



This † Week

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30th March – Fourth Sunday In Lent; Mothering Sunday

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.

30th 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)
Tuesday	7.00pm	Lent Reflection
Wednesday	2.30-3pm	Praying With Purpose
	2.30–4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Friday	9.30am	School Easter Service
6th April	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14 (BS) John 12.1-8 (Lay Ass ... BS)
5th Sunday In Lent (Purple)	12.15pm	Baptism of Scarlett Richardson
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer - Readings: Hebrews 9; 11-15; John 8; 46-end (Pg94) Psalm 516 (Pg126)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Bradley Fold Cottages.

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; 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: William Eric Lightbown – 31/03/1997; Neville Gwyn Parry – 02/04/2022; Beatrice May Flowers – 03/04/1975; Sidney Charles Brace – 05/04/2000.

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

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30th March

- **British Summer Time Reminder!!** – Don’t forget that the clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1am this Sunday, 30th March!
- **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; All Saints, Stand are hosting their Service on Thurs 3rd April at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!
- **Ainsworth Community Association AGM** – Thursday 3rd April 7pm in Ainsworth Unitarian School Room, Knowsley Rd. All village residents are entitled to attend.
- **Cuppa, Cakes & Company** – Thursday 3rd April 2 – 3.30pm in Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall. Board games, jigsaws, dominoes & chat; £2 / person, everyone welcome.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **CCA Litter Pickers** – This is a new joint venture between CCA School & our Church, which will run on the 1st Thursday of each month from 3.15-4.15pm. Meet outside school, finish at Church for a drink & biscuits. All equipment provided; please join us as we help to keep our village tidy.
- **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.
- **BRF Ministries** - offers a wide variety of books and resources, plus a great range of Easter cards. For more information visit brfonline.org.uk
- **Bible Study Notes** - BRF Ministries also produce a range of daily Bible Study notes & reflections which are suitable for all; these booklets are produced 3 times a year & typically cost around £5-00. If you would like to know more or would be interested in receiving a set of notes, 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 this 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!!
- **Mothers' Union** - will be meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday 1st April, 2.30 pm. We are expecting a visit from a member of the team at Fortalice to tell us a little bit about their work. At this meeting, we will present them with some Easter eggs using some of the money that was generously donated at the end of the two services during the 16 Days of Activism campaign
- **General Lay Training Courses** - Applications for the 2025 General Lay Training courses are now open! Each course on the Authorised Lay Ministry pathway is now available as a standalone option. These courses are ideal for anyone looking to deepen their calling and enhance their gifts for Christian ministry and service. You can view the courses and find application guidance by clicking the following link: [General Lay Courses](#).

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 Revd Adele McKie, who was licensed as Associate Priest within the Radcliffe Team earlier this week; giving thanks for her ministry & praying for her & members of the Radcliffe Team Churches as she officially takes on this new role.
- Praying for all members of Clergy within our Mission Community; Stipendiary Clergy, Non-stipendiary Clergy, Retired Clergy, Self Supporting Ministers, OLMs & Curates, and giving thanks for all that they do.
- Giving thanks for the members of Clergy who continue to support the Churches of our Mission Community that remain in vacancy.
- Praying that some of the vacancies within our Mission Community will soon be filled.
- 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 All Saints, Stand, as they host our Mission Community Lent Service.

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.