



# This † Week

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## 21<sup>st</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

21 <sup>st</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany ( <i>White</i> )	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10 (BS); John 2.1-11
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  ( <i>White</i> )	8.00am	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: Romans 13. 1-7; Matthew 8. 23-end (Pg 73)
	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a (JJ); Mark 1.21-28 <i>Followed by refreshments and the January Lucky Lotto Draw.</i>
	12.15pm	<b>Baptism</b>

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Brent Close.

**The sick:** All who are ill; Robert Greenough, 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)***

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## 21<sup>st</sup> January

- **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. **Thanks to everyone who has already supported this initiative we have already collected and dropped off 9 bin bags full of warm clothing – a fantastic start!**
- **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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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](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com) for more info.

- **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 28<sup>th</sup> January; remember – you have to be in it to win it! **From 1<sup>st</sup> February it will be possible to pay by monthly standing order to enter the Lucky Lotto. For more info email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)**
- **Prayer Across The World** – For some time now Father Chaminda and Mr. Fernando have been included in our Parish prayers; these 2 gentlemen are friends of some of our Parishioners, but actually live in Sri-Lanka – you may like to know that Father Chaminda now also prays for everyone at Christ Church Ainsworth on a regular basis.
- **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 this coming Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- **Manchester Diocese Vocations Day** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 9.30 – 2pm, at St. Brides, Old Trafford. For more details contact [jamiemackenzie@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:jamiemackenzie@manchester.anglican.org) or click the following link to book your place <https://VocationsDay24.eventbrite.co.uk>
- **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=QUdYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOZz09>

**Praying Together:** Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; this week we will be:

- Praying for Reverend Canon Donna Williams, as she prepares to be licensed as Area Dean for Bury and Rossendale Deanery, and as Assistant Curate at St. Peter's, Bury.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire Donna as she takes on this new role.
- Praying for all those who are involved with the preparation and administration of this licensing Service.
- Praying for all of the Churches and people that form a part of the Bury and Rossendale Deanery.

*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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