



This † Week

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12th January – First Sunday 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.

12th January 1st Sunday Of Epiphany <i>(White)</i>	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.
Tuesday	10.30-12	Coffee & Conversation Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
19th January 2nd Sunday Of Epiphany <i>(White)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 (DH) John 2.1-11 <i>(Lay Assistant LHo)</i>
	6.30pm	Be Still - a time of quiet prayer & reflection

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Bury Old Road.

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, John Bulcock and Janice Whitehead, 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: Herbert Belfield Flowers – 12/01/1952; Norman Walmsley – 13/01/1999; Sheila Hardman – 15/01/2005.

“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>

12th January

- **Coffee & Conversation** – our monthly gathering for the over 50’s will be held this Tuesday (14th Jan) 10.30 – 12 noon in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall.
- **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!
- **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

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- **Christingle 2024** – Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christingle Appeal at the end of last year; the total amount raised for the Children’s Society was a fantastic £316-61.
- **Volunteer Church Sitters Needed** – Our Church Sitters are a small team of people who take it in turns to sit in Church from 2.30pm – 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!!
- **Vocations Day; Saturday 08 Feb, 10-3 @ St Bride's Church, Old Trafford** - This is for anyone discerning a sense of vocation or calling and will give the opportunity for people to meet the Vocations Team and talk to a variety of lay and ordained ministers from around the diocese. For more information or to book your place visit: <https://vocationsday2025.eventbrite.co.uk/>
- **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:

- Giving thanks for all those within our Churches and local communities, who care for the environment and try to improve their ‘green credentials’.
- Giving thanks for the groups & organisations locally & nationally who seek to address the issue of climate change.
- Praying for all of the Churches that have already begun their EcoChurch journey.
- Praying that each Church will have someone who feels called to come forward as their Eco Champion.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek ways to minimise our impact on the environment, both within our Churches and within our homes and places of work.
- Praying that we might be good guardians of this world, so that future generations will be able to enjoy their surroundings as we do.

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.