



This † Week

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7th January – 1st Sunday Of Epiphany

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.

7 th January 1 st Sunday of Epiphany (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7 (DH) Mark 1.4-11
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer Readings: Romans 12.1-5; Luke 2.41-end (Pg 67) Psalm 46 (Pg 403)
Tuesday	10.30-12	Coffee & Conversation Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
14 th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 12. 6-16; John 2. 1-11 (Pg 69)
	11.00am	Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church <i>Please note there will be no morning Service at Christ Church Ainsworth today.</i>

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Newhall Avenue.

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; 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>

7th January

- **Coffee & Conversation** - our monthly drop in for retirees is **this Tuesday** (9th January) from 10.30am until 12 noon in the Church and Community Hall.
- **Winter Clothing Appeal** - Bury Homeless Project is a not-for-profit, local community project assisting vulnerable people in our local area. They are currently appealing for winter clothing for adults and children – coats, jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves. If you have any unwanted winter clothing, please place it in the box at the back of Church - garments should be clean and serviceable – thank you.
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** - If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts which may be suitable to be given as a raffle prize or sold at one of our Church fairs, please consider donating them to Church; simply leave them in the bag marked ‘Gift Amnesty’, which you’ll find at the back of Church. Thanking you in advance!
- **Christingle 2023** – The total amount raised for the Children’s Society Christingle Appeal was an incredible £386-76! A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Christingle Challenge, made a Christingle and joined us at the Christingle Service, donated money at the Service or in one of the envelopes, or helped in any way with the success of this year’s event; every pound which is raised helps to provide practical support for vulnerable children.

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

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- **Parish Magazine – Front Cover Photographs** - If you have taken a photograph of Christ Church Ainsworth, or our churchyard, that may be suitable for the front cover of our Parish Magazine, please email it to ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com Please note we can only use photographs with the permission of the photographer.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50/50 Lucky Lotto** – Raising funds for our Church! Tickets cost £1 each – you can buy as many as you like! 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 28th January; remember – you have to be in it to win it!
- **Challenge Yourself In 2024** – If you're looking for a new challenge for the new year, why not consider volunteering? Our Churchyard team meet each Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30am to carry out all the tasks that are needed to keep our churchyard looking so good; our Pew Polishing team work hard to keep the inside of our church clean and sparkling; both of these groups would welcome extra help. If you think this could be for you, please speak to Revd Debra or one of our Churchwardens next time you're in Church.
- **Exploring Prayer** – The next sessions will be held on Monday 22nd January from 2-3pm at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe with the same session repeated from 7.30-8.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock. These sessions are open to everyone; no need to book, just turn up.
- **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:

- Giving thanks for everything that has been achieved by, and through, our individual Churches and our wider Mission Community throughout 2023.
- Giving thanks for our worshipping communities, and for the many people who are part of our individual Churches, both clergy and lay people.
- Praying that some of the vacant clergy posts within our Churches will soon be filled.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we move forwards into a new year, and look for new ways in which to grow, nurture and serve our worshipping communities.
- Praying that the Churches of our Mission Community will continue to work together; help and support each other; and grow in faith and numbers.

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

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**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.  
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