



# This † Week

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday Next 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.**

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday Next Before Lent (Green)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>View From The Pew</b> – Readings: Exodus 34.29-35; 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 (EH); Luke 9.28-36
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b> – Readings: 1 Corinthians 13; 1-end; Luke 18; 31-end (Pg 82); Psalm 99 (Pg 472)
<b>Ash Wednesday (Purple)</b>	<b>2.30-3pm</b>	<b>Praying With Purpose</b>
	<b>3-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Communion Service</b> with imposition of Ashes
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: 2 Corinthians 6; 1-10; Matthew 4; 1-11 (Pg 86)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Church Parade</b>

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Parish Walk.

**The sick:** All who are ill; John Maudsley, Moira Gilmore, Barry Hardman, Father Chaminda, Mr. Fernando, Pope Francis, members of our families, our congregation, and our wider community.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family & friends of Norma Sullivan; 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:** Allan Openshaw – 02/03/2001; James Wiliam Guffogg – 05/03/1994.

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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> March

- **Lent Challenge; 40 Days Of Kindness** – Small acts of kindness can make a huge difference to the people around us. Why not join the children from MidWeek Praise & Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School in their 40 Days Of Kindness Challenge during Lent? Carry out at least 1 act of kindness each day, at home, in your place of work or in the community. Why not keep a 'Kindness Diary' to show what you have done?
- **Praying With Purpose** – On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, members of Christ Church Ainsworth School Worship Group will be joining us in Church from 2.30 – 3pm for a time of purposeful prayer. Anyone is welcome to join us at this time.
- **World Day Of Prayer** – This global ecumenical movement of prayer takes place on the first Friday in March each year. Beginning on the International Date Line in Samoa, a wave of prayer spreads throughout the world as the earth rotates, until the circle of prayer is completed as the sun sets once more in Samoa. This year, The Parish Church of St. Mary, Radcliffe, will be part

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of this global wave of prayer – everyone is welcome to join them at their World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm, refreshments will be available after the Service.

- **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 23<sup>rd</sup> February and must be returned by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com) & remember – you have to be in it to win it!!
- **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; in the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which will be held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community in the coming weeks.
- Giving thanks for the Lent initiatives which will involve children & families, either through Sunday School & Family Services, or through engagement with our local schools.
- Praying that those who take part in any of these initiatives will be inspired and will grow in faith.
- Praying that these initiatives will draw our local communities together, and that through them our Churches may reach out and connect with new and different sections of our communities.
- Praying that some of those with whom we connect may become regular attenders within our Churches.

*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](mailto: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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