



# This † Week

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## January 25<sup>th</sup> – The Conversion of Paul

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.**

25 <sup>th</sup> January The Conversion of Paul	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p202) Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-end (MV)
	10:45am	Joint Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church (No service at Christ Church)
	2:00pm	Messy Church (In 'New Room', Church & Community Hall)
	6:30pm	Service of Wholeness & Healing Readings: Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-end (AL)
Tuesday	9.15am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
1 <sup>st</sup> February Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p205) Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40 (AC)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N <sup>o</sup> 264) Prayers GW Communion Hymns: TBD Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 (JE); Hebrews 2:14-18 (JH); Luke 2.22-40 Followed by coffee morning on behalf of the Social Committee Also, there will be the interment of Jean Garforth's ashes after the service.
	12 noon	Baptism of Rebecca and Hannah Philipson
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 148 (pg 535) Prayers AL Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40 (BS)

### 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 continue to implement our Mission Action Plan, we pray that we will 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 prepare to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding. 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 Bradley Fold Rd.

**Our nation & the world:** The Queen, her Ministers, our MP (Ivan Lewis), our councillors (Sharon Briggs, Peter Bury & Jane Lewis). For the people of France as they respond to recent terrorist attacks by Islamist extremists. Those affected by war and conflict. The persecuted Church, especially Christians in Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iraq and Syria. 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, Audrey Downes and Leslie Holden.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Gladys Gilmore and Rev'd Steve Foster. 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015

- **Clergy Move:** last week we were pleased to announce that Revd Elaine Larkin is to join our parish as an Ordained Local Minister. As well as leading worship and presiding at Holy Communion, she will have specific responsibility for Pastoral Visiting and for ministry amongst the elderly. Whilst Elaine is already attending our church, we look forward to welcoming her officially at her licencing, the date of which is still to be announced.
- **TODAY** Radcliffe Churches Together are holding a United Service for the Week of Christian Unity, 4pm at Saint Mary & St Philip Neri RC Church, Belgrave St, Radcliffe. Please support this
- **Church Yard – this Saturday:** there will be the additional monthly gardening session in the churchyard on Saturday (31<sup>st</sup>) from 9:30 to 12noon. Please come along to help if you can
- **Coffee Morning:** The Social Committee will be hosting a coffee morning and raffle following the 10-30am service next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> February) in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall. Please try and support this as some of the proceeds will be used to buy resources to benefit future fundraising events.
- **Jigsaw Library:** Thanks for the donations of jigsaws. We now have over 100 – but unfortunately we have filled the available storage space! The next library will be on Sunday 8th Feb from 11:45 to 12:15 in Ainsworth Church and Community Hall. It costs £2 to borrow a jigsaw with £1 back when it is returned. All welcome to join
- **2015 Diaries** are at the back of Church (lots and lots of them). 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!
- **Cockey Moor Craft Group** meets each Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 in the New Room of the Church and Community Hall. Everyone welcome. (There is a small charge to cover costs)
- **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](http://www.ainsworthchurchandcommunityhall.co.uk) for details.

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<b>Collects</b>	
<p><b>Common Worship</b> Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. <b>Amen</b></p>	<p><b>Book of Common Prayer</b> O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; 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.