



This † Week

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25th February – Second 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.

25 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4.1-8; Matthew 15. 21-28 (Pg88)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16; Romans 4.13-25 (LH); Mark 8.31-38 <i>Followed by refreshments; drawing of the Lucky Lotto & drawing of 'The Grand Raffle'</i>
Monday	7.00pm	Lent Prayer & Reflection
Wednesday	2.30pm	Mission Community Lent Service Celtic Lent Prayer, followed by refreshments
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
3 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (BS) Luke 18.35-43
	12.15pm	Baptism of Lola & Ella Pearson
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer Readings: Ephesians 5; 1-14; Luke 11; 14-28 (Pg89) Psalm 12 (Pg358)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Burghley Close.

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 Bryan Shaw; 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>

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- **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. Ainsworth is hosting this week's Service, which will be held in Church at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments. Please come and join us! 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; garments should be clean and serviceable. **Thanks to everyone who has already brought winter clothing for this appeal; this is the last week that the collection box will be in the church porch.**

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 2 is 'Reduce – Reuse - Recycle week'; can you think of a simple way to reduce the amount of waste you produce each week? Are there things that you currently bin, which could be recycled or upcycled? See how many items you can reuse / recycle each week.
 - **Grand Raffle** – Many thanks to everyone who has bought tickets for our Grand Raffle; the draw will take place in Church after the morning Service this Sunday, 25th February.
 - **Egg Boxes Wanted** – Midweek Praise children will 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 is this 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**
 - **Exploring Prayer** - The next "Exploring Prayer" session will be held on Wednesday 28th 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 20th 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:
- Praying for all of the Churches within our Mission Community; especially those currently in interregnum. Giving thanks for the Clergy & Lay people who are working so hard to support these Churches.
 - Praying for those who are involved with recruitment of clergy to the vacant posts.
 - Praying that the right candidates will be drawn to the right posts.
 - Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which are being held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community. Praying especially this week for those at Christ Church Ainsworth, as they host our Mission Community Lent Service.

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.