



# This † Week

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fifth 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.**

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March Fifth Sunday In Lent (Purple)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: Hebrews 9; 11-15; John 8; 46-end (Pg 94)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11 (DH) John 11.1-45 <i>Lay Ass &amp; Prayers ... DH</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Lent Reflection</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Time To Reflect</b> – Church open for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday (Purple)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Procession</b> (with donkeys!) Joint service with Ainsworth Methodists, meeting at Ainsworth Methodist Chapel then processing to Christ Church for All Age Service followed by refreshments.
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BCP Evensong</b>

### **Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Kingsbridge Avenue.

**The sick:** All who are unwell; Roy Turner, Moira Gilmore, John Lloyd, Margaret Coupe, Gana Mee, 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 weeks:** 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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### 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- **Lent Reflections** – Join us in Church each Tuesday throughout Lent at 7.15pm for a short time of prayer & reflection – everyone welcome.
- **The Big Spring Clean** – Will be held in Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10 – 12 noon. Why not join us as we come together to prepare our beautiful Church for our Easter Services & celebrations. Help us to dust, polish, clean & sweep those tricky & hard to reach areas, that can't be cleaned on a regular basis. Everyone welcome, refreshments available. No need to book, just turn up!
- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – Don't forget to pick up a copy of the March CCA Quiz League Quiz Sheet; £1 / copy, all proceeds to Church funds.
- **Volunteers Needed** – Many thanks to everyone who has taken a bundle of our promotional leaflets to post throughout the Parish; there are still a couple of bundles left – if you are able & willing to be out and about delivering leaflets we would really appreciate your help. The leaflets

## **Christ Church Ainsworth**

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

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are at the back of Church, sorted into streets or groups of streets; if you are able to, please take a bundle of leaflets to deliver on your street (or 1 nearby if someone else has already done yours) – many hands make light work! Thanking you in advance!

- **APCM & Vestry Meeting** – This will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Parochial Church Council** – The PCC is the central decision-making body in a Church of England parish; it's made up of a combination of clergy, churchwardens & elected lay representatives, who act as trustees responsible for the governance & finances of the church & also overseeing mission & ministry within the parish. Our PCC is currently very small & we have a number of vacant roles; if anyone would like to know more about the work of our PCC or feels called to seek election to the PCC, please speak to any of our clergy or churchwardens – we would love to hear from you!
- **Candle Recycling** – The Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community are now recycling candles, tapers & tealights as part of the Diocesan Candle Recycling scheme. If you have any part used or unwanted candles / tealights for recycling, please leave them in the box in the Church porch.
- **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 28<sup>th</sup> March 8.30 – 9.30pm.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The March Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following BCP Evensong next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- **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>

**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.
- Giving thanks for & praying for those who will be preparing reports & collating figures in readiness for these meetings.
- Praying for & giving thanks for all who hold office within our Churches.
- 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 as we try to encourage individuals to play a more active part in the life of our Churches.

*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](mailto:ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com)*

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