



This † Week

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December 7th – The Second Sunday of 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.

7 th December The Second Sunday of Advent (The Second Sunday in Advent)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p49) Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-33 (MV)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers DJ</i> <i>Communion Hymns:</i> 4 267 Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 (JE); 2 Peter 3:8-15a (SW); Mark 1:1-8
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 40 (pg 395) <i>Prayers AL</i> Readings: Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-33 (BS)
Tuesday	9:15am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Funeral of Joyce Hartley at Overdale Crematorium
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Deven Drive, Ainsworth – cancelled
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
14 th December The Third Sunday of Advent (The Third Sunday in Advent)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p49) 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-10 (BA)
	10:30am	Parade & Family Service Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Guides) <i>Followed by Coffee and Mince Pies provided by the Mothers' Union and Carols by our own Church Choir</i>
	1.30pm	Interment of Alice Heys' ashes
	6:30pm	Christingle Service

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 Moorside Ave.

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, especially the family and friends of Joyce Hartley and Alice Heys. 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...'

PCC News

The PCC met on 25th November and, as usual, worked through a packed agenda. Revd Dave reported some good news; Debra is through to the next stage in her quest for ordination and a Priest serving as an Ordained Local Minister elsewhere has expressed a desire to transfer their licence to this parish. In addition to regularly leading worship, the individual (who cannot be named for now) will be responsible for pastoral care and bereavement visiting. The PCC agreed to the transfer and we now await a final decision from Bishop Chris.

Progress is being achieved regarding the formation of the proposed Ainsworth and Radcliffe Team and work is underway to draft a joint team profile so that we can recruit a Team Rector designate. There will be three stipendiary (i.e. full time, paid) clergy within the team, all with equal status, all exercising ministry in each of our parishes. Although individual clergy will be responsible for specific churches, they will also have (as yet unspecified) cross team responsibilities.

A proposal to change the date of next year's Flower Festival was discussed. It was agreed to leave the date (10-12 July 2015) as it is, but with the proviso that we avoid disruption to those groups who regularly use the Church Hall (e.g. by not having a café on the Friday). It is planned to source the new pew cushions after the Flower Festival and donations towards the cost will be sought in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 14th 6:30pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st 10-30am Nativity Service

6:30pm Carol Service

(Traditional nine lessons & carols followed by mince pies & mulled wine!)

Christmas Eve 2:00pm Christmas Eve at the Crib

(During which we welcome Joseph and Mary as they return from their Posada journey)

11:30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Family Communion

NOTICES – 7th December 2014

- **2015 Diaries** are at the back of Church. These are free but donations are always welcome!
- **Christmas leaflets** containing details the Christmas services for all Radcliffe churches (including our own) are at the back of Church. Please take one to give to a friend.
- **Posada:** There are 2 spaces left (17th & 18th Dec), If you wish to take part please see Rev'd Dave or Polly
- **Scouts** are selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper, £1 a strip, to raise money toward Austria trip 2015. The draw will take place at Church Parade on 14th Dec. Tickets on sale today – please see Laura or James
- **Thanks** to the generosity and hard work of the Cubs and Scouts, whilst completing their International Award, we have been able to purchase a well for clean water, a sheep, a goat and 3 chickens for people in Kenya. We have also sent over 150 items to Carol Hayden for the Porch Box Charity. Thanks to all. Gwen and Stacey
- **Readers:** We would like volunteers to read at the Epiphany Carol Services to be held at 6.30 p.m. on 4th January. Please speak to Andrew Lowe if you are able to do a reading on one or both of these dates.
- **Christmas Wreaths** If you ordered a wreath, it will be available for collection **this Wednesday** 10th December from 10am to 12 noon, or on the following Sunday
- **Carol Singing:** there are plenty of opportunities to go carol singing over the next few weeks. **This Saturday** (13th) the choir are at Bradley Fold Garden Centre and Starmount Villa Residential Home (meeting outside Church at 1.30pm). Next Sunday (2pm) they are at Ainsworth Nursing Home. Please join them if you can.
- **Jigsaw Library:** we are starting up a jigsaw library in ACCH **next Sunday** (and then 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:** St. Philip's Community Centre (in Radcliffe) are hosting a Christmas Lunch from 1pm to 3pm on Christmas Day for people who are on their own. Transport will be provided and, with that in mind, volunteer drivers are needed for 12.30pm pick-ups and 3.30pm return journeys. Please let Revd Dave know if you would like to attend or can volunteer as a driver.
- **Ainsworth Village History Society** is meeting **this Tuesday** (9th December) at 7:30pm in the White Horse – all welcome.

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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.