**Update 17/05/20 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Join us at 11am on Sunday on our Facebook Page for prayers, readings and a reflection (**https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAinsworth/), and a link to the order of service, including the words to the hymn, will be posted before the service. **and also join us at 6.15pm on Wednesday for Mid-Week Praise.**

**Also, 6pm on Thursday (21st May) for our Ascension Day service.**

***NB: If you are not on Facebook, you can still watch the service – when it says “Log in” “Create New Account” simply click “Not Now” (which is at the bottom)***

**If you missed any of our livestreamed services, some of them can be found on our website** **https://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/online-worship.html** **or our Youtube Channel** **https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1kRCPBIymPoDSyhH9CZYrw**

**The Prayer Book Society lists some churches livestreaming BCP services: (note the new address)** **https://www.pbs.org.uk/churches-and-services/-1**

**Locally, St Andrew’s livestream regularly:** **https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchRadcliffe/**

**Prayers:** The Church of England has issued a prayer booklet for use during the outbreak. A pdf version is available online https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer

***New or Amended Notices:***

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The invitation is to join in prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost (21-31 May). Various resources are available on https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources .

Bolton Archdeaconry are leading TKC for Manchester Diocese and will be livestreaming a series of prayer events on a dedicated Youtube channel, (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGDXMX-LDuijJBNoksTBuVQ/) starting at 7.30pm this Thursday.

**Confirmations (amended notice):** Following the Prime Minister’s announcement last Sunday, we can expect this year’s Confirmation service (18th June) to be cancelled. A replacement service will be organised as soon as it is feasible to do so. For now, we are seeking expressions of interest, so please email vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk to register (NB. Children must be in Year 6 or above and attend Church regularly). Before anyone can be Confirmed, they are required to complete a course of study. We normally prepare candidates via evening meetings (adults) or a study day in church (year 6 and above). Owing to the social-distancing rules, it will not be possible to meet physically but, if there is enough interest, we can prepare adults and children (separately) via Zoom.

**Scout Summer Coach Trip to Buxton & Bakewell (Saturday 18th July) has been cancelled**

**Scout Family Race Night (20th June) has been postponed**

***Previous Notices:***

**Church Magazine** – There isn’t a paper copy as it isn’t possible to distribute it. However, a pdf version of our May issue is on our website and on our Facebook page. Please tell anyone you think may be interested so they can access it. We plan to issue the June magazine in the same way.

**Believe in Bolton** – The Bolton deaneries are livestreaming an evening of music, stories, and conversation next Saturday (16th May) at 7.30pm. Keynote speakers are Jill Duff (Bishop of Lancaster) and Warren Furman (AKA Gladiator Ace). Zoom – 825 9698 8557 (password 347347), YouTube – Believe in Bolton, Facebook – Believe in Bolton Page. Invite your friends.

**Phoneline:** The Church of England has launched a free phoneline for the 'digitally disconnected'. If people call 0800 8048044 they will be able to hear music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services. Please share this number with anyone you know who is 'digitally disconnected'.

**Giving (amended notice):** although Christ Church is closed for public worship, there are still bills to pay. Therefore, if you normally make your offering via the envelope scheme or by placing cash on the collection plate, please consider setting up a standing order or making a bank transfer (contact Geoff Whittle on 01204 385452 geoffreywhittle@btinternet.com). Otherwise, please set your offering to one side until we return. (NB setting up a standing order or making a bank transfer **does not**involve giving us your bank details.)

**Porch Boxes (updated notice):** Whilst it is not possible to receive donations for Porch Boxes in Church. However, if you shop at any of the following, they have somewhere to receive donations: ASDA (Radcliffe; Pilsworth & Bury); MORRISONS (Whitefield & Ramsbottom); TESCO (Bury & Ramsbottom) **OR we can still support Porch Boxes through a donation: A cheque made payable to “The Porch” sent to Michael Perrin, 14 Kenmore Avenue Bury BL8 2DY or Bank transfer to Account number 81643089  sort code 09-0155  account name The Porch or Online https://porchboxes.wordpress.com/**

**Community Hubs (updated notice):**  hubs have been established by Bury and Bolton Council to support vulnerable residents for the duration of the pandemic. Anyone wishing to volunteer should phone (Bury) 0161 253 5353 or (for Bolton) register online

 https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/urgent-volunteer-webform-2 .

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**The sick**: all who are ill, especially for: Mike Hayden, Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Margaret Turner, Jacqueline Livsey, Stella Burkey, Louise Singleton and Ron Garside.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Dora Rayson. Trusting in God, may they find healing, peace, strength and courage to face the future.

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

**Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**