



This † Week

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March 30th 2014 – Mothering Sunday

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship here today.

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.

Parents with young children: don't worry if your child makes a noise during the service – we don't mind!

If it helps, there are some books, toys and 'busy bags' suitable for young children at the back of church.

30 th March Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday in Lent)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p91) Galatians 4:21-end; John 6:1-14 (BSh)
	10:30am	Family Communion (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers Mothers' Union</i> Readings: Exodus 2:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17 (Mothers' Union); John 19 25b-27 <i>Followed by refreshments in church</i>
	12:30pm	Baptism of Oliver David Koziol
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 148 (pg 535) <i>Prayers JW</i> Readings: Galatians 4:21-end; John 6:1-14 (DH)
Tuesday	9:15am	Holy Communion
	7:30pm	Lent Devotional
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
6 th April The Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p94) Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-end (MV)
	10:30am	Family Communion (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers GW</i> Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (CH); Romans 8:6-11 (CW); John 11:1-45
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 30 (pg 379) <i>Prayers AF</i> Readings: Lamentations 3:19-33; Matthew 20:17-end (PH)

FOR OUR PRAYERS this week we pray for:

The Church: Our Bishops, (David, Chris and Mark), Archdeacon David, Area Dean Alison, our ministry team, our PCC and our Churchwardens (Jean and Anne). Discernment and wisdom as the PCC considers possibilities for closer working with parishes in Radcliffe. Giving thanks for our thriving Church, as we implement our Mission Strategy. We pray that we will grow numerically, in faith and in discipleship. That the Diocesan vocations strategy will bear fruit and some from within our fellowship will answer God's call to Ordained, ALM or Reader ministry. Our neighbours at St Andrew's, Radcliffe who are now in interregnum and St Thomas & St John's in interregnum from today.

Our finances: The money to pay our way, especially for future building work and our obligation to the Diocese to cover the cost of ministry in this parish and to make a contribution to the wider Church.

Our Mission: That all of us might be good witnesses to the love of Christ in our day-to-day lives. That our footprint in the community might grow. Our uniformed organisations, ABC, Sunday School and Messy Church. Discernment as we explore additional possibilities for serving the young people of this parish.

Our families, friends, and our local community: Those facing financial or other difficulties. The children and staff of Christ Church School. Those who care for the frail and sick. Those living on Haslam Hey Close.

Our nation & the world: The Queen, her Ministers, our MP (Ivan Lewis), the Mayor (Cllr Sharon Briggs) and our other councillors (Peter Bury & Jane Lewis). Those serving overseas in the armed forces. Those affected by the storms. Those affected by war and conflict. The persecuted Church, especially Christians in Pakistan, Kenya, Nigeria and Syria.

Those in need: Those being cared for in local hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. For all who are ill, especially for: Louise Singleton, Noah Barnes, Graham Cowland, Trevor Cowland, Mary Brooks, Mollie Barnes and Winnie Horrobin.

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Alfred Hodson. 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)

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

NOTICES –30th March 2014

- **Agape Feast:** All are welcome to join us for our parish Agape Feast (6.30pm Wednesday 16th April in ACCH). An Agape Feast is a shared meal where everyone brings along some food (savoury or sweet) to share with those present and commemorates the Last Supper when, before his arrest, Jesus enjoyed a Passover meal with his disciples. During the meal we break bread and bless some wine before sharing an informal communion with one another. As this is not a formal Communion service, you don't need to be Confirmed to share in the bread and wine. The Feast is suitable for both adults and children. Tea & coffee will be available but otherwise bring your own drinks (alcoholic, soft).
- **Bishop David** is leading a deanery-wide service of worship & meditation 7.30pm, 8th April at St Thomas & St John, Radcliffe. You are all encouraged to attend. The service will include a Q&A session. Any questions should be submitted in advance to Chris Haworth (as Deanery Lay Chair).
- **Annual Church Meeting** will take place in the Church & Community Hall on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 7:30pm. This is your opportunity to have your say on the running of the Church. Please come along to support and elect your Church Council. Lists for nominations to PCC, Deanery Synod, and for Wardens are in the Church Porch. In May, the new PCC will appoint members of the sub-committees of the church (Worship, Church & Community Hall, Churchyard, Building, Social). All parishioners are able to serve on any of these and if you feel you are able to help in any way please contact the Vicar or church Wardens.
- **Mayor's Charity Event:** Forties Swing Night, this Friday (4th April), 7.30pm -12.30am, Bury Town Hall Elizabethan Suite. Live music from Swing Commander's Band. Potato Pie Supper. (Forties Dress optional) Cost £20. Tickets available from Elizabethan Suite, Mayor's Office or Sharon Briggs 07966677924
- **Top 10 Hymns:** following the success of the recent Ainsworth & Radcliffe Cluster Top 10 'hymnsfest', Revds Carol & Dave are planning another. But this time around, you get to vote! For the return match we will sing the Top 10 favourite hymns chosen by the congregations of Christ Church, St Andrew's, St Mary's, St Thomas & St John's and St Phillips. To vote simply follow this link to the survey (which will close on 13th April): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DNQSZ7M>. If the internet age has passed you by, ask a more digitally savvy friend (or young relative) to vote on your behalf. Watch this space for details of the next 'hymnsfest'!
- **The next Messy Church** is on Sunday 27th April, 2pm in ACCH. "It's Church Jim – but not as we know it!" Suitable for children of all ages and their carers. Messy Church involves messy craft activities, worship songs, prayer and refreshments. Also, **volunteers needed** to help with refreshments and activities (speak to Revd Dave or Debra if you want to help).
- **Sidesmen Training.** There will be a training session to explain the 'cashing up' process, at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th April, in Church. It is very important that all sidesmen understand the procedure so please try to find time to attend. Please let me know if you are coming. Thanks, June Brooks - 0104 527244 or june.brooks@tiscali.co.uk
- **Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes:** please note, these are provided for members of the congregation who want their offering to be subject to Gift Aid. Non-tax payers (e.g. children) and incomplete or blank envelopes cannot be processed and have to be thrown away. Currently around 30% of those used are being discarded. As we have to buy these envelopes, please will you use them only for their intended purpose. (*J.Brooks, Treasurer*)
- **Porch Boxes** The half-yearly appeal to help Porch Boxes replenish their shelves with goods for the crisis packs starts today and runs until the end of April. The charity is very short of tinned meals (please....no baked beans!) and tea bag (foil packed in 40s). Please can we help by donating these items? Thank you
- **Older Persons Social Gathering:** As part of our outreach, consideration is being given to organising a regular afternoon social gathering for older people in this area. Revd Dave is putting together a small working party to make this a reality. Contact him if you would like to join the working party.
- **Choir:** if you enjoy singing, why not join our choir. New members, including juniors, always welcome. No audition necessary. Further details from Jean Clifford or Beryl Sixsmith.
- **The Pastoral Visiting Team** is now operational. Please let Revd Dave know of anyone who is in hospital, sick, frail, housebound etc and who would like a visit.
- **The Prayer Chain:** Prayer requests may be submitted to June Hayes (0161 797 8114) or if she is unavailable, to Daryl Hardy (01204 362213).
- **The Church and Community Hall** is available for private bookings at very reasonable rates. Please ring Geoff Hampson on 07910 817577 or see www.ainsworthchurchandcommunityhall.co.uk for details

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<p>Common Worship God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	<p>Book of Common Prayer GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>

Gift Aid enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings and in 2012 boosted our funds by £8289. If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s). Envelopes for occasional givers are in the pews and forms for regular givers in the porch. **No personal details need to be given**, just a 'tick' to declare that you pay tax to the value of the amount to be claimed along with your **full** name, address and post code. Bank Standing Order forms are also available in the Church porch. Completed forms can be put on the collection plate with your offering.