



This † Week

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20th April – Easter 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.

20th April Easter Sunday <i>(White)</i>	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 <i>(Lay Ass ... DJ)</i> <i>(Followed by refreshments)</i>
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
27th April 2nd Sunday Of Easter <i>(White)</i>	8.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer – Readings: 1 John 5; 4-12; John 20; 19-23
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21; Acts 5.27-32 (DH); John 20.19-31 <i>(Lay Ass DH)</i> <i>(Followed by refreshments & drawing of the April Lucky Lotto)</i>
	11.45am	APCM & Vestry Meeting

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of The Willows.

The sick: All who are ill; John Maudsley, Moira Gilmore, Archdeacon Rachel, Bishop David, 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: Alan Rule – 25/04/2003.

“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>

20th April

- **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!
- **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 PCC members, and also report on the activities of our Church over the past 12 months. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- **Myanmar Earthquake Appeal** – Many thanks to everyone who supported our bucket collection in Church, which raised just over £140-00; a fantastic result which will be greatly appreciated.
- **Save The Date** – Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair; Saturday 17th May 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; more info coming soon.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Save The Date** – Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Concert; featuring local choir ‘Notability’, Saturday 28th June 7.30pm in Church. More details and tickets available soon.
- **Baptism Sidespeople Needed** – Could you spare an hour after the main Sunday Service on an occasional basis to help out at Baptisms? It would be great to have a small team of people who could greet guests, hand out service sheets, and generally be around to support whoever is leading the Baptism Service. If you think this is something you could do, please speak to Revd Debra or one of the Churchwardens. Thanking you in advance.
- **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 next 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:

- Praying for those Churches within our Mission Community that will be holding their APCMs in the coming weeks.
- Praying for all those who hold office within our Churches and giving thanks for all that they do.
- Giving thanks for all that has been achieved by our individual Churches, and by the wider Mission Community, over the course of the past 12 months.
- Praying for those who may be considering standing for election to PCC or Churchwarden, or who may be considering taking on any official role within our Churches.
- Praying that we may be guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit as we consider new ways to minister to our congregations, and to reach out to our wider communities.

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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