



# This † Week

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## February 22<sup>nd</sup> –The First Sunday of 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.**

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>The First Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b> <b>(The First Sunday</b> <b>in Lent)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p86) 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11 (AC)
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Family Communion.</b> (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N <sup>o</sup> 264) <i>Prayers PH</i> <i>Communion Hymns: 307,330</i> Readings: Genesis 9:8-17 (AL); 1 Peter 3:18-22 (CM); Mark 1:9-15 <i>Followed by Tea and Coffee in church</i>
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b> (In 'New Room', Church & Community Hall)
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Psalm 119:17-32 (pg 501) <i>Prayers JJ</i> Readings: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11 (DH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<del>Lent Devotional</del> Canceled
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<del>Holy Communion at 2 Devon Drive, Ainsworth</del> Canceled
	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Church open for personal prayer</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>The Second Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b> <b>(The Second Sunday</b> <b>in Lent)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion.</b> Readings (p88) 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 15:21-28 (MV)
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Family Communion.</b> (Lord's Prayer: Hymn N <sup>o</sup> 264) <i>Prayers DH</i> <i>Communion Hymns: TBD</i> Readings: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 (TB); Romans 4:13-25 (BS); Mark 8:31-38
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> Psalm 135:1-14 (pg 521) <i>Prayers PH</i> Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 15:21-28 (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). 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.

**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 Street Lane.

**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. Persecuted 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. The sick, especially for: Louise Singleton, Mary Brooks, Winnie Horrobin, Irene Ellison, Adrian Atkinson, Louise Rostron, Brian Martin, Leslie Holden and Margaret Bullock.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Chris Tatlow, Dorothy Roberts 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...'**

## NOTICES – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!
- **Help needed** for Revd Elaine's licensing as there will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards so we need volunteers to help setup and serve drinks - plus lots of cakes!
- **Church Yard – this Saturday:** there will be the additional monthly gardening session in the church yard on Saturday (28<sup>th</sup>) from 9:30 to 12noon. Please come along to help if you can.
- **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
- **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast:** the next one is 7.30am, 12<sup>th</sup> March, Peel Room, Bury Town Hall with guest speaker Sir Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester. £10 on the door but you need to book in advance. Speak to Revd Dave if interested.
- **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.
- **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.
- **"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>
- **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
- **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>Common Worship</b> Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer</b> O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. <b>Amen.</b>

**If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s).** This enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings and in 2014 this boosted our funds by £ 8035. 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.