



This † Week

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28th January – 4th 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.

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| 28 th January 4 th Sunday of Epiphany (White) | 8.00am | BCP Communion Readings: Romans 13. 1-7; Matthew 8. 23-end (Pg 73) |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion 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> |
| | 12.30pm | Baptism |
| Wednesday | 2.30-4pm | Church Open for quiet prayer |
| | 6.30pm | MidWeek Praise |
| 4 th February 2 nd Sun before Lent (Green) | 10.30am | Holy Communion Readings: Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14 (PH) |
| | 6.30pm | BCP Evening Prayer Readings: 2 Corinthians 11.19-31; Luke 8. 4-15 (Pg 80) Psalm 65 (Pg 423) |

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Denton Road.

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 Robert Greenough and William (Bill) White; 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>

28th 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 16 bin bags full of warm clothing!**
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** – If you have any unwanted 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

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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 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 – this 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**
- **Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs** – An up-to-date panto by Mark Daniel Productions; Thurs 8th – Sun 11th Feb at Ainsworth Methodist Hall. For tickets / more info visit www.magicmarkdaniel.co.uk
- **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.
- **Ainsworth Mothers' Union AGM** – Tuesday 6th Feb in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; friends / potential new members are welcome at this, or any other Mothers' Union meeting.
- **Manchester Diocese Vocations Day** – Saturday 3rd Feb, 9.30 – 2pm, at St. Brides, Old Trafford. For more details contact 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=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 the Churches throughout our Mission Community during this time of multiple interregnums.
- Giving thanks and praying for our Focal Leaders, Churchwardens, PCC members, and the many other lay people who are working so hard to support these Churches.
- Giving thanks and praying for the members of Clergy who are providing support and cover throughout our Mission Community.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire those who are involved in the advertisement and recruitment process.
- Praying that the right candidates will be drawn to the Churches of our Mission Community.

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.