



This † Week

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February 8th –The Second Sunday Before Lent

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.

8 th February The Second Sunday Before Lent (Sexagesima)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p80) 2 Corinthians 11:19-31; Luke 8:4-15 (BA)
	10:30am	Parade & Family Service Reading: <i>Jesus the Real Vine</i> , John 15:1-11 (Guides) <i>Followed by Coffee Morning on behalf of Guides Thinking Day</i>
	6:30pm	Holy Communion Readings: 2 Corinthians 11:19-31; Luke 8:4-15 (RT)
Tuesday	9.15am	Holy Communion cancelled
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth cancelled
	2:30pm	Church open for personal prayer
15 th February The Sunday Next Before Lent (Quinquagesima)	8:00am	Holy Communion. Readings (p82) 1 Corinthians 13:1-end; Luke 18:31-end (JW)
	10:30am	Family Communion. (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N ^o 264) <i>Prayers DJ</i> <i>Communion Hymns: TBD</i> Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 (PH); 2 Corinthians 4.3-6(MH); Mark 9.2-9
	12 Noon	Baptisms of Blake & Lois Tomlinson
	6:30pm	Evensong Psalm 2 (pg 347) <i>Prayers DH</i> Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-end; Luke 18:31-end (CH)

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. *[The power of prayer: We give thanks that Wendy Skehan has volunteered to be 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 Starling 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 Rostron, Brian Martin, Audrey Downes and Leslie Holden.

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Joyce Cable, Bridget Mary Partington, and Sharon McDowell. 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 27th January 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 – 8th February 2015

- **Revd Elaine Larkin's** licensing to this parish as an Ordained Local Minister will take place in Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th March, with Bishop Chris presiding. Please come along to show your support on this happy occasion!
- **Book Of Remembrance** (for the first half of the year) is missing. If you know where it might be, can you please tell Rev'd Dave
- **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
- **Jigsaw Library:** Thanks for the donations of jigsaws. We now have over 100 – but unfortunately we have filled the available storage space! The library will be **today** 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
- **Fire Marshalls:** Fantastic after school club will be hosting a fire marshalling course on Wednesday March 11th at 6pm at the church hall in the new room, the cost will be £10 per person, this price maybe reduced depending on numbers. Any interested groups or individuals please contact Linda on 07709267367
- **Ainsworth Village History Society** is meeting this Tuesday (10th February) at 7:30pm in the White Horse – all welcome.
- **Food & Fellowship** is the working title for a group of volunteers from local churches seeking to help refugees and asylum seekers in the South of the borough by offering them food and fellowship. They are hoping to arrange a one-off event (maybe followed by more) and are seeking volunteers. A planning meeting for those interested will take place 7pm, 10th February at St Thomas & St John's, Radcliffe.
- **Volunteers:** we are seeking additional helpers to assist at Baptisms; and 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.
- **500th 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.
- **"Celebration of Radcliffe" Service.** Radcliffe Churches Together are organising a '**Celebration of Radcliffe**' service on 3rd June (7pm at Radcliffe URC), to support the 50th Carnival Celebrations, which will have the theme '**Let's have fun**' but most of all the service will focus upon asking God to bless the town of Radcliffe. They would like to gather stories from people in Radcliffe with the theme '**The most fun I've ever had in Radcliffe.....**' and are asking people to share their stories in a couple of short paragraphs for display in church during the service. Naturally, we can assume there is an expectation that people's reminiscences will be limited to the sort of fun things that can be displayed in church! If you send your short stories to Revd Dave, he will forward them.
- **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 with 'send pew sheet' in the subject. Otherwise download from <http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/pewsheets.html>

Collects

Common Worship

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Book of Common Prayer

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in
any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy
power we may be defended against all adversity;
through 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.