**Update 07/06/20 – TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Join us at 11am on Sunday on our Facebook Page for morning worship (****https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAinsworth/****). Also join us at 6.15pm on Wednesday for Mid-Week Praise.**

***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)***

**Bible Reading** for 11am Sunday 7th June: Matthew 28.16-20

**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:***

**Private Prayer:**There is a possibility that churches may reopen for private prayer in early July or, given the mounting pressure to relax the restrictions, later this month.

It is highly likely that this will be conditional upon there being enough volunteers to:

1. sit in church to enforce social distancing

and

1. between opening times, clean and disinfect those surfaces that are touched regularly; with deep cleaning of the building should it transpire that someone infected with COVID-19 has visited the church.

We need to plan for this eventuality now. Therefore, it would be helpful to know if anyone is willing to volunteer to church-sit and / or clean. Volunteers should email Revd Dave (vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk)

(NB anyone who is self-isolating or shielding **should not** volunteer).

***Previous Notices:***

**Church Magazine** – There isn’t a paper copy as Church of England COVID-19 guidelines prohibit hand delivery. However, a pdf version of our June issue is on our website and on our Facebook page. Please tell anyone you think may be interested so they can access it. Unless the guidelines change, we plan to issue the July magazine in the same way.

**Confirmations (updated notice):** We can expect this year’s Confirmation service (18th June) to be rescheduled. 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.

**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'.

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

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

**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, 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.**