**Update 14/06/20 – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**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 14th June: Romans 5:1-8

**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- a message from Revd Dave**

The Government has announced that churches may open for private prayer from 15th June. However, there is little clarity around this. Detailed guidance is awaited from the Government. The Church of England has issued preliminary advice, but this is evolving, and could change once the Government guidance is issued. Additionally, before we can open, we need more volunteers to come forward to sit in church (and possibly clean afterwards).

It would not be prudent to open our church for prayer before we have greater clarity and sufficient volunteers to enable this to happen. Therefore, for the time being, we remain closed.

Anyone willing to volunteer should email (vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk).

Although it is unclear when we will be permitted to worship in our church building again, in collaboration with Revd Elaine and Revd Debra, I am planning for that eventuality. With the requirement to maintain social distancing and the likely prohibition on singing, we can expect worship to be different to what it was prior to the lockdown. To reopen for worship safely, we may need additional volunteers to clean our church building. Again, contact me if you wish to volunteer.

(NB anyone who is self-isolating due to age or medical reasons, or who is shielding **should not** volunteer).

**Face Masks:**During lockdown Barbara Clarkson has been making face masks.   They are of double thickness cotton, with a third pocket which contains a disposable filter, and a stiffener at the bridge of the nose to make a close fit. Barbara makes them from material left over from dressmaking, so there are several different colours and patterns.  If you would like one, she is happy to pop it through your letterbox. They are free, but donations to Church are welcome. Please contact Barbara on theclarksonhouse@talktalk.net or 07530 413149.

***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.

**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 .

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

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

**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 Linda Elsie Collinge. 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.**