



This † Week

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1st December – Advent 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.

1st December Advent Sunday <i>(Purple)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 (BS); Luke 21.25-36 <i>(Lay Assistant BS)</i>
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Peter Frankland
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: Romans 13; 8 – end; Matthew 21; 1-13 (Pg 47)
Monday	10.30am	Interment Of Ashes of Brian Flowers
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	Bring Your Own Christingle Service
Thursday	10.30am	Celtic Advent
Saturday	7.00pm	Candlelit Christmas Concert
8th December	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 15; 4-13; Luke 21; 25-33 Pg 49
2nd Sunday of Advent <i>(Purple)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11 (DH) Luke 3.1-6 <i>(Lay Assistant DH)</i>
	12.15pm	Baptism

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Rosebank Close.

The sick: All who are ill; Moira Gilmore, Barry Hardman, Father Chaminda, 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 Brian Flowers & Ian Watts; 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: Eileen Dyson – 02/12/1997; Harry Lord - 03/12/1961; George Nelson – 04/12/2007, June Hayes – 07/12/2022.

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

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1st December

- **The RISEUP Challenge** - aims to raise awareness of domestic abuse and gender-based violence. As part of this campaign, Mothers' Union members will be holding a bucket collection after the morning service this Sunday to support victims and survivors of abuse.
- **Ainsworth Friends Of The Delph Christmas Lights Switch On TODAY** - 3 – 4.30pm on the Delph; food, drink, chocolate tombola; everyone welcome.
- **Christingle Service** – This year's 'Bring Your Own' Christingle Service will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th December; this is a wonderful, family friendly Service which is suitable for all ages. There will be a collection during this Service for The Children's Society.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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in Jesus Christ our Lord...'**

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- **Christmas Wreaths** - The Churchyard Team are once again doing Christmas wreaths. £11 per wreath; please place your order and payment (cash only) in the box at the back of Church before 6th December. Wreaths can be collected in person or placed on a grave by the Churchyard team; please state your preference when ordering.
- **BRF Ministries** - have published a new Advent preparation book "Embracing Humanity" by Isabel Hamley, which explores what it meant for God to become flesh and how this enables us to understand what it means to be human. Available from brfonline.org.uk.
- **Mince Pies** – Donations of mince pies for our various festive events would be gratefully received, please speak to one of the churchwardens, or leave them at the back of Church.
- **Christmas Meal Appeal** – Once again we'll be running our annual 'Christmas Meal Appeal' to support 'Porch Boxes'; each week throughout Advent we'll be asking you to bring an item which will be part of a Christmas meal for someone who is in need. During the first week in Advent (1st – 7th Dec) we're asking folk to donate things that could be eaten as a starter eg tins of soup or something similar. Thanking you in advance!
- **Advent Course** – 'Travelling Light' is a 4 part journey which is designed to help us to 'shine as lights for Christ'. Starts Monday 2nd December 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom, then each consecutive Monday evening. Simply click the link to join in:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>
- **Community Christmas Spirit** – Christ Church Ainsworth School invites you to a celebration of Christmas! Monday 9th December, 1.30 – 3pm in the school hall. To book your place contact Gwen on 01204-595378.
- **Christmas Choir Rehearsals** - Will are being held at 7.30pm at Ainsworth Methodist Church each Thursday until the Joint Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join in; no need to book, just turn up.
- **Mission Community Advent Zoom Prayers Are Back** – Monday to Friday, 6pm for 10 minutes. Starts Monday 2nd December; simply click the link below to join in:
<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; in the coming week we will be:

- Praying for those who are victims of, or at risk, of domestic abuse or gender-based violence.
- Giving thanks for the many local and national organisations and initiatives which work to address these issues & provide support and safety for victims & their families.
- Giving thanks for all who support these initiatives, either by donating funds, or giving of their time and talents.
- Giving thanks for the work which the Churches of our Mission Community already do to recognise & support victims of domestic abuse & gender-based violence within their local communities.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to support those who are vulnerable or at risk.

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.