



This † Week

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16th March – Second Sunday In 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.

16th March 2nd Sunday in Lent (Purple)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 (JJ); Luke 13.31-35 <i>(Lay Ass ... JB)</i>
	6.30pm	Be Still – A time of quiet prayer & reflection
Tuesday	7.00pm	Lent Reflection
Wednesday	2.30–4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
23rd March 3rd Sunday in Lent <i>(Purple)</i>	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Ephesians 5; 1-14; Luke 11; 14-28 <i>(Pg 89)</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 (DH) Luke 13.1-9 <i>(Lay Ass LHa)</i>
	12.15pm	Baptism of Elizabeth Anne Cropper & Elsie Margaret Cropper

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Taylor's Lane.

The sick: All who are ill; John Maudsley, Moira Gilmore, Archdeacon Rachel, 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: Doris Isabel Foster – 16/03/2010; Marion Lomax – 18/03/1982.

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

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16th March

- **Lent Reflections** – Lent is traditionally a time of reflection, repentance, and prayer; a time to re-evaluate and re-focus. Why not join us for a short, time of prayer & reflection each Tuesday throughout Lent at 7pm in Church – everyone welcome.
- **Mission Community Lent Prayer Services** - During Lent, each Church within our Mission Community will be hosting a short Lenten Prayer Service, to which members of every Church in our Mission Community are invited. St. George's, Unsworth are hosting their Service this Monday, 17th March at 10am; St. Mary, Radcliffe are hosting their Service on Weds 19th March at 10am. Everyone welcome!
- **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?

Christ Church Ainsworth

**'Celebrating, encouraging, proclaiming and supporting faith, hope and love
in Jesus Christ our Lord...'**

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- **Artisan & Makers' Market**– Sunday 23rd March 11am – 3pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; arts, crafts, scents & much more. Café also open – everyone welcome.
- **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.
- **ECO-Tips** – If you have any innovative Eco hints or tips which you would be willing to share, please add them to the Eco-Tips board which you'll find towards the back of Church – Thankyou
- **Prayer Tree** - Prayer is an integral part of Christianity; it isn't a magic 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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 30th March; £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!!
- **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 and praying for all those who work with older adults.
- Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support those who are older, lonely or socially isolated; social gatherings, pastoral care teams, and Anna Chaplaincy Teams to name but a few.
- Praying that those who access these initiatives will feel supported and encouraged, emotionally and spiritually.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways of working together and reaching out to older people throughout our Mission Community.
- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which are being held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community. Praying especially this week for those at St. George's, Unsworth, and St. Mary, Radcliffe, as they host our Mission Community Lent Services.

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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