



This † Week

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3rd May – The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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.

3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)	10.30am	View From The Pew – Readings: Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10 (GW) John 14.1-14 (Prayers ... GW)
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: James 1; 17-21; John 16; 5-15 (Pg141) Psalm 147; 1-12 (Pg 534)
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise – All Age, family friendly worship
10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: James 1; 22-end; John 16; 23 – end (Pg 142)
	10.30am	Church Parade & Family Service

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Barnsdale Close.

The sick: All who are unwell; Revd Nick Birnie-Campbell, Roy Turner, Moira Gilmore, Margaret Coupe, Gana Mee, members of our families, our congregation, and our wider community.

The bereaved: All who have lost loved ones; especially the family & friends of Kath Pollard; 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: Margaret Ann Woodward – 03/05/1987; Edna Forrest – 05/05/2005; Thomas Edward Hartley – 06/05/1998; Dora Rayson – 06/05/2020.

“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>

3rd May

- **APCM & Vestry Meeting** – Thank you to all who attended our APCM & Vestry Meeting, at which Alison Hartley was re-elected as Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Rep, and Sue Campbell, Jill Ainsworth & Gwen White were elected / re-elected as PCC members. We still have a number of vacancies within our PCC membership and, ideally, we should have a second Churchwarden & 2nd Deanery Synod Rep. Whilst most of our appointments are made at the APCM, it is possible to elect new members at any time of the year. This is your Church – if at any time in the coming weeks or months you feel that you would like to take the next step and seek election to our PCC, please speak to a member of our Clergy or our Churchwarden.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth Spring Fair** – Saturday 16th May; we really need donations of goods to sell on the stalls at this event. Bottles, jigsaws, toys, toiletries etc can be left on the back pew in church. Donations of plants, cakes, produce & preserves can be brought to the Church Hall on Friday 15th May, or on the day of the Fair. Thanking you in advance.
- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – The winner of our April Quiz was Peter Firth; many thanks to all who took part. The May quiz sheet is now available at the back of Church; this month’s theme is sweets & chocolates – closing date is Sunday 24th May 2026.

Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Save The Date** – Local community choir, ‘The Eden Singers’ will be joining us in Church on Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7pm for an evening of entertainment, performing ‘Hits Of The Decades’. This fabulous repertoire includes hits from each decade from 1920 onwards, complemented by newsreel footage of events which were in the news at that time. Tickets are now available in Church @ £7 each, or by emailing ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com
- **Mission Community Prayer Journey** - Thursday 14th May; a great opportunity to join with others from our Mission Community in prayer & fellowship; starts with Celtic Morning Prayer, 10am Christ Church Walshaw; 11am prayer & refreshments at Christ Church Ainsworth; 12.15pm prayer at St. Andrew’s, Radcliffe, 1.15pm lunch & Communion Service at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, led by Revd Phil Cansdale. This is usually a really enjoyable event; please join us for any or all of this journey of prayer.
- **Christian Aid Quiz Night** - Saturday 16th May at St. Philip’s Community Centre 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £7.50 and include a supper of pasty and peas; please speak to our Christian Aid Rep, Barbara Clarkson, for more info.
- **Christian Aid Week 10th – 17th May 2026** – As in previous years, Christ Church Ainsworth will be supporting Christian Aid Week by holding a bucket collection after the morning Service on the 10th & 17th of May; Christian Aid envelopes will also be available at the back of Church.
- **Mothers' Union** – we are looking forward to welcoming Revd Bob May to speak to us on his path to ministry. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 5th May at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall.
- **Cuppa, Cakes and Company** – Thurs 7th May, 2 – 3.30pm @ Ainsworth Methodist Church Hall. This month it will also incorporate fundraising for Christian Aid. The usual £2.00 donation will be donated to this worthy cause & there will also be a raffle with proceeds going to Christian Aid. All are welcome.
- **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 & praying for all those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group in the coming week; praying that someone from each Church would feel called to be part of this group.
- Giving thanks for the many prayer groups & prayer opportunities which are available to us, both in our individual Churches & as multi-Church Mission Community initiatives.
- Giving thanks & praying for those who are preparing for our annual Ascension Day Prayer Journey & Communion Service – that they would be led and guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to engage with our worshipping & wider communities; that prayer might be at the heart of all that we do.

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

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**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.  
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