



This † Week

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1st March – Second 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.

1st March 2nd Sunday In	10.30am	Parish Communion (Thankfulness Sunday) – Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5; 1-19 (GW); Matthew 11; 25-30 (<i>Lay Ass JB</i>)
	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)
Tuesday	7.15pm	Lent Reflection
Wednesday	2.30pm	Mission Community Lent Service followed by refreshments; everyone welcome.
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
8th March 3rd Sunday In Lent (Purple)	8.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Church Parade & Family Service

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Wood Terrace.

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 Patricia Baines; 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 Ellison (Bill) – 01/03/1971; Allan Openshaw – 02/03/2001; James William Guffogg – 05/03/1984.

“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>

1st March

- **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** – Many thanks to everyone who bought a Quiz Sheet last month; well done to our winner, Jennifer Pearce. This fun initiative has already raised £36-00; 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.
- **The Big Spring Clean** – Will be held in Church on Saturday 28th March from 10 – 12 noon. Why not join us as we come together to prepare our beautiful Church for our Easter Services & celebrations. Help us to dust, polish, clean & sweep those tricky & hard to reach areas, that can't be cleaned on a regular basis. Everyone welcome, refreshments available. No need to book, just turn up!
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The March Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following BCP Evensong on Sunday 29th March; £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 and praying for all those who work with children, families and young people.
- Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support and nurture children, families and young people; parent and toddler groups, Wiggle Worship, Messy Church, Family Services, MidWeek Praise, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups.
- Praying that those who access these initiatives will grow in faith and begin to reach out to others.
- Praying that the seeds of faith sown in young lives, will take root and bear fruit.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways of working together and reaching out to families and young people throughout our 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.