



This † Week

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2nd February – Candlemas

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.

2nd February Candlemas <i>(White)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18 (LHo) Luke 2.22-40 <i>(Lay Assistant DH)</i>
	12.15pm	Baptism of Maisie Ava Dickinson & Olivia Mae Dickinson
	6.30pm	Celtic Candlemas Service
Tuesday	2.30pm	Funeral of Sadie Westhead, followed by committal at Radcliffe Crematorium
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
9th February	8.00am	BCP Communion - Readings: Colossians 3; 12-17; Matthew 13; 24-30 <i>(Pg75)</i>
4th Sun Before Lent <i>(Green)</i>	10.30am	Church Parade
	12noon	Interment of Ashes

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Well Street.

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 Sadie Westhead; 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: Dereck Hackett – 02/02/1999; William Greenhalgh – 03/02/1965; Annie Cunliffe – 03/02/2014; Bryan Shaw – 04/02/2024; Eliza Rayson – 05/02/1959.

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

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- **Calling All Churchyard Users / Visitors** – As part of our EcoChurch journey, we’ve installed a rain butt on the North side of the Church, near to the Choir Vestry door; following the recent wet / snowy weather we have plenty of rainwater to spare! If you need water when placing flowers, please feel free to draw water from the rain butt as an alternative to using the tap.
- **Growing Younger Conference** – Saturday 8th Feb 9 – 1pm @ Bury Church High School. This is aimed at anyone who is involved in or wants to know more about ministry with children & young people. For more info / to book your place, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1119790787389?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Parish Magazine Advertising** - If you own or manage a local business, why not consider advertising in our Parish Magazine? For more info / price options, email ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Ainsworth Mothers' Union AGM** – Tuesday 4th February 2.30pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. New members are always welcome; please come along to any meeting to find out more.
- **Cuppa, Cakes & Company** – Thursday 6th February 2 – 3.30pm in Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall. Board games, jigsaws, dominoes & chat; £2 / person, everyone welcome.
- **Essential First Aid Course** - Friday 28th Feb 3.30pm-6.15pm at Christ's Church Harwood, Stitch-mi-Lane, Harwood. This free session will cover essential basic life support skills but is not certificated for Workplace or Uniformed Organisations leaders' needs. Please sign up on the form at the back of church or contact Gina to reserve a place - 07712715997.
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 23rd February; £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; in the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks and praying for all those who work with children, families & young people.
- Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support and nurture children, families and young people; parent and toddler groups, Family Services, Messy Church, Sunday Schools & Youth Groups.
- Praying that through these initiatives, the seeds of faith will be sown & take root in young lives.
- Praying for all who will be leading & attending the 'Growing Younger' Conference later this week; that they would be enthused & inspired in their ministry.
- Praying that other people within our churches would feel called to become involved in ministry with children, families & young people.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek new ways of working with the children, families & young people in our local 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

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