



This † Week

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16th February – Third 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.

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 Lent (Green)	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Andrew Mark Lancaster
	6.30pm	Be Still – A time of contemplative prayer & reflection
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
23 rd February	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: 2 Corinthians 11; 19-31; Luke 8; 4-15 (Pg 80)
2 nd Sun Before Lent (Green)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25; Revelation 4 (BS) Luke 8.22-25 (Lay Ass: BS) (Followed by refreshments & drawing of the February Lucky Lotto)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Victoria Terrace.

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 Andrew Mark Lancaster & Ian Bleakley; 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: The Very Rev Herbert A. Jones – 17/02/1969; Jack Lee – 17/02/1985; William (Bill) Barnes – 18/02/1989; Amelia (Minnie) Hickman – 18/02/1998; Dorothy Willson – 19/02/1992.

“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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- **Prayer Tree** - Prayer is an integral part of Christianity; it isn't a magical formula for getting what we want, and it isn't reserved for 'holy' people, or for special times or places. Prayer is talking to God. Did you know that we have a Prayer Tree in Church? Please feel free to write a short prayer on 1 of the paper leaves you'll find in church, then hang your leaf on our Prayer Tree.
- **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.
- **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

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

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- **Save The Date!!** Artisan Market – Sunday 23rd March 11am – 3pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Watch this space; more info coming soon.
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service next 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.
- **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, or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041

<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 & praying for all those who are leading and supporting their Churches during interregnum; Clergy, Lay leaders, Church Officers & volunteers.
- Giving thanks for & praying for the visiting & retired members of Clergy who continue to provide support to these Churches.
- Praying that all who are working so hard to support their Churches & worshipping communities will themselves find time to rest.
- Praying that the recent advertisements for posts within our Mission Community will bear fruit, and that some of the vacancies might soon be filled.
- Praying for all who are involved with the process of recruitment & deployment; that they might be open minded & seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit as they consider the way forward for the Churches of our Mission Community that remain in vacancy.

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.