



This † Week

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5th January – Feast Of Epiphany

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.

5 th January Feast Of Epiphany (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12 (JJ); Matthew 2:1-12 <i>(Lay Assistant ... CH)</i>
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: Pg 65; Ephesians 3; 1-12; Matthew 2; 1-12. Psalm 147;13-21 Pg 535
Monday	1.30pm	Funeral of John Bulcock, followed by Committal at Radcliffe Crematorium.
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Friday	10.30am	Funeral of Jane Lord, followed by Committal at Radcliffe Crematorium.
12 th January 1 st Sunday After Epiphany (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Pg 67; Romans 12; 1-5; Luke 2; 41-end
	10.30am	Church Parade
	11.15am	Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Janice Whitehead.

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Haslam Hey 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 Jane Lord and John Bulcock, 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: Lucy Kay Mold – 03/01/1990; Sarah Alice Greenhalgh – 04/01/1966; James Johnson Hadfield – 07/01/1984; Molly Barnes – 08/01/1991, Elsie Johnston – 10/01/1990.

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

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- **Christmas Meal Appeal** – A huge thankyou to everyone who supported our ‘Christmas Meal Appeal’ so generously throughout Advent. It was great to see our ‘Porch Box’ being filled each week with items to help local people who are in desperate need. Many thanks also to Jan, who delivers these items to the Porch Boxes depot, for distribution.
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** - If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts which may be suitable to be given as a raffle prize or sold at one of our Church fairs, please consider donating them to Church; simply leave them in the bag marked ‘Gift Amnesty’, which you’ll find at the back of Church. 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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- **Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Carbon Literacy Training** – Saturday 11th Jan 2025, 10 – 12.30pm @ Christ Church Walshaw; find out more about climate change; how our lifestyles affect this, what's happening locally & nationally & what we can do to improve things. For more info or to book your place email alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com
- **Parish Magazine Advertising** - If you own or manage a local business, have you considered advertising in our Parish Magazine? The Magazine is emailed out directly to almost 300 people every month, and also uploaded to our FaceBook page, website and 'A Church Near You' page, as well as being shared to Christ Church Ainsworth School. For more info / price options, email ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com
- **Volunteer Church Sitters Needed** – Our Church Sitters are a small team of people who take it in turns to sit in Church from 2.30 – 4pm on a Wednesday afternoon, to ensure our building can be open for quiet prayer. If you could spare an hour and a half once a month to help with this important area of ministry, please contact Alison on 07952-709041.
- **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 speak to one of the Churchwardens.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday 26th January; £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:
<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 the Churches throughout our Mission Community, especially those that remain in interregnum.
- Giving thanks and praying for our Focal Leaders, Churchwardens, PCC members, and the many other lay people who are working so hard to support these Churches.
- Giving thanks and praying for the members of Clergy who are providing support and cover throughout our Mission Community.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire those who are involved in the advertisement and recruitment process.
- Praying that the right candidates will be drawn to the Churches of our Mission Community.

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

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