



# This † Week

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## 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter 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.**

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<b>31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday</b> <i>(Gold)</i>	<b>6.20am</b>	<b>Easter Dawn Service</b> – held in the Churchyard ( <i>followed by light breakfast in Church</i> )
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (AH) John 20.1-18 ( <i>followed by refreshments &amp; drawing of the Lucky Lotto</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Funeral</b> of Dorothy Gore, followed by burial in the Churchyard.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>(White)</i>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21; Acts 4.32-35 (EH); John 20.19-31
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b> Readings: 1 John 5; 4-12; John 20; 19-23 (Pg 136) Psalm 133 (Pg 520)

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Haseley 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 Dorothy Gore; may they find healing, peace, strength, and courage to face the future.

**We remember with thanks, the lives of those recorded in our Book Of Remembrance, whose anniversary falls within the coming week:** William Eric Lightbown 31/03/1997; Neville Gwyn Parry 02/04/2022; Beatrice May Flowers 03/04/1975; Sidney Charles Brace 05/04/2000; Trevor Taylor (Ben) 06/04/1995.

***“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)***

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## 31<sup>st</sup> March

- **Clocks Change** – Just a reminder that British Summer Time officially begins this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, when the clocks will go forwards by 1 hour.
- **Easter Dawn Service** – If you have never been to this Service, maybe this year is the time to join us. We meet outside Church at 6.20am and have a short, but very moving time of worship around an open fire, as the dawn breaks and the birds begin to sing. It may be an early start, but it is well worth making the effort!
- **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 March draw will be held in Church after the 10.30am Service this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- **Experience Easter** – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2-3.30pm at Harwood Methodist Church, Longsight Lane, Harwood. Fun activities for all the family, refreshments provided – everyone welcome.

## **Christ Church Ainsworth**

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

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- **Ainsworth Community Association AGM** – Will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the Unitarian School Room, Knowsley Rd. All Ainsworth residents are entitled to attend this meeting.
  - **Ainsworth Mothers' Union** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. This meeting will be Easter - themed starting with Easter Worship time. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Bradley Fold Garden Centre Cafe at 2.30pm for drinks and any eats that you might like. Once again, everyone is welcome to join us.
  - **Quiz Night** - 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 The Date!!** Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 green spaces we are so lucky to have within our local communities, and around our individual Churches.
  - Giving thanks for all those within our Churches and local communities who care for our green spaces.
  - Praying for all of the Churches that have already begun their EcoChurch journey.
  - Praying that each Church will have someone who feels called to come forward as their EcoChurch Champion.
  - Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek to use our green spaces in our quest to grow, nurture and serve our congregations, and engage with different sections of our wider communities.
  - Praying that we would be good guardians of our green spaces and wider environment, for future generations.

*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)*

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