



# This † Week

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## 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</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.*

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

24 <sup>th</sup> December  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Advent  (Purple)	8.00am	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: Philippians 4.4-7; John 1. 19-28 (Pg53)
	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Carol Requests</b> Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-27 (EH); Luke 1.26-38 <i>Followed by seasonal refreshments</i>
	2.00pm	<b>Around The Crib</b> – Family Service
	11.30pm	<b>First Communion Of Christmas</b>
Monday	9.30am	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12] John 1.1-14
Thursday	1.30pm	<b>Funeral</b> of Margaret Barlow, followed by committal at North East Lancs Crematorium at 2.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas (White)	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3; Galatians 4.4-7 (JJ) Luke 2.15-21 <i>Followed by refreshments and the December 50:50 Lucky Lotto draw.</i>

## 31<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Christmas

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Wednesday	2.30-4pm	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
7 <sup>th</sup> January 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany (White)	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7 (DH) Mark 1.4-11
	6.30pm	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b> Readings: Romans 12.1-5; Luke 2.41-end (Pg 67) Psalm 46 (Pg 403)

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Bradley Lane.

**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 Margaret Barlow; 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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## 24<sup>th</sup> December

- A very Merry Christmas to all at Christ Church Ainsworth, and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year!

## 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!
- **Porch Boxes Christmas Meal Appeal** – Many thanks to everyone who has supported our 'Christmas Meal Appeal'; there has been a wonderful response and loads of items have been donated. As we come to the end of Advent, we're asking you to donate something which is 'a little extra'; this could be sweets, chocolates, toiletries, or anything else that would make Christmas a little bit special, for someone in need. 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 Christians all around the world who are preparing to celebrate Christmas.
  - Giving thanks that we are able to celebrate Christmas, and worship in our Churches, without fear of reprisals or persecution.
  - Giving thanks for the wide variety of Christmas Services offered by our individual Churches.
  - Giving thanks for the many opportunities that Christmas offers our Churches, to engage with and reach out to our wider communities.
  - Praying that some of those with whom we connect at this time, may be inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that they might feel called to explore their faith further, or return to faith.

*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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