



This † Week

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23rd February – Second 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.

23 rd February 2 nd Sun Before Lent (Green)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: 2 Corinthians 11; 19-31; Luke 8; 4-15 (Pg 80)
	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)
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
2 nd March Sunday Next Before Lent (Green)	10.30am	View From The Pew – Readings: Exodus 34.29-35; 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 (EH); Luke 9.28-36
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: 1 Corinthians 13; 1-end; Luke 18; 31-end (Pg 82); Psalm 99 (Pg 472)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Stonedolph 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 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: Stella Pybus – 24/02/2002; William (Bill) Ellison – 01/03/1971.

“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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- **Electoral Roll** - In accordance with Church Representations Rules, a new Electoral Roll must be prepared every six years. As this process was last carried out in 2019 a new Roll must be prepared this year. Electoral Roll application forms will be available in church from Sunday 23rd February and must be returned by Sunday 23rd March. If you are unsure whether you are / should be on the Electoral Roll, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Jill Ainsworth, or speak to a member of Clergy or one of the Churchwardens.
- **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.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **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.
- **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 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service this 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:

- Praying for and giving thanks for all those who volunteer within our Church communities; those who help out on a regular basis, and those who support specific projects / events.
- Giving thanks for the time, talents and resources which are shared so generously by these people.
- Praying that others from our congregations and wider communities, will feel called to come forwards and offer their time and talents to support the daily life of our Churches.
- Giving thanks for & praying for those who will be involved with the Mission Community Task Group Meeting in the coming week; praying that each Church would have volunteers who feel called to serve on these groups.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek to share areas of knowledge and expertise within our own Churches and across our wider Mission Community.

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.