



This † Week

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4th February – 2nd Sunday Before Lent

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.

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)
Wednesday	2.30pm	Funeral of Bill White, followed by committal at East Lancs Crematorium
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
11 th February Sunday Before Lent (Green)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: 1 Corinthians 13.1-end; Luke 18. 31-end (Pg 82)
	10.30am	Church Parade
	11.45am	Interment of Ashes of Cedric Simmons

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Heaton Road.

The sick: All who are ill; Brian Shaw, 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>

4th February

- **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 20 bin bags full of warm clothing!**
- **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.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship** - As we approach Lent, the Bible Reading Fellowship are offering their Lent title, "Loving My Neighbour" to help us focus on the journey through Lent towards Easter. This book is described as a ".....deeply moving read that takes us through the wilderness to the cross and beyond and at times left me breathless with wonder." In addition, BRF have a selection of Easter cards and several other Lenten titles. Visit their website brfonline.org.uk for more information.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **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.
- **Jam Jars Wanted!** It seems as if we're always asking for something, but this time it's only empty jam jars to make into Lent Prayer Jars. If you have any unwanted jam jars, please leave them at the back of Church – Thank you!
- **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 25th February; 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.
- **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 all those who are involved with our Mission Community 'Growing, Nurturing & Serving' task groups.
- Giving thanks for the things that these task groups have achieved so far.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire all those who are involved in the task group meeting this coming week.
- Praying that there will be someone from each Church that feels called to be a part of these groups.
- Praying that these individuals will become 'Champions' within their own Churches, as we explore new opportunities for growing, nurturing and serving.

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.