



This † Week

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17th March – Fifth Sunday Of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day

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.

17th March 5th Sunday of Lent <i>(Purple)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10 (PH) John 12.20-33 - <i>Followed by refreshments</i>
Monday	7.00pm	Lent Prayer & Reflection
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
24th March	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Philippians 2; 5-11; Matthew 27; 1-54 (Pg 96)
Palm Sunday <i>(Purple)</i>	10.30am	Palm Sunday Procession & Joint service with Ainsworth Methodists - meeting at Ainsworth Methodist Chapel for family service at Christ Church <i>(followed by refreshments)</i>

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Paramel Avenue.

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>

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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. St. Andrew’s, Radcliffe are hosting a Lent Reflection on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm, whilst St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe will host our final Service on Friday 22nd March at 12 noon. Refreshments will be available following both of these Services; everyone welcome!
- **Parish Mission Action Plan (M.A.P.)** – Following the really useful discussion held in Church on Sunday 3rd March, it would be great to have a few people willing to be part of a M.A.P. task group, to consider how to take some of the suggestions and ideas forward. Interested? Contact Alison / Chris (Churchwardens) or why not speak to Revd Debra or Revd Elaine next time you’re in Church.
- **Green Lent Challenge** – each week during Lent, we’ll be challenging you to improve your ‘Green credentials’ – in week 5 we’re encouraging you to take part in ‘Earth Hour’, by turning off your lights for an hour from 8.30-9.30pm on Sat 23rd March. Visit www.earthhour.org

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

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- **Palm Sunday** – Once again we will be joining with our friends from Ainsworth Methodist Church as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We and our donkeys will be meeting outside Ainsworth Methodist Church at 10.30am for a short time of outdoor worship, before processing up to Christ Church Ainsworth for a family Service, followed by refreshments.
 - **Egg Boxes** – Many thanks to everyone who brought egg boxes to Church; the children from MidWeek Praise have used them to plant peas in as part of their Green Lent Challenge.
 - **Bible Reading Fellowship** - There's still time to order Easter cards and resources from Bible Reading Fellowship and there are special offers on books. St Patrick's day on 17th March is as good a time as any to learn more about Celtic spirituality, starting with the BRF David Cole collection. Find out more at brf.org.uk.
 - **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
 - **Quiz Night** - 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.
 - **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:
- Praying for those who are lonely, vulnerable, socially isolated or unwell.
 - Praying for and giving thanks for all those within our Churches, who are involved in the pastoral support of those who are most vulnerable; pastoral visiting teams, Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends.
 - Praying for inspiration and guidance from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways to support those who are in need within our local communities, and across our wider Mission Community.
 - Praying that others within our individual Churches may feel called to offer their time and talents to support those who are in need.
 - 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 St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, and St. Thomas & St. John, 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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