



This † Week

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8th December – Second Sunday Of Advent

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.

8th December	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 15; 4-13; Luke 21; 25-33 Pg 49
2nd Sunday of Advent (Purple)	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
Monday	7.30pm	Advent Course on Zoom
Tuesday	10.30-12	Coffee & Conversation Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	3.30pm	Funeral of Ian Watts, followed by committal at Radcliffe Crematorium
	6.30pm	Midweek Praise – Rehearsal Only
Thursday	10.30am	Celtic Advent
15th December 3rd Sunday Of Advent (Purple)	10.30am	All Age Christmas Service
	6.30pm	Be Still

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Barnsdale 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 & Alan Sparke; 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: Thomas Mudd – 14/12/1996.

“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>

8th December

- **Coffee & Conversation** – our monthly gathering for retirees; this Tuesday (10th December) 10.30 – 12 noon in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.
- **BRF Ministries** - As we approach Christmas, BRF Ministries are offering cards, wrapping paper and several publications, which would make good gifts for family and friends. Visit www.brf.org.uk to see the whole selection and solve your gifting quandaries.
- **Christmas Meal Appeal** – Once again we’re running our annual ‘Christmas Meal Appeal’ to support ‘Porch Boxes’; each week throughout Advent we’re asking you to bring an item which will be part of a Christmas meal for someone who is in need. During the second week in Advent (8th – 14th Dec) we’re asking folk to donate things that could be eaten as a main course eg tins of stew, pasta in sauce, or something similar. Thanking you in advance!

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Advent Course** – ‘Travelling Light’ is a 4 part journey which is designed to help us to ‘shine as lights for Christ’. Started 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>
- **Christmas Choir Rehearsals** - 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. Simply click the link below to join in:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>
- **Christmas Craft & Makers’ Market** – This Sunday, Sunday 8th December 11 – 3pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.
- **Authorised Lay Ministry** - Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community. Check out the following link for more info [ALM Leaflet 2025](#) Applications for 2025 courses close on 13th January 2025.
- **New Year, New You?** If you’re looking for a new challenge / interest for 2025, why not consider volunteering within one of our Church teams. The Churchyard Team meet on a Wednesday morning & work in our lovely Churchyard; the Pew Polishers meet alternate Thursday mornings & do a fabulous job of cleaning & tidying in Church. Both of these teams would appreciate additional volunteers; if you have a couple of hours to spare even once a month, they would love to hear from you. For Churchyard team enquiries contact Janet Hayes (01204 796404); for Pew Polishing enquiries contact Jane Lord (07786 071708).
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The December Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 29th December; £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!!

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 & giving thanks for those whose ministry includes work with school aged children.
- Giving thanks for the many opportunities which exist for our Churches to engage with local schools at this time of year – Christingle, Experience Christmas, Crib Services & Christmas Assemblies to name but a few.
- Praying that through these interactions, the seeds of faith may be sown in the hearts of children & in the hearts of school staff.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to support & interact with local schools; strengthening existing relationships & reaching out to make new connections.

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.