



This † Week

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April 13th 2014 – Palm 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.

13 th April Palm Sunday (The Sunday Next before Easter)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p95) Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-13 (BA)
	10:30am	Parade & Family Service with Palm procession commencing at ACCH Readings: Matthew 21:1-11 (Guides) <i>Followed by Coffee Morning on behalf of Thomas's Jamboree Fund</i>
	6:30pm	Holy Communion. Readings (p95) Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-13 (AL)
Monday	7:30pm	Holy Week Devotional
Tuesday	9:15am	Holy Communion
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Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
	6:30pm	Agape Meal (including Communion) <i>in ACCH – please bring food</i>
Maunder Thursday	7:30pm	Holy Communion <i>with stripping of the Sanctuary</i>
Good Friday	10:30am	Before the Cross
	2:00pm	Good Friday Meditation
Easter Eve	7:30pm	Easter Vigil
20 th April Easter Day	5:45am	Dawn Service <i>followed by light refreshments</i>
	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p128) Colossians 3:1-7; John 20:1-10 (JW)
	10:30am	Family Communion (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers PH</i> Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6 (BS); Acts 10:34-43 (RT); Matthew 28:1-10 <i>Followed by refreshments in church</i>

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 and St Thomas & St John's, Radcliffe who are in interregnum.

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 Arthur Lane.

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. 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 – 13th April 2014

- **Agape Feast:** All are welcome to join us for our parish Agape Feast this Wednesday (16th April) 6.30pm 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).
- **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 **TODAY** 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'!
- **Refreshments after service next week:** As it is Easter Sunday next week, there will be refreshments after the 10:30 service (rather than the last Sunday of the month). If you can bake half a dozen small cakes, then that would be greatly appreciated.
- **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 bags (foil packed in 40s). Please can we help by donating these items? Thank you
- **Easter Flowers:** contributions towards the cost of the Easter flowers in Church are welcome. These should be given to Marie Wilding or Beryl Sixsmith.
- **Ring out for St George!** Come and celebrate St George's Day by ringing our Church bell (6pm on Wednesday 23rd April). No age limit!
- **Help at the services in Church.** Please can you consider being a sidesman or one of the readers at any of the services on a Sunday? If so please speak to the Wardens or Vicar who will gladly give you more details.
- **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.
- **Busy Bags** are now available at the back of Church for the benefit of young children. Enjoy! There are also some larger toys by the font. Don't worry if your youngsters get a bit noisy during the service or get restless and wander about a bit (providing they're supervised). Nobody minds, that's what young children do!
- **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).
- **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 Churchwardens.
- **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.
- **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).

To receive the Pew Sheet by e-mail, send an e-mail to vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk with 'send pew sheet' in the subject. Otherwise download from <http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/pewsheets.html>

Collects	
<p>Common Worship True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen</p>	<p>Book of Common Prayer ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.