



# This † Week

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## 14<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of</b> <b>Easter (White)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Celtic Morning Prayer</b> Readings: 1 Peter 2; 19-end; John 10; 11-16
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Acts 3.12-19 (PH) Luke 24.36b-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of</b> <b>Easter (White)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Genesis 7.1-5,11-18, 8.6-18; 9.8-13; Acts 4.5-12 (AH) John 10.11-18 ( <i>Followed by Vestry Meeting &amp; APCM</i> )
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Interment of Ashes</b>

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Saltram 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.

**We remember with thanks, the lives of those recorded in our Book Of Remembrance, whose anniversary falls within the coming week:** Ellen Greenhalgh – 16/04/2000; Stephen Peter Stokes – 18/04/2009.

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

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### 14<sup>th</sup> April

- **Ainsworth Mothers' Union** – The next meeting will be held this Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> 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 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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth APCM & Vestry Meeting** - This year our APCM will be held in Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 are available at the back of Church.
- **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**

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

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- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May, please contact Jan on 07950-960468.
- **Prayers In Church** – We are fortunate to have a number of people who volunteer to do the readings in Church on a Sunday morning on a regular basis, but we are very short of people who are willing to lead prayers. We work on a rota basis, so it wouldn't be every week; we can give you help and guidance with preparing prayers, even write the prayers for you if that helps. If this is something that you might be able to help with, or if you would like to discuss it further, please speak to either Revd Debra, Revd Elaine, or 1 of the Churchwardens, or email [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- **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!
- **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.
- **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=QUdYyIN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

**Praying Together:** Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; this week we will be:

- Praying for the members of Clergy within our Mission Community and giving thanks for all that they do.
- Giving thanks for the members of Clergy who are reaching out to support the many Churches currently in interregnum.
- Giving thanks for, and praying for, the volunteers and Lay people, who work so hard to keep our Churches going during interregnum.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit would guide and inspire those who are involved with the process of recruitment and deployment.
- Praying that the right applicants will be drawn to the right Churches, and that some of the vacancies within our Mission Community will soon be filled.

*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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**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.  
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