



This † Week

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19th January – Second 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.

19 th January 2 nd Sunday Of Epiphany (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 (DH) John 2.1-11 (Lay Assistant LHo)
	6.30pm	Be Still - a time of quiet prayer & reflection
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
26 th January 3 rd Sunday Of Epiphany (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: Romans 12; 16-end; Matthew 8; 1-13 (Pg71)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a (EH); Luke 4.14-21 (Lay Assistant BC) <i>Followed by refreshments & drawing of the January Lucky Lotto</i>
	12.45pm	Baptism of Penelope Coyne

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Arthur Lane.

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; 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: William Eddleston – 19/01/1992; Stephen Hamilton Hopper – 19/01/1995; William (Bill) White – 21/01/2024; Robert Aspin – 22/01/1995; James William Rayson – 23/01/1959; Fred Cunliffe – 25/01/2014.

“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>

19th January

- **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity** – This is an annual initiative whereby Christian communities throughout the world are invited to pray for one another and for greater Christian Unity. The week starts this Saturday, 18th Jan, and resources are available at the link below: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>
- **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!
- **Don’t Forget The Big Garden Birdwatch 24 – 26th January** - Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch and record any birds that land. Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time, then send your results back online or by post. For more info or to register your sightings visit [Big Garden Birdwatch](http://www.birdwatchuk.org/)

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **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 2.30pm – 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.
- **Winter Clothing Appeal** - Bury Homeless Project is a not-for-profit, local community project assisting vulnerable people in our local area. They are currently appealing for winter clothing for adults and children – coats, jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves. If you have any unwanted winter clothing, please place it in the box at the back of Church - garments should be clean and serviceable – thank you.
- **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 next 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/>

Praying Together: Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; as we begin this week of Christian Unity, in the coming week we will be:

- Praying for unity among all Christians.
- Praying for unity among all faiths & giving thanks & celebrating the diversity of faiths which exist within our local communities.
- Praying that, as individuals & as church communities, we might be open minded, tolerant & seek to understand the viewpoint of others.
- Praying that our Churches may be seen as beacons of hope & love within our communities.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us, as we work together to understand & support one another within our wider communities.

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.