



This † Week

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12th May – Sunday After Ascension

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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12th May	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: 1 Peter 4; 7-11; John 15; 26–end 16; 1- 4 Pg 146
The Sunday After Ascension (White)	10.30am	Church Parade
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Derek Hartley
Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee & Conversation - Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thursday	7.00pm	Police & Communities Together Meeting
Saturday	11-2pm	Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair - Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
19th May Day Of Pentecost (Red)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Acts 2.1-21 (EH); John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 Please note, <i>there will be a bucket collection in aid of Christian Aid at the end of this Service.</i>

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Bury.

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 & friends of Derek Hartley; 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: Alan Jackson – 12/05/2010; Beatrice Greenhalgh – 13/05/1970, Sam Wrigley – 13/05/2003; Ronald Peter Oliver – 15/05/2004; William Heys – 16/05/1997; Derek Ernest Moulton – 17/05/1995.

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

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- **Coffee & Conversation** – our monthly gathering for retirees will take place in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall from 10.30 – 12 noon, this coming Tuesday.
- **Christian Aid Week** – 12th – 19th May 2024; there will be a bucket collection for Christian Aid following the 10.30 Service on Sunday 19th May; please give as you are able. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare and could help with a community based collection for Christian Aid, there is a list of times and venues in the Church porch. Please speak to Barbara Clarkson for more info.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Prom Concert** - featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band – Saturday 6th July, 7pm in Church; adults £7.50, children under 16yrs £5 (includes

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refreshments). A limited number of tickets are now available in Church, or by emailing ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com Please book early to avoid disappointment!

- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** – Saturday 18th May, 11am – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; to help to make this event a success we're looking for donations of toys, teddies, bottles, wine, plants, cakes, preserves, teabags, coffee ... Non-perishable items can be brought to ABC on any Friday morning or left on the back pew in Church. 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.
- **I-Spy Nature** – Is an afternoon of fun for the whole family; Weds 29th May 1.30–3.30pm. £2.50 / child, or £2 / child if booked in advance; includes 'I-Spy Nature' trail through Christ Church Ainsworth Churchyard, nature themed craft activities and refreshments. For more info or to book your place, contact Alison on 07952-709041, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- **Thy Kingdom Come, Mission Community Zoom Prayers** – will take place each evening at 7pm, starting on Friday 10th May. Prayers will be led by a different Church each evening and will last no more than 10 mins. Simply click the following link to join in; everyone welcome <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – the April Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday 26th May; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com & remember – you have to be in it to win it!!
- **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 and giving thanks for those who work with children, families and young people.
- Giving thanks for the children, families and young people that are already a part of our Churches; praying that they will grow in faith and encourage others to connect with our Churches and come to know the love of God.
- Giving thanks for and praying for the various initiatives which our Churches currently offer for children, families and young people; praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways to reach out to and engage with this section of our communities.
- Praying for wisdom and guidance as we review our current provisions for children, families and young people, and identify areas where change is needed.
- Praying that by prioritising children, families and young people within all aspects of our churches, we will begin to see growth in faith and in numbers, and that our congregations will begin to grow younger.

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.