



This † Week

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15th February – Sunday Next 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.

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| 15th February Sunday Next Before Lent (Green) | 10.30am | Holy Communion – Readings: Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9 (JJ) (Lay Ass ... CH Prayers ... JJ) |
| Ash Wednesday | 1.30-3.30 | Prayers & Promises – Family event focusing on the season of Lent, including family friendly Ash Wednesday worship |
| | 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday Communion with imposition of Ashes |
| 22nd February 1st Sunday In Lent (Purple) | 8.00am | BCP Communion – Readings: 2 Corinthians 6; 1-10; Matthew 4; 1-11 (Pg 86) |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion (Generosity Sunday) – Readings: 2 Corinthians 8; 1-15 (DH); Luke 21; 1-14 (Lay Ass & Prayers DH) <i>Followed by refreshments & drawing of the February Lucky Lotto</i> |

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Salcombe 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: Ann Rule – 15/02/2014; The very Revd. Herbert A. Jones – 17/02/1969; Jack Lee – 17/02/1985; William (Bill) Barnes – 18/02/1989; Amelia (Minnie) Hickman - 18/02/1998; Dorothy Willson – 19/02/1992.

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

If you wish to receive the Pew Sheet by e-mail, send an e-mail to ainsworthnewsletter2023@gmail.com with 'send pew sheet' in the subject; otherwise download from <http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/pewsheets.html>

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- **“Prayers & Promises”** – Wednesday 18th 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.
- **Contactless Giving** – In line with many other Churches, we now have a contactless giving device; you'll spot our 'CollecTin' at the back of Church! This is primarily aimed at making it easier for occasional visitors & those who don't carry cash to contribute to Church funds, but anyone is welcome to use it. Simply follow the on-screen instructions to make a payment via card or phone. The wonders of modern technology!
- **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 5th March, 7.15 for 7.30pm @ Christ Church Walshaw, BL8 3SF.

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.
- **Lent Reflections** – Join us in Church each Tuesday throughout Lent at 7.15pm for a short time of prayer & reflection – everyone welcome.
- **Lent Publications** – BRF Ministries are offering a number of Lent publications; from daily Bible readings with short reflections, to more in depth study guides, there's something for everyone. For more info visit www.brf.org.uk
- **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.
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service next Sunday, 22nd February; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact 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 the coming week we will be:

- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which will be held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community in the coming weeks.
- Giving thanks for the Lent initiatives which will involve children & families, either through Sunday School & Family Services, or through engagement with our local schools.
- Praying that those who take part in any of these initiatives will be inspired and will grow in faith.
- Praying that these initiatives will draw our local communities together, and that through them our Churches may reach out and connect with new and different sections of our communities.
- Praying that some of those with whom we connect may become regular attenders within our Churches.

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.