



This † Week

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November 16th – The Second Sunday before Advent

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.

16 th November The Second Sunday Before Advent (The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p192) Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-end (JW)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers DH</i> <i>Communion Hymns:</i> 4, 267, (237) Readings: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18(DH);1 Thessalonians 5:1-11(MH);Matthew 25:14-30
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 89: 19-37 (pg 459) <i>Prayers DH</i> Readings: Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-end (JJ)
Tuesday	9:15am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
23 rd November Christ The King (The Sunday Next before Advent)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p197) Jeremiah 23:5-8; John 6:5-14 (AC)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers AF</i> <i>Communion Hymns:</i> TBD Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 (PH); Ephesians 1:15-end (BS); Matthew 25:31-end <i>Followed by the Christmas Meal</i>
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 93 (pg 466) <i>Prayers JJ</i> Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; John 6:5-14 (TB)

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, our Churchwardens (Jean and Andrew). The PCCs of the Radcliffe and Ainsworth parishes as we work towards establishing a four parish team in this area. Debra as she explores a possible call to ordination and that others from within our fellowship will answer God's call to Ordained, ALM or Reader ministry. Someone to come forward as our new Sunday School Leader.

Mission: We pray for those who have yet to encounter the love of God in Jesus Christ. As we implement our Mission Action Plan, we pray that we will continue to grow numerically, in faith and in discipleship. We pray that all of us might be good witnesses to the love of Christ in our day-to-day lives and that our footprint in the community might grow. We pray that our uniformed organisations, ABC, and Sunday School will continue to thrive and that Messy Church will grow. We ask for discernment as we explore additional possibilities for serving the young people of this parish.

Our finances: Future building work as we firm up on the work required and investigate the possibility of applying for grants. That we will meet our obligation to the Diocese to cover the cost of ministry in this parish and to support the cost of mission within the Diocese generally through the Parish Share.

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 Claydon Drive

Our nation & the world: The Queen, her Ministers, our MP (Ivan Lewis), our councillors (Sharon Briggs, Peter Bury & Jane Lewis). Those serving overseas in the armed forces. Those affected by war and conflict. The persecuted Church, especially Christians in Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iraq and Syria. Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad. Asia Bibi, the Pakistani Christian on Death Row, since being sentenced to death in 2010 for blasphemy.

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, Mary Brooks, Winnie Horrobin, Irene Ellison, Adrian Atkinson, Louise Rostron, Brian Martin, Sharon McDowell and Ron Biggs.

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 – 16th November 2014

- **Posada:** Once again we are doing “Posada”- an old Mexican (and now Ainsworth) tradition, which in this country uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from home to home. Each host has an opportunity to create their own celebration in their home and reminds us all of the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in our lives. Will you get be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? Sign-up sheets and further details are at the back of Church. Please return forms today if possible.
- **Readers:** We would like volunteers to read at the Advent and Epiphany Carol Services to be held at 6.30 p.m. on 30th November and 4th January respectively. Please speak to Andrew Lowe if you are able to do a reading on one or both of these dates.
- **Christmas Meal: next Sunday** 23rd November. Details and menu are in the Church Magazine. Please book as soon as possible – there is a box at the back of Church for completed forms
- **Mothers' Union:** this Tuesday (18th) Mothers' Union welcome Stephen Douthwaite from the Fusiliers Museum. His talk, "Lest we forget" will be based round a presentation of the Gallipoli campaign. Everyone is welcome and please bring your friends as well. It will be in the Church and Community hall at 7.30pm
- **Volunteers:** we are seeking a) an additional Sunday School leader; b) additional helpers to assist at Baptisms; and c) more volunteers to lead our prayers at our 10.30am services and, especially, at our 6.30pm services. Please speak with Revd Dave in confidence if you feel God is calling you to any of these important roles.
- **Iraq:** Donations to support Christian and other refugees in Iraq can still be made to the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf <http://cypgulf.org/iraq/> the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, which supports the work of Canon Andrew White & St George's, Baghdad <http://frrme.org/> and Open Doors <https://partners.opendoorsuk.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=497>
- **Scripture Union Bible Quiz:** we're hoping to enter adult and under-16s teams for this year's Bible Quiz, which begins 7.30pm on Friday 28th November at St Chad's, Tong Fold. There is no expectation that team members will be Biblical Scholars and you will be told in advance which passages you will be questioned about. The guest speaker is... our Vicar so it would be nice to have a team this year. See Norma Wainhouse for details.
- **Christmas Day:** Rev Carol Hayden and her husband Mike will be preparing a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day for people who are on their own. This is at St. Philip's Community Centre in Radcliffe from 1pm to 3pm. Transport will be provided. Please let Revd Dave know if you would like to attend
- **Coach Trip to Saundersfoot.** 1st to 5th June 2015. Cost £239 (plus single supplement if applicable), includes 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, excursions to St Davids & St Brides Bay, Laugharne, Camarthan and Tenby, bar and lounge with pool table and outdoor heated swimming pool. If interested please contact Mary Bamber 0161 763 6921 or e-mail derek_bamber@sky.com by Saturday 28th November (deposit of £50 per person)
- **Busy Bags** are 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!
- **Facebook:** we have a parish Facebook page. Navigate to **Christ Church Ainsworth** and “Like” for updates.
- **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** visits the frail and housebound and Revd Dave is happy to visit anyone in hospital or who would like home communion. Please inform Revd Dave if you know of anyone in any of these situations 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).
- **Prayer:** One way of praying is to write a short prayer and hang it on the Prayer Tree (next to the pulpit). The Holy Spirit knows exactly what is on your heart so these do not need to be masterpieces of prose! Cryptic prayers will do! Please date them and we will remove them after two months (simply re-date your prayer before the end of two months if you want it to stay up longer.)
- **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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Collects	
Common Worship Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Book of Common Prayer LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s). This enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings and in 2013 this boosted our funds by £7436. 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.