



# This Week

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## 11<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Epiphany

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.*

11 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Romans 12; 1-5; Luke 2; 41-end (Pg 67)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany (White)	11.15am	Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church – No Service at Christ Church Ainsworth this morning.
	12.30pm	Interment of Ashes of Jean Adamson
Tuesday	10.30-12	Coffee & Conversation Ainsworth Church & Community Hall
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun After Epiphany (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (PH) John 1.29-42 (Lay Ass ... PH; Prayers ... AL)

### Please hold in your prayers:

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Street Lane.

**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 Jean Adamson, Keith Sowerby & Norman Dillon; 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:** Herbert Belfield Flowers – 12/01/1952; Norman Walmsley – 13/01/1999; Sheila Hardman – 15/01/2005.

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

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### 11<sup>th</sup> January

- **Covenant Service** – There will be no 10.30am Service at Christ Church Ainsworth on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January as we will once again be joining our friends at Ainsworth Methodist Church for their Covenant Service; everyone is welcome so please feel free to join us if you wish to.
- **Coffee & Conversation** – Our monthly gathering for over 50's will be held this coming Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> Jan) 10.30 – 12 noon in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; everyone welcome.
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** – Occasionally we all receive gifts which are the wrong size, a 'double up' or 'just not for us' ... If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts which may be suitable to be given as a raffle prize or sold at one of our Church fairs, please consider donating them to Church; simply leave them in the bag marked 'Gift Amnesty', which you'll find at the back of Church. Thanking you in advance!
- **Authorised Lay Ministry** – Applications for Authorised Lay Ministry training close on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, but it is still possible to access the individual training modules via the General Lay Pathway. Applications for this will open early in March.

### Christ Church Ainsworth

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



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- **Parish Magazine Advertising** - If you own or manage a local business, have you considered advertising in our Parish Magazine? The Magazine is emailed out directly to almost 300 people every month, and also uploaded to our Facebook page, website and 'A Church Near You' page, as well as being shared to Christ Church Ainsworth School. For more info / price options, email [ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com)
- **Church Flower Rota** – There are currently a number of 'vacant slots' on our Church Flower rota; if you would be interested in joining the rota or taking an additional date, please contact Gwen White on 01204-595378.
- **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.
- **New Year, New You?** If you're looking for a new challenge / interest for 2026, why not consider volunteering within one of our Church teams? The Churchyard Team meet on a Wednesday morning & work in our lovely Churchyard; the Pew Polishers meet alternate Thursday mornings & do a fabulous job of cleaning & tidying in Church. Both of these teams would appreciate additional volunteers; if you have a couple of hours to spare even once a month, they would love to hear from you. For Churchyard team enquiries contact Janet Hayes (01204 796404); for Pew Polishing enquiries speak to Ann Hampson or one of the Churchwardens.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January; £1 / entry, payment by cash or bank transfer, for more info contact [ainsworthparishinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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 all those who have been adversely affected by the recent cold weather – those who are homeless, those who are struggling financially & must choose between eating & heating, those who become socially isolated at this time of year.
- Giving thanks for the many charities, groups & organisations both locally & nationally that provide aid & support; night shelters, food banks, warm spaces, community centres.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we consider new ways in which our Churches can reach out to & provide support to the most vulnerable members of society at this challenging time of year.
- Praying for a time when there is greater social & economical equality, and such provisions are no longer needed.

*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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