



# This † Week

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## 11<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday Next 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.**

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11 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday Before Lent (Green)	8.00am	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: 1 Corinthians 13.1-end; Luke 18. 31-end (Pg 82)
	10.30am	<b>Church Parade</b>
	12.30pm	<b>Interment of Ashes</b> of Cedric Simmons
Tuesday	10.30am	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> (Ainsworth Church & Community Hall)
Wednesday	2.30pm	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Communion</b> and imposition of Ashes
18 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-22 (EH) Mark 1.9-15

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Kenyon 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, William (Bill) White, Sidney Watson, Brian Shaw and Tony Ainsworth; 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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## 11<sup>th</sup> February

- **Coffee & Conversation** – our monthly gathering for retirees will take place in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall from 10.30 – 12 noon, this coming Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> March).
- **Lent Reflections** – Lent is traditionally a time of reflection, repentance, and prayer; a time to re-evaluate and re-focus. Why not join us for a short, reflective time of prayer, each Monday throughout Lent at 7pm in Church – everyone welcome.
- **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 brought winter clothing for this appeal; the collection box will be in the church porch for 2 more weeks, so still time to support this initiative if you wish to.**
- **Green Lent Challenge** – each week during Lent, we’ll be challenging you to improve your ‘Green credentials’ – watch this space to find out how!

## Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **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.
- **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](http://brfonline.org.uk) for more information.
- **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 25<sup>th</sup> February; 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)**
- **Exploring Prayer** - The next "Exploring Prayer" sessions will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 2 - 3pm at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, with the same session repeated on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30 - 8.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hillock. The sessions we've had so far have been really interesting and helpful; why not join us as we journey together through the 'whys' and 'hows' of prayer, experience different types of prayer. All welcome.
- **Save The Date!** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April is Quiz Night at Ainsworth Church & Community Hall!!! £7 / person, includes hotpot supper; teams of up to 6 people; 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For tickets / more info contact Jan on 07950-960468.
- **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 and giving thanks for the members of Clergy who continue to support our Churches through this time of multiple interregnums.
- Praying for and giving thanks for all those who hold office in our Churches; Focal Leaders, Churchwardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, PCC members, Lay Assistants, Sidespeople, Lesson Readers, Intercessors and the many others who give tirelessly of their time and talents to support our Churches.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide those who are involved with the recruitment process, and that some of our vacant Clergy posts will soon be filled.

*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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