



# This † Week

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## 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent

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>8<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent (Green)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: 2 Corinthians 11; 19-31; Luke 8; 4-15 (Pg 80)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Church Parade &amp; Family Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30-12</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> – Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February Sunday Next Before Lent (Green)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9 (JJ) (Lay Ass ... CH Prayers ... JJ)

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

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Thurlestone Avenue.

**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; 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:** Edith Rothwell Hadfield – 12/02/2010; Ian Paul Brooks – 13/02/2008; Helen Gertrude Gill – 14/02/1985.

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

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### **8<sup>th</sup> February**

- **“Prayers & Promises”** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30 – 3.30pm at Christ Church Ainsworth. Join us for a family friendly afternoon focusing on Lent; learn more about this special season through a mixture of crafts, games & activities, rounded off by a short time of family friendly Ash Wednesday worship – everyone welcome, refreshments available. No need to book – just turn up. For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041.
- **Coffee & Conversation** – Our monthly gathering for over 50’s will be held this Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> Feb) from 10.30 – 12 noon in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall – everyone welcome.
- **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.

## **Christ Church Ainsworth**

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

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- **Exploring Unconscious Bias** - Join us for an evening with Diane Gray-Stephenson (Racial Justice Lead) as we unpack unconscious bias, the impact it can have & how we might be more inclusive. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7.15 for 7.30pm @ Christ Church Walshaw, BL8 3SF.
- **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.
- **Candle Recycling** – The Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community are now recycling candles, tapers & tealights as part of the Diocesan Candle Recycling scheme. If you have any part used or unwanted candles / tealights for recycling, please leave them in the box in the Church porch.
- **Cuppa, Cakes & Company** – Please note the change of date to this **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** 2 – 3.30pm; this is to accommodate the pantomime running during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in February.
- **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.
- **Vocations Day; Saturday 08 Feb, 10-3 @ St Bride's Church, Old Trafford** - This is for anyone discerning a sense of vocation or calling and will give the opportunity for people to meet the Vocations Team and talk to a variety of lay and ordained ministers from around the diocese. For more information or to book your place visit:
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February; £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; as we mark Racial Justice Sunday, in the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks for and celebrating the diversity of cultures & traditions present within our Churches and wider communities.
- Giving thanks for all who work to recognise and support those who are marginalised, both within our local communities & in the wider world.
- Praying for those who are victims of injustice; for those who are oppressed or alienated; for those who feel alone or unloved.
- Praying for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice.
- Praying that we might walk in humility and solidarity with all around us, on the journey towards equality and justice for all.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we work together to build a better world for all of God's 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](mailto: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.