



This † Week

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13th April – Palm 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.

13 th April Palm Sunday (Purple)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Philippians 2; 5-11; Matthew 27; 1-54 (Pg 96)
	10.30am	Palm Sunday Procession (with donkeys!) Joint service with Ainsworth Methodists, meeting at Ainsworth Methodist Chapel then processing to Christ Church for All Age Service followed by refreshments.
Monday	7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection
Tuesday	7.00pm	Service Of Wholeness & Healing
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
Thursday	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with hand / foot washing & stripping of the Altar
Friday	7-8pm	Good Friday Reflection
20 th April Easter Sunday (White)	5.40am	Easter Dawn Service – held in the Churchyard (<i>followed by light breakfast in Church</i>)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 65.17-25; Acts 10.34-43 (LHo) John 20.1-18 (Lay Ass ... DJ) (<i>Followed by refreshments</i>)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Boundary Drive.

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: Freda Holden – 13/04/2015; Ellen Greenhalgh – 16/04/2000; Stephen Peter Stokes – 18/04/2009.

“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>

13th April

- **Palm Sunday** – Once again we will be joining with our friends from Ainsworth Methodist Church as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We and our donkeys will be meeting outside Ainsworth Methodist Church at 10.30am for a short time of outdoor worship, before processing up to Christ Church Ainsworth for a family Service, followed by refreshments – everyone welcome!
- **Easter Dawn Service** – If you have never been to this Service, maybe this year is the time to join us. We meet outside Church at 5.40am and have a short, but very moving time of worship around an open fire, as the dawn breaks and the birds begin to sing. It may be an early start, but it is well worth making the effort!

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **APCM & Vestry Meeting** – This will be held next Sunday, 27th April, in Church, following on from the 10.30am Service. At this meeting we elect our Churchwardens and also report on the activities of our Church over the past 12 months. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- **Save The Date** – Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair; Saturday 17th May 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; more info coming soon.
- **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.
- **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 April Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 27th April; £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!!
- **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>
- **Used Stamps** – A big thank you to everyone who collects used stamps to support the Bone Cancer Research Trust; in 2024 their Stamp Appeal raised £11,188! Please continue to put used stamps in the box in the Church Porch to help to support this worthy cause.

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 have been held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community.
- Giving thanks for all who led and attended our Mission Community Lent Services.
- Praying that these joint initiatives will bring our Churches together, inspire closer working relationships and enable our Mission Community to grow in faith and discipleship.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways in which to work together.
- Praying for Christians all around the world, who are preparing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter; praying especially for those who live in fear of persecution for their beliefs.
- Giving thanks that we are able to worship and proclaim our faith without fear of reprisals.

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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