

This † Week



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14th January – 2nd 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.

14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 12. 6-16; John 2. 1-11 (Pg 69)
	11.15am	Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church <i>Please note there will be no morning Service at Christ Church Ainsworth today.</i>
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10 (BS); John 2.1-11

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Aldford Grove.

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>

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- **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!
- **Grand Raffle** – Thanks to some very generous donations, we already have a number of fantastic prizes; a luxury hamper, various types of gin, wine, chocolates and biscuits. Tickets available in Church, £1 / strip – all proceeds to Church funds. The draw will take place in Church after the morning Service on Sunday 25th February.
- **Parish Magazine Advertisements** – After a 3 year break, we will once again be offering local businesses the opportunity to place an advertisement in the Parish Magazine. Our magazine is currently e-mailed out to around 200 people and is also shared via our Church Facebook page and website, also to staff and parents at Christ Church Ainsworth School. If you or anyone you know runs a local business and would be interested in placing an advert in the Parish Magazine, please email ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com for more info.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Licensing Of Area Dean** – Revd Canon Donna Williams will be licensed as the Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale Deanery, at a Service to be held at St. Peter’s Church, St. Peter’s Rd, Bury, on Sunday 21st January @ 3pm – everyone is welcome to attend.
- **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! **From 1st February it will be possible to pay by monthly standing order to enter the Lucky Lotto. For more info email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com**
- **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.
- **Mothers’ Union** – Will meet in the Church Hall next Tuesday (16th January) at **1.00pm**. As we will be having a Faith Lunch, please can everyone bring an item for the buffet table. Everyone will be welcome.
- **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 Churches that will be holding enquirers’ courses within the coming weeks; that the sessions might be well attended, and that those who take part may be inspired, whatever stage in their journey of faith they are at.
- Giving thanks for and praying for those who give of their time and talents to run these initiatives.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we look for different ways to reach out to and connect with members of our local communities.
- Praying that each of the Churches within our Mission Community will begin to see growth, in faith and in 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

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.