



# This † Week

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## 18<sup>th</sup> February – First Sunday Of 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.**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of</b> <b>Lent (Purple)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-22 (EH) Mark 1.9-15
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Lent Prayer &amp; Reflection</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Funeral of Bryan Shaw</b> followed by interment in the Churchyard
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b> <b>(Purple)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4.1-8; Matthew 15. 21-28 (Pg88)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16; Romans 4.13-25 (EH); Mark 8.31-38 <i>Followed by refreshments; drawing of the Lucky Lotto &amp; drawing of 'The Grand Raffle'</i>

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Burghley Drive.

**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 Sidney Watson, Bryan 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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## 18<sup>th</sup> February

- **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.
- **Mission Community Lent Prayer Services** - During Lent, each Church within our Mission Community will be hosting a short Lenten Prayer Service, to which members of every Church in our Mission Community are invited. The first Service will be held this Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> Feb), 7.30 – 8.30pm at St. George's, Unsworth, BL9 8JJ; refreshments available from 7pm. Watch this space for details of future Services, and please do your best to attend at least 1 Service.
- **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 1 more week, so still time to support this initiative if you wish to.**

## Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Green Lent Challenge** – each week during Lent, we'll be challenging you to improve your 'Green credentials' – week 1 is 'Don't waste water week'; can you think of a simple way to waste less water? Turn the tap off whilst you brush your teeth; have a shorter shower; only use the dishwasher / washing machine when it's full ... Can you keep it up for a whole week?
  - **Grand Raffle** – Tickets are still 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.
  - **Egg Boxes Wanted** – Many thanks to everyone who brought empty jars to Church; we now have plenty! BUT we'll be doing a 'grow your own' project early in March; if you have any unwanted egg boxes, 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.
  - **Save Stamps & Help A Good Cause** – Friends of The Bone Cancer Research Trust are appealing for used, new or obsolete postage stamps which can be used by them to help fund life-saving research into primary bone cancer. Please leave any stamps in the Church Porch.
  - **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:
- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which will be held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community. Praying especially this week for those at St. George's, Unsworth, as they host our first Mission Community Lent Service.
  - Praying that those who take part in these initiatives will be inspired and will grow in faith.
  - Praying that these initiatives will draw our local communities together, and that through them our Churches may reach out and connect with new and different sections of our communities.
  - Praying that some of those with whom we connect may become regular attenders within our Churches.

*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)*

**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.