7.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock; readings, Taize chants, time to reflect. Everyone welcome.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship** – Have a great selection of seasonal books, gifts and Christmas cards, suitable for all ages. Visit 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 stew, pasta and rice for a 'main course' in week 2. During this third week in Advent (17th – 23rd Dec) we're asking you to donate 'dessert' items, such as tinned fruit, rice pudding etc, then in week 4 it will be 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 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.
- **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 those who are homeless, or who have inadequate shelter during these winter months.
 - Giving thanks for the many local and national organisations and initiatives which work to address this issue; Urban Outreach and Church Homeless Charity amongst others.
 - Giving thanks for all who support these initiatives, either by donating funds, or giving of their time and talents.
 - Giving thanks for the work which the Churches of our Mission Community already do to support homeless people within their local communities.
 - Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to support those who are homeless.
 - Praying for a time when there is greater social equality, and such initiatives are no longer needed.

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.