



This † Week

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4th May – 3rd Sunday Of Easter

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available at the back of church.

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4 th May 3 rd Sunday Of Easter (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion - Readings: Acts 9.1-6; Rev 5.11-14 (EH); John 21.1-19 (Lay Ass BC)
	12.15pm	Baptism of Millie Commins
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: 1 Peter 2; 19-end; John 10; 11-16 (Pg138). Psalm 30 (Pg379)
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Thursday	6.30pm	VE Day Community Bell Ring
11 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion Readings: 1 Peter 2; 11-17; John 16; 16-22 (Pg 139)
	10.30am	VE Day Celebration & Parade Service
	12.15pm	Baptism of Beau George Fairclough

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Old Oak Close.

The sick: All who are ill; Moira Gilmore, Archdeacon Rachel, Bishop David, members of our families, our congregation, and our wider community.

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones; especially the family & friends of John Maudsley, may they find healing, peace, strength, and courage to face the future.

We remember with thanks, the lives of those recorded in our Book Of Remembrance, whose anniversary falls within the coming week: Edna Forrest – 05/05/2005; Thomas Edward Hartley – 06/05/1998; Dora Rayson – 06/05/2020.

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)

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4th May

- **VE Day; Celebrating 80 Years**– Churches throughout the country will be taking part in a ‘national bell ring’ on Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm, to replicate the Church bells ringing out to proclaim Victory in Europe back in 1945. We’ll be ringing the Church bell for 10 minutes at this time; please come along and join us. Feel free to bring a hand bell with you; at the end of the 10 minute bell ring we’ll have a short time of hand bell ringing – just to make sure that everyone has heard us!
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Primary School** - are planning to create an outdoor prayer area and ‘Forest Church’ for the children to access in conjunction with our Church. To enable them to do this, they are looking for sponsorship or donations to enable them to purchase picnic tables, a pergola and other resources to be able to carry out activities. If anyone would be interested in making a donation or sponsoring a piece of equipment, please contact Mrs. Comac via ccainsworth@bury.gov.uk

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



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- **VE Day Celebration Service** – Sunday 11th May, 10.30am in Church. Why not come along to our special Service and help us to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day; feel free to wear red, white & blue!
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** - Saturday 17th May 11 – 2pm in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; stalls, games, crafts & cafe. If you have any items which would be suitable to sell at the Spring Fair or to be used as a raffle prize, please leave them on the back pew in Church – thank you.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Summer Concert** - featuring local choir 'Notability', Saturday 28th June 7.30pm in Church. Adults £7-50, children £5, (includes refreshments). Tickets available in church, by phoning 07952-709041, or by emailing ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- **Baptism Sidespeople Needed** – Could you spare an hour after the main Sunday Service on an occasional basis to help out at Baptisms? It would be great to have a small team of people who could greet guests, hand out service sheets, and generally be around to support whoever is leading the Baptism Service. If you think this is something you could do, please speak to Revd Debra or one of the Churchwardens. Thanking you in advance.
- **Organic Compost** – The Churchyard Team produce their own organic compost for use within the Churchyard but also have some available to sell. Bring a bag along to Church any Wednesday morning & they'll fill it in exchange for a small donation to the Churchyard Team.
- **Prayer Tree** - Prayer is an integral part of Christianity; it isn't a magic formula for getting what we want, and it isn't reserved for 'holy' people, or for special times or places. Prayer is talking to God. Did you know that we have a Prayer Tree in Church? Please feel free to write a short prayer on one of the paper leaves you'll find in church, then hang your leaf on our Prayer Tree.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The May Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 25th May; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com & remember – you have to be in it to win it!!

Praying Together: Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; in the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks for all those who work with children and young people, both within our Churches and within our wider communities.
- Praying for the pupils and staff of our local schools, as they prepare for SATS & end of year exams.
- Praying for and giving thanks for the many initiatives aimed at children and young people, which our churches already run or support; breakfast clubs, holiday clubs, Sunday Schools, family friendly worship opportunities.
- Praying that at least some of the seeds of faith which are sown through these initiatives, will take root and bear fruit.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to engage with children and young people.

If you would like to include a notice on the pew sheet about your organisation or a specific event that's happening, please email ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com

If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your offering(s). This enables us to claim back the tax paid on offerings. 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.