



This † Week

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9th February – Fourth Sunday Before Lent

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.

9 th February	8.00am	BCP Communion - Readings: Colossians 3; 12-17; Matthew 13; 24-30 (Pg75)
4 th Sun Before	10.30am	Church Parade
Lent (Green)	12 noon	Interment of Ashes
Tuesday	10.30-12	Coffee & Conversation - Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
16 th February	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 (PH); Luke 6.17-26 (Lay Ass: PH)
3 rd Sun Before	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Andrew Mark Lancaster
Lent (Green)	6.30pm	Be Still – A time of contemplative prayer & reflection

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Camden 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 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: Edith Rothwell Hadfield – 12/02/2010; Ian Paul Brooks – 13/02/2008; Helen Gertrude Gill – 14/02/1985; Ann Rule – 15/02/2014.

“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>

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- **Coffee & Conversation** – Our monthly gathering for retirees will be held in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall this Tuesday (11th Feb) from 10.30 – 12 noon.
- **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 – 07712-715997.
- **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
- **Save The Date!!** Artisan Market – Sunday 23rd March 11am – 3pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Watch this space; more info coming soon.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Cuppa, Cakes & Company** – Thursday 13th February 2 – 3.30pm in Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall. Board games, jigsaws, dominoes & chat; £2 / person, everyone welcome.
- **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!!
- **Manchester Diocese Transforming Prayer Community** – This is a diocese-wide community that seeks to connect and reconnect us with this simple vocation to pray. For more info or to sign up, visit www.manchesteranglican.org
- **General Lay Training Courses** - Applications for the 2025 General Lay Training courses are now open! These courses are ideal for anyone looking to deepen their calling and enhance their gifts for Christian ministry and service. For further info or to view the 2025 course prospectus click the following link: [General Lay Courses](#).
- **Recycling To Support Charities** – The Churches of our Mission Community are on a recycling drive; prescription glasses, hearing aids, stamps, foreign currency, old keys and printer cartridges can all be used to support various local & national initiatives. Collecting boxes can be found in the Church Porch; please see the poster in Church for more details.

Praying Together: Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; as we mark Racial Justice Sunday, in the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks for and celebrating the diversity of cultures & traditions present within our Churches and wider communities.
- Giving thanks for all who work to recognise and support those who are marginalised, both within our local communities & in the wider world.
- Praying for those who are victims of injustice; for those who are oppressed or alienated; for those who feel alone or unloved.
- Praying for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice.
- Praying that we might walk in humility and solidarity with all around us, on the journey towards equality and justice for all.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we work together to build a better world for all of God's people.

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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**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.  
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