



# This Week

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## February 1<sup>st</sup> – Candlemas

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.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> February Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p205) Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40 (MV)
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Family Communion, including Baptism of Rebecca and Hannah Philipson</b> (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N° 264) <b>Communion Hymns:</b> 267,184 <b>Prayers GW</b> Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 (JE); Hebrews 2:14-18 (JH); Luke 2.22-40 <i>Followed by coffee morning on behalf of the Social Committee</i> <i>Also, there will be the interment of Jean Garforth's ashes after the service.</i>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> Psalm 148 (pg 535) <b>Prayers AL</b> Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40 (BS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth
	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Church open for personal prayer</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Funeral of Joyce Cabble</b> followed by committal at Radcliffe Crematorium
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Funeral of Bridget Mary Partington</b> at Radcliffe Crematorium
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday Before Lent (Sexagesima)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p80) 2 Corinthians 11:19-31; Luke 8:4-15 (BA)
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Parade &amp; Family Service</b> Reading: Jesus the Real Vine, John 15:1-11 (Guides) <i>Followed by Coffee Morning on behalf of Guides Thinking Day</i>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> Psalm 65 (pg 423) <b>Prayers AL</b> Readings: 2 Corinthians 11:19-31; Luke 8:4-15 (RT)

### 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 Cockey Moor Road.

**Our nation & the world:** The Queen, her Ministers, our MP (Ivan Lewis), our councillors (Sharon Briggs, Peter Bury & Jane Lewis). 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 Rostrom, Brian Martin, Audrey Downes and Leslie Holden.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Rev'd Steve Foster, Norman Bibby, Joyce Cabble, Bridget Mary Partington, Sharon McDowell and Jean Garforth. Trusting in God, may they find healing, peace, strength and courage to face the future.

### Christ Church Ainsworth

**'Celebrating, encouraging, proclaiming and supporting faith, hope and love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord...'**

## PCC News

The PCC met on Tuesday evening and the matters discussed included: our link with St John's, Olafu (in Kenya); the proposed Ainsworth and Radcliffe Team; youth work; the Child Friendly Church Award (a small working party was established to check our progress in achieving this); and the news that Debra will be attending a Bishops' Advisory Panel conference in May to determine whether she will be selected for ordination training. We also discussed fundraising for our new pew cushions (see separate notice), the Flower Festival and began to consider some other possible events to celebrate our 500th anniversary. There is no news yet regarding Revd Elaine's licensing and there is good news from English Heritage who have told us that we are eligible to bid for Heritage Lottery Funding towards the cost of repointing the church stonework and stabilising the South wall (there is no guarantee, however, that our bid will be successful so please continue to hold this in your prayers).

## NOTICES – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015

- **Clergy Move:** In mid-January 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 licensing, the date of which is still to be announced.
- **Coffee Morning:** The Social Committee will be hosting a coffee morning and raffle following the 10-30am service today (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.
- **Card found** last month (11th Jan) in Church Street to "Lexi" from Nanna (other part not easily read). The card was purchased from the British Red Cross. If you know who Lexi is, please see Rev'd Dave
- **Mothers' Union** are holding their AGM on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome.
- **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 next 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
- **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.
- **500<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** as part of the festivities (and for your comfort in the years to come) the PCC has decided to introduce Pew Cushions for all downstairs pews. The cost will be just over £4,000 and we are now seeking donations (no matter how small). Please place your donations in an envelope marked 'pew cushions', add your name and hand it to the Vicar, one of the Churchwardens or a Sidesman. Please Gift Aid if possible.
- **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://frrme.org/> and Open Doors <https://partners.opendoorsuk.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=497>

To receive the Pew Sheet by e-mail, send an e-mail to [vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk) with 'send pew sheet' in the subject. Otherwise download from <http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/pewsheets.html>

### Nunc dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature. **Alleluia.**

Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law. **Alleluia.**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.**

### Collects

#### Common Worship

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen**

#### Book of Common Prayer

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son 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.