



# This † Week

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## November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christ The King

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.**

23 <sup>rd</sup> November Christ The King (The Sunday Next before Advent)	8:00am	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p197) Jeremiah 23:5-8; John 6:5-14 (AC)	
	10:30am	<b>Family Communion.</b> (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N <sup>o</sup> 264) <i>Communion Hymns: 330,24 (237)</i> Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 (PH); Ephesians 1:15-end (BS); Matthew 25:31-end <i>Followed by the Christmas Meal</i>	<i>Prayers AF</i>
	6:30pm	<b>Evensong</b> Psalm 93 (pg 466) Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; John 6:5-14 (TB)	<i>Prayers JJ</i>
Tuesday	9:15am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
	7:30pm	<b>Mothers' Union Advent Carols</b> ( <i>All welcome!</i> )	
Wednesday	9:30am	<del><b>Holy Communion</b> at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth – cancelled</del>	
	2:30pm	<b>Church open for personal prayer</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> November The first Sunday of Advent	8:00am	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p47) Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-13 (BSh)	
	10:30am	<b>Family Communion.</b> (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N <sup>o</sup> 264) <i>Communion Hymns: TBD</i> Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 (CM); 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (RT); Mark 13.24-37 <i>Followed by Refreshments in Church</i>	<i>Prayers GW</i>
	2:00pm	<b>Messy Church</b> ( <i>In 'New Room', Church &amp; Community Hall</i> )	
	6:30pm	<b>Advent Carols</b>	<i>Prayers JW</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, 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 Saltram Close.

**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, Ron Biggs and Audrey Downes.

**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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

- **Last week's Winter Wonderland** was a huge success with a whopping £2,356.68 (at the last count) being raised for Church funds (last year £2,222.60). This is a fantastic result, so a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and thank you to everyone who came from far and wide to support this important annual event.
- **Balcony Group** have so far raised £57.83 to support Christian refugees in Iraq and they have orders for more crosses. Well done Balcony Group. Direct 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>
- **Posada:** Letters have been given out to those who are taking part this year (please see Polly if you haven't got your letter). However, there are still spaces later on, in December, if you wish to take part. Posada 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. Sign-up sheets and further details are at the back of Church. Please return forms as soon as possible.
- **Refreshments after services:** There will be refreshments after the 10:30 service next Sunday. If you can bake half a dozen small cakes, then that would be greatly appreciated.
- **Church Yard – this Saturday:** there will be the additional monthly gardening session in the church yard on Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>) from 9:30 to 12noon. Please come along to help if you can
- **Readers:** We would like volunteers to read at the Advent and Epiphany Carol Services to be held at 6.30 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> January respectively. Please speak to Andrew Lowe if you are able to do a reading on one or both of these dates.
- **Mothers' Union** invite everyone to join them at their Advent Carol service this week (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm.
- **Carol Singing:** there are plenty of opportunities to go carol singing over the next few weeks. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec our Choir are singing at Southlands at 3pm (meet 2.30pm outside Church if you want a lift). More to follow.
- **"Community Christmas Spirit":** on Wednesday 10th December at 1:30pm., Ainsworth School is inviting people from the community who may now not have much connection with the school to a Christmas treat in school. You may be grandparents, simply live in the village, or you may be a past pupil. If you would like to attend, please complete one of the reply slips that are near the font and put it in the box or telephone Gwen on 01204 595378. Admission is free, refreshments will be served and the children will entertain you. Come and enjoy yourselves
- **Jigsaw Library:** we are starting up a jigsaw library in ACCH on the 2nd Sunday of the month, following church parades (approx. 11:45 to 12:15). It will cost £6 to borrow a jigsaw, with £5 being returned when the jigsaw is brought back (with £1 going to Church Funds). Donations of complete jigsaws would be appreciated.
- **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.
- **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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Cost £239 (plus single supplement if applicable), includes 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, excursions to St Davids & St Brides Bay, Laugharne, Carmarthen 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](mailto:derek_bamber@sky.com) by this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November (deposit of £50 per person)
- **Shopping on the Internet** can raise free money for Church. If you shop on-line with Amazon, Tesco, Asda, Argos, Play.com, Debenhams, eBay, and hundreds of other retailers, you can raise funds for Church at no extra cost to yourself via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ainsworthpc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ainsworthpc). Just register Ainsworth Parish Church as your preferred charity and carry on shopping. Any money received via Easy Fundraising can now be Gift Aided.

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<b>Collects</b>	
<p><b>Common Worship</b>            God the Father,            help us to hear the call of Christ the King            and to follow in his service,            whose kingdom has no end;            for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,            one God, one glory. <b>Amen</b></p>	<p><b>Book of Common Prayer</b>            STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful            people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of            good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through            Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b></p>

**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.