



This † Week

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28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter

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.

28 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: James 1; 17-21; John 16; 5-15 (Pg 141)
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Genesis 22.1-18; Acts 8.26-40 (LH) John 15.1-8 <i>Followed by refreshments and drawing of the Lucky Lotto</i>
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
5 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5; 1-6 (JJ) John 15.9-17
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes of Josephine White
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer Readings: James 1; 22–end; John 16; 23-end (Pg142); Psalm 96 (Pg 469)

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Bradshaw & Harwood.

The sick: All who are ill; Father Chaminda and Mr. Fernando; 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: Barry Joseph Paul – 02/05/1978; Sandra Tunstall – 02/05/2016, Margaret Ann Woodward – 03/05/1987.

“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>

28th April

- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** – Saturday 18th May, 11am – 2pm, Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; this may seem a way off yet, but to help us to make the Church Spring Fair a success, we'll be looking for donations of items to be sold on some of the stalls. Non-perishable items such as bottles and toys can be brought to ABC on any Friday morning or dropped off at Church on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to help out on the day or with setting stalls up on Friday 17th May, please contact Jan on 07950-960468.
- **I-Spy Nature** – Is an afternoon of fun for the whole family; Weds 29th May 1.30–3.30pm. £2.50 / child, or £2 / child if booked in advance; includes 'I-Spy Nature' trail through Christ Church Ainsworth Churchyard, nature themed craft activities and refreshments. For more info or to book your place, contact Alison on 07952-709041, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- **Prayers In Church** – We are fortunate to have a number of people who volunteer to do the readings in Church on a Sunday morning on a regular basis, but we are very short of people who are willing to lead prayers. We work on a rota basis, so it wouldn't be every week; we can

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give you help and guidance with preparing prayers, even write the prayers for you if that helps. If this is something that you might be able to help with, or if you would like to discuss it further, please speak to either Revd Debra, Revd Elaine, or 1 of the Churchwardens, or email ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com

- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – the April Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service this Sunday 28th 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!!
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Prom Concert** - featuring Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band – Saturday 6th July, 7pm in Church; adults £7.50, children under 16yrs £5 (includes refreshments). A limited number of tickets are now available in Church, or by emailing ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com Please book early to avoid disappointment!
- **Mission Community Prayer Journey** – Thursday 9th May; a great opportunity to join with others from our Mission Community in prayer & fellowship; starts with Celtic Morning Prayer, 10am Christ Church Walshaw; 11am prayer & refreshments at Christ Church Ainsworth; 12.15pm prayer at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, 1.15pm lunch & Communion Service at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe – please join us for any or all of this journey of prayer – no need to book; just turn up!
- **Flower Rota** - There are currently a few dates available on the church flower rota; if you would like to join the rota to mark a special date or simply to make sure our Church continues to look bright and welcoming, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378 for further details.
- **Volunteers Needed** – The Churchyard Team meet every Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11.30am and work hard to keep our Churchyard looking lovely. They are a friendly team, but sadly fewer in number than previously; if you could offer an hour or so to help out on a regular (or occasional) basis, please call round to Church any Wednesday morning – no experience or qualifications necessary.
- **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; this week we will be:

- Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support those who are in the greatest need.
- Praying that those who access these initiatives will be inspired and empowered by the support they receive.
- Praying for the time and resources to develop our existing initiatives, to enable our churches to reach out further and offer support to more people.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways of working together and reaching out to vulnerable people throughout our Mission Community.

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

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.