



This † Week

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January 11th – The Baptism of Christ

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.

11 th January The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday After The Epiphany)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p67) Romans 12.1-5; Luke 2.41-end (BA)
	10:30am	Parade & Family Service Reading: Mark 1:4-11 "The Baptism of Christ" (Scout Group) <i>Followed by Coffee Morning on behalf of Messy Church</i>
	6:30pm	Holy Communion. Readings (p67) Romans 12.1-5; Luke 2.41-end (PH)
Tuesday	9.15am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
Thursday	3:00pm	Funeral of Jean Garforth followed by committal at Overdale
18 th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany (The Second Sunday After The Epiphany)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p69) Romans 12:6-16a;; John 2:1-11 (JW)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers DH</i> <i>Communion Hymns: TBD</i> Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (CH); Revelation 5:1-10 (DH); John 1:43-51
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 96 (pg 469) <i>Prayers JJ</i> Readings: Romans 12:6-16a; John 2:1-11 (JJ)

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 prepares to attend a Bishops' Advisory Panel conference to determine whether she will be selected for ordination training. 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. Those who are lonely or homeless. Those struggling with addiction. Those who care for the frail and sick. Those living on Church St.

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

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Paul Titchmarsh, Mavis Goodier and Jean Garforth. 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 – 11th January 2015

- **Church Hall:** we are missing several tea towels and two large pans from the Church Hall kitchen. If you have taken them home to clean, please return them as soon as possible. Thanks.
- **Altar Cloths:** after many years of taking responsibility for washing and ironing the altar cloths, Wyn Steel has decided to step down. We therefore need a volunteer to take this on. Please see Revd Dave if interested
- **Jigsaw Library:** **Today** in ACCH (approx. 11:45 to 12:15). It will cost £2 to borrow a jigsaw, with £1 being returned when the jigsaw is brought back (with £1 going to Church Funds) – a change so that a smaller float can be used
- **Ainsworth Village History Society** is meeting this Tuesday (13th) at 7:30pm in the White Horse – all welcome.
- **Fair Trade:** A gentle reminder that several years ago we signed up to be a Fair Trade Church. Therefore, where possible/appropriate, Fair Trade products should be used for Church activities. Thank You.
- **2015 Diaries** are at the back of Church. These are free but donations are always welcome!
- **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.
- **Iraqi Christians** 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://frme.org/> and Open Doors <https://partners.opendoorsuk.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=497>
- **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!
- **Churchyard Team (Wednesdays) and Pew Polishers (Thursdays):** If you have a bit of time to spare and would like to help your Church in a practical way then join either the Churchyard Team (contact Roy Turner 0161 764 1484) or the Pew Polishers (contact Margaret Coupe, 01204 525881) or both.
- **Facebook:** we have a parish Facebook page. Navigate to **Christ Church Ainsworth** and "Like" for updates.
- **Communion Hymns:** please join the choir in singing the communion hymns.
- **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
- **Child Protection training:** All those who work with children on behalf of the church (i.e. Sunday School leaders and anyone else **holding a CRB obtained through Church**) **must** undertake basic diocesan child protection training. This can now be done online via the diocesan website at <http://www.manchester.anglican.org/safe-church/training-resources>
- **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.)
- **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. Just register Ainsworth Parish Church as your preferred charity and carry on shopping. Any money received via Easy Fundraising can now be Gift Aided.
- **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	
<p>Common Worship Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.. Amen.</p>	<p>Book of Common Prayer O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.</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.