



This † Week

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22nd February – First Sunday In 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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| 22nd February | 8.00am | BCP Communion – Readings: 2 Corinthians 6; 1-10; Matthew 4; 1-11 (Pg 86) |
| 1st Sunday In Lent (Purple) | 10.30am | Holy 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> |
| Tuesday | 7.15pm | Lent Reflection |
| Wednesday | 2.30-4pm | Church Open for quiet prayer |
| | 6.30pm | MidWeek Praise |
| 1st March 2nd Sunday In | 10.30am | Holy Communion (Thankfulness Sunday) – Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5; 1-19 (GW); Matthew 11; 25-30 (Lay Ass JB; Prayers JJ) |
| | 12 noon | Interment of Ashes of Patricia Baines |
| Lent (Purple) | 6.30pm | BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4; 1-8; Matthew 15; 21-28 (Pg88) Psalm 121 (Pg513) |

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Churchill 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: Stella Pybus – 24/02/2002.

“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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- **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.
- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – The last day for submitting February quiz sheets is this Sunday (22nd Feb) – winner to be announced in next week's Pew Sheet; a copy of the correct answers will be displayed in Church & also in the March Parish Magazine. Don't forget to pick up a copy of the March CCA Quiz League Quiz Sheet; £1 / copy, all proceeds to Church funds.

Christ Church Ainsworth

'Celebrating, encouraging, proclaiming and supporting faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ our Lord...'

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- **Lent Reflections** – Join us in Church each Tuesday throughout Lent at 7.15pm for a short time of prayer & reflection – everyone welcome.
- **Mission Community Lent Services** – St. George's, Unsworth are holding a Service of Morning Prayer at 11am on Monday 23rd February; this is a great opportunity to join with others from across our Mission Community as we journey through Lent – everyone welcome.
- **Mission Community Lent Study Groups** – There are a number of Lent Study Groups available throughout the Mission Community which are open to everyone; The Olive Restaurant, Walshaw - Saturdays @ 10am; All Saints, Stand - Tuesdays @ 10.30am; St. Andrew's, Hillock – Wednesdays 6.30 for 7pm.
- **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 this 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:

- Praying for and giving thanks for all those who volunteer within our Church communities; those who help out on a regular basis, and those who support specific projects / events.
- Giving thanks for the time, talents and resources which are shared so generously by these people.
- Praying that others from our congregations and wider communities will feel called to come forwards and offer their time and talents to support the daily life of our Churches.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek to share areas of knowledge and expertise within our own Churches and across our wider Mission Community.

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.