

This † Week



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23rd March – Third 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.

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23 rd March 3 rd Sunday in Lent (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Ephesians 5; 1-14; Luke 11; 14-28 (Pg 89)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 (DH) Luke 13.1-9 (Lay Ass LHa)
	12.15pm	Baptism of Elizabeth Anne Cropper & Elsie Margaret Cropper
Tuesday	7.00pm	Lent Reflection
Wednesday	2.30–4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Friday	12.30pm	Memorial Service for Norma Sullivan
30 th March Mothering Sunday (Purple)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 (MU) Luke 2.33-35 (Lay Ass JW) (Followed by refreshments & drawing of the March Lucky Lotto)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Browns Road.

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: Beverly Anne Cunliffe – 25/03/1988; Benjamin Greenhalgh – 26/03/1984; Harold Heelis – 27/03/1970.

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

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23rd March

- **Artisan & Makers’ Market** – This 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 are available in church and must be returned by Sunday 23rd March.** After this date the Electoral Roll will be closed to new applications until after the APCM on 27th April. Please note that anyone who holds Office in Church or wishes to speak / vote at the APCM must be on the Church Electoral Roll.
- **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.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **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. Christ Church Walshaw are hosting their Service this Monday, 24th March at 7.30pm; St. Andrew's, Hillock are hosting their Service on Weds 26th March at 7.30pm. 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?
- **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 one of the paper leaves you'll find in church, then hang your leaf on our Prayer Tree.
- **Earth Hour** – amidst the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it can be easy to overlook the climate and nature crises we are facing - Earth Hour is an unmissable global reminder of the importance of our planet, the need to protect it, and how little time we have to do so. Why not join with millions around the globe & switch your lights off for 1 hour on Saturday 22nd March 8.30 – 9.30pm.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service next 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 God's wonderful world.
- Praying for all the Churches within our Mission Community that have already begun their EcoChurch journey and giving thanks for the progress they have made.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways to use our green spaces in our quest to grow, nurture, and serve our congregations, and engage with different sections of our local communities.
- Praying that we would be good guardians of our green spaces, so that future generations will be able to enjoy them as we do.
- 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 Christ Church Walshaw, and St. Andrew's, Hillock, 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

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.