



# This † Week

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## 18<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship.

**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.**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun After Epiphany (White)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (PH) John 1.29-42 (Lay Ass ... PH; Prayers ... AL)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (White)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: Romans 12; 16-end; Matthew 8; 1-13 (Pg 71)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 (LHo) Matthew 4.12-23 (Lay Ass ... LHo; Prayers DH) <i>Followed by refreshments &amp; drawing of the January Lucky Lotto</i>

### **Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Lowercroft Road.

**The sick:** All who are unwell; Roy Turner, Moira Gilmore, John Lloyd, Margaret Coupe, members of our families, our congregation, and our wider community.

**The bereaved:** All who have lost loved ones, especially the family & friends of Norman Dillon; 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 weeks:** William Eddleston – 19/01/1992; Stephen Hamilton Hopper – 19/01/1995; William (Bill) White – 21/01/2024; Robert Aspin – 22/01/1995; James William Rayson – 23/01/1959.

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

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### **18<sup>th</sup> January**

- **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity** – This ecumenical celebration takes place each year from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, providing an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ. More info & resources can be found at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 – One Body One Spirit – Churches Together in England](#)
- **Parish Magazine Advertising** - If you own or manage a local business, have you considered advertising in our Parish Magazine? The Magazine is emailed out directly to almost 300 people every month, and also uploaded to our Facebook page, website and 'A Church Near You' page, as well as being shared to Christ Church Ainsworth School. For more info / price options, email [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)
- **Grass Seed Wanted!** The Churchyard Team are currently top dressing & re-seeding a number of graves within the Churchyard to prevent ground sinkage; if anyone would like to donate a box / bag of grass seed to help with this it would be gratefully received. Thanking you in advance.

## **Christ Church Ainsworth**

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

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- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – Don't miss the opportunity to dust off the grey matter & enter our all new 'Quiz Sheet Quiz League'. Starting from February, we'll be printing a quiz sheet each month; sheets will be available in Church at £1 each; all proceeds to Church funds. There will be a small prize for the winner each month & a prize at the end of the year for the person / team who have scored the most points throughout the course of the year.
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** – Occasionally we all receive gifts which are the wrong size, a 'double up' or 'just not for us' ... If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts which may be suitable to be given as a raffle prize or sold at one of our Church fairs, please consider donating them to Church; simply leave them in the bag marked 'Gift Amnesty', which you'll find at the back of Church. Thanking you in advance!
- **Church Flower Rota** – There are currently a number of 'vacant slots' on our Church Flower rota; if you would be interested in joining the rota or taking an additional date, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378.
- **Volunteer Church Sitters Needed** – Our Church Sitters are a small team of people who take it in turns to sit in Church from 2.30 – 4pm on a Wednesday afternoon, to ensure our building can be open for quiet prayer. If you could spare an hour and a half once a month to help with this important area of ministry, please contact Alison on 07952-709041.
- **New Year, New You?** If you're looking for a new challenge / interest for 2026, why not consider volunteering within one of our Church teams? The Churchyard Team meet on a Wednesday morning & work in our lovely Churchyard; the Pew Polishers meet alternate Thursday mornings & do a fabulous job of cleaning & tidying in Church. If you have a couple of hours to spare even once a month, we would love to hear from you. For Churchyard team enquiries contact Janet Hayes (01204 796404); for Pew Polishing enquiries speak to Ann Hampson.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- **Candlelight Prayer** - is an oasis of calm at the end of a busy week. Why not join us for 10 minutes of quiet prayer and reflection each Friday at 8pm on Zoom. Simply click the link below to join in, or for more info contact Alison on 07952-709041  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

**Praying Together:** Each week, all the Churches within our Mission Community will pray for our future together; in this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in the coming week we will be:

- Praying for unity among all Christians.
- Praying for unity among all faiths & giving thanks for & celebrating the diversity of faiths which exist within our local communities.
- Praying that, as individuals & as Church communities, we might be open minded, tolerant & seek to understand the viewpoint of others.
- Praying that our Churches may be seen as beacons of hope & love within our communities.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us, as we work together to understand & support one another within our wider communities.

*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](mailto:ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com)*

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