



This † Week

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24th March – Palm Sunday

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.

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>
Holy Week Monday	7.00pm	Lent Prayer & Reflection
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion & Stripping of The Altar
Good Friday	7.00pm	Good Friday Reflection
31st March Easter Sunday <i>(Gold)</i>	6.20am	Easter Dawn Service – held in the Churchyard <i>(followed by light breakfast in Church)</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (AH) John 20.1-18 <i>(followed by refreshments & drawing of the Lucky Lotto)</i>

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Chiswick 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 Dorothy Gore; 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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- **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 – everyone welcome!
- **Lent Reflections** – Our final Lent reflection will be held this Monday at 7pm in Church – everyone welcome.
- **Mission Community Lent Prayer Services** – Many thanks to those who have represented Christ Church Ainsworth at the various Lent Services held throughout our Mission Community; it has been great to be able to show our support in this way, and also interesting to find out a bit more about those we are working alongside.

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've been challenging you to improve your 'Green credentials' – in week 6 we're encouraging you to take part in 'The Great British Spring Clean'. Visit www.keepbritaintidy.org to find out how you can help.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship** - There's still time to order Easter cards and resources from Bible Reading Fellowship and there are special offers on books. 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 next 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.
- **Save The Date!!** Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair – Saturday 18th May, 11am – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; more details coming soon!
- **Save The Date!!** Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Prom Concert, featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band – Saturday 6th July, 7pm in Church; more details coming soon!
- **Church Officers** – are people who volunteer to take on specific roles and duties, all of which are essential to the smooth running of our Churches. As part of a 'recruitment drive', Manchester Diocese has launched a new video offering some insights into the various different roles; want to know more? Visit [Church Officers - Diocese of Manchester \(anglican.org\)](http://ChurchOfficers-DioceseofManchester(anglican.org))
- **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 have been held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community.
- Giving thanks for all who led and attended our Mission Community Lent Services.
- Praying that these joint initiatives will bring our Churches together, inspire closer working relationships and enable our Mission Community to grow in faith and discipleship.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways in which to work together.
- Praying for Christians all around the world, who are preparing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Praying especially for those who live in fear of persecution for their beliefs.
- Giving thanks that we are able to worship and proclaim our faith without fear of reprisals.

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.