

# This † Week



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## 17<sup>th</sup> May – The Sunday After Ascension

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>17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Sunday After</b> <b>Ascension (White)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 (PH) John 17.1-11 (Lay Ass ... PH; Prayers ... JJ)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Time To Reflect</b> – Church open for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b> – All Age, family friendly worship
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>The Day Of</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <i>(Red)</i>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: Acts 2; 1-11; John 14; 15-end
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Whit Sunday Celebration</b> – a joint service with members of Ainsworth Methodist Church, followed by food & fellowship at Ainsworth Methodist.
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b> of Jay Gape-Rule

**Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Greenside.

**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; 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:** Derek Ernest Moulton – 17/05/1995; Kenneth Longworth – 19/05/2001; Joan Margaret Bailey – 23/05/1996.

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

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## 17<sup>th</sup> May

- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – Don't forget to pick up this month's quiz sheet which is now available at the back of Church; this month's theme is sweets & chocolates – closing date is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- **Save The Date** – Local community choir, 'The Eden Singers' will be joining us in Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com)
- **Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** – As in previous years, Christ Church Ainsworth will be supporting Christian Aid Week by holding a bucket collection after the morning Service this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of May; Christian Aid envelopes will also be available at the back of Church.
- **Thy Kingdom Come, Mission Community Zoom Prayers** – will take place each evening at 6pm, starting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Prayers will be led by a different Church each evening and will last no more than 10 mins. Simply click the following link to join in; everyone welcome.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFOz09>

## Christ Church Ainsworth

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

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- **Ribbon Appeal** – We'll be holding our final Forest Church session of this school year early in July; one of the activities will involve children writing their hopes for the future onto a coloured ribbon, these prayer ribbons will all be fastened onto a 'washing line' to create a rainbow prayer curtain in the school grounds. If anyone has any unwanted ribbon that they would be willing to donate for this project, please contact Alison on 07952-709041, or leave it on the back pew in Church. Any colour, width or quantity of ribbon would be gratefully received.
- **Pentecost Celebration** – We'll be joining with our friends from Ainsworth Methodist Church next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, for a joint Pentecost Celebration & short walk of witness. Beginning at Christ Church with shared worship at 10.30am, we'll continue with a short walk of witness down to Ainsworth Methodist Church, followed by food & fellowship. Please join us for any or all of this celebration; homemade soup, hot dogs & cake will be served in the Methodist Church Hall from 12 noon – everyone welcome.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The May Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com) & remember – you have to be in it to win it!!
- **Recycling Update** – Many thanks to everyone who continues to support our recycling initiatives; the small number of items that we each donate might seem insignificant, but just to let you know ... in May 131kg of unwanted wax products were collected from Churches across the diocese; throughout 2025 our Mission Community collected almost 1,500 pairs of unwanted prescription glasses, multiple bags of bras, & just over 5kg of used stamps. Throughout 2025 the Bone Cancer Research Trust was able to raise £10,335-56 from the collection of used stamps. Recycling means that these items are not only being kept out of landfill; they are helping people in the UK and abroad who are in the greatest need.
- **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 the coming week is 'Thy Kingdom Come', we will be:

- Giving thanks for & praying for all who will be leading prayers for us each evening on Zoom.
- Praying that people from each of our Churches would engage with this prayer opportunity & that people who haven't previously joined in might be moved by the Spirit to take part.
- Praying that those who are already part of our Church families would be guided by the Holy Spirit to live out & speak out about their faith.
- Praying that through this witness, others in our communities may come to know Jesus.
- Praying that we will be guided & inspired by the Holy Spirit as we consider the direction that God wants each of our Churches to take as we seek to grow, nurture and serve our worshipping & wider communities.

*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)*

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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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