



This † Week

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3rd March – Third 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.

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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)
Monday	7.00pm	Lent Prayer & Reflection
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
10 th March Mothering Sunday (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Galatians 4; 21-end; John 6; 1-14 (Pg 92)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 (SJ) Luke 2.33-35

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Parnham 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; 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>

3rd 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.
- **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. Christ Church Walshaw are hosting their Service on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm; All Saints Stand will be hosting their Service on Thursday 7th March at 2pm, followed by St. Mary, Radcliffe on Thursday 7th March at 7pm. All will be followed by refreshments – everyone welcome!
- **Green Lent Challenge** – each week during Lent, we’ll be challenging you to improve your ‘Green credentials’ – week 3 is ‘Grow your own week’; why not plant some vegetable seeds in a seed tray or indoor propagator; plant some seed potatoes in a bucket; grow some cress seeds in an empty yoghurt pot; create a small herb garden ...
- **Grand Raffle** – Many thanks to everyone who supported the Grand Raffle – the total amount raised for Church funds was a fantastic £167-60!

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Mothers' Union Bring & Share** - Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm in the Church Hall; Mothers' Union will meet for a bring and share 'tea and cake' event to raise funds for our 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal and Fortalice, a Bolton-based charity supporting women and children experiencing domestic abuse. All are welcome.
 - **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. The next draw will be Sunday 31st March; remember – you have to be in it to win it! If you would prefer to pay by monthly standing order to enter the Lucky Lotto please email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
 - **Spring Bingo, Quiz & Hotpot Supper** – Saturday 16th March, 6.30pm at Ainsworth Methodist Hall; adults £7, children £3 – for more info visit www.ainsworthmethodist.org.uk
 - **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.
 - **Mothering Sunday Gift Ideas** – The Bible Reading Fellowship have a number of books which would make a great Mother's Day gift - visit www.brfonline.org.uk to check out the latest titles. Easter Cards and general greetings cards are also available at a very reasonable price.
 - **Manchester Diocese General Lay Training Courses** – These are easy access courses open to any lay person wanting to develop their calling and gifting. For more info visit <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/development-and-training/general-lay-courses/>
 - **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 and praying for all those who work with children, families and young people.
 - Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support and nurture children, families and young people; parent and toddler groups, Wiggle Worship, Messy Church, Family Services, MidWeek Praise, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups.
 - Praying that those who access these initiatives will grow in faith and begin to reach out to others.
 - Praying that the seeds of faith sown in young lives, will take root and bear fruit.
 - Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways of working together and reaching out to families and young people throughout our Mission Community.
 - 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 Walshaw, All Saints Stand and St. Mary, Radcliffe, as they host our Mission Community Lent Services.

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

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