



This † Week

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7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21; Acts 4.32-35 (EH); John 20.19-31
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer Readings: 1 John 5; 4-12; John 20; 19-23 (Pg 136) Psalm 133 (Pg 520)
Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
14 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter (White)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Readings: 1 Peter 2; 19-end; John 10; 11-16 (Pg 138)
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Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Claydon 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.

We remember with thanks, the lives of those recorded in our Book Of Remembrance, whose anniversary falls within the coming week: Percy Barker 07/04/2003; Frank Lord Hampson 08/04/1996; Frederick Isherwood 10/04/1997; Freda Holden 13/04/2015.

“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>

7th April

- **Coffee & Conversation** - our monthly gathering for retirees will take place in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall from 10.30 – 12 noon, this coming Tuesday (9th April).
- **Ainsworth Mothers’ Union** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April, meeting at Bradley Fold Garden Centre Cafe at 2.30pm for drinks and any eats that you might like. Everyone welcome.
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth APCM & Vestry Meeting** - This year our APCM will be held in Church on Sunday 21st April, following on from our morning Service. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting, but please note that you must be on our Church Electoral Roll if you wish to vote or hold any office within our Church. If anyone is considering standing for election as Churchwarden or may be interested in joining our PCC, please speak to Revd. Debra, Revd. Elaine, Alison Hartley, or Chris Haworth; nomination forms will be available at the back of Church in the coming weeks.

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

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- **Electoral Roll** – Our Church Electoral Roll has been reviewed in accordance with Church of England legislation; a copy of the newly revised Church Electoral Roll is available to view in Church if required.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** – Saturday 18th May, 11am – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; this may seem a way off yet, but to help us to make the Church Spring Fair a success, we'll be looking for donations of items to be sold on some of the stalls. Non-perishable items such as bottles and toys can be brought to ABC on any Friday morning or dropped off at Church on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to help out on the day or with setting stalls up on Friday 17th May, please contact Jan on 07950-960468.
- **Save The Date!!** Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Prom Concert, featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band – Saturday 6th July, 7pm in Church; more details coming soon!
- **Flower Rota** - There are currently a few dates available on the church flower rota; if you would like to join the rota to mark a special date or simply to make sure our Church continues to look bright and welcoming, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378 for further details.
- **Volunteers Needed** – The Churchyard Team meet every Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30am and work hard to keep our Churchyard looking lovely. They are a friendly team, but sadly fewer in number than previously; if you could offer an hour or so to help out on a regular (or occasional) basis, please call round to Church any Wednesday morning – no experience or qualifications necessary.
- **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:

- Praying for those Churches within our Mission Community that will be holding their APCMs in the coming weeks.
- Praying for all those who hold office within our Churches, and giving thanks for all that they do.
- Giving thanks for all that has been achieved by our individual Churches, and by the wider Mission Community, over the course of the past 12 months.
- Praying for those who may be considering standing for election to PCC or Churchwarden, or who may be considering taking on any official role within our Churches.
- Praying that we may be guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit as we consider new ways to minister to our congregations, and to reach out to our wider communities.

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.