



# This Week

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## 1<sup>st</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After 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.*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (White)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Readings: 1 Kings 17.8-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31 (BS); John 2.1-11 (Lay Ass ... BS; Prayers AL)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b> – Readings: 1 Corinthians 9; 24-end; Matthew 20; 1-16 (Pg 78). Psalm 36 v 5-10, pg389.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Church Open</b> for quiet prayer
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MidWeek Praise</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent (Green)</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b> – Readings: 2 Corinthians 11; 19-31; Luke 8; 4-15 (Pg 80)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Church Parade &amp; Family Service</b>

### **Please hold in your prayers:**

**Our Local Community:** Residents of Devon Drive.

**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:** Derek Hackett – 02/02/1999; William Greenhalgh – 03/02/1965; Annie Cunliffe – 03/02/2014; Bryan Shaw – 04/02/2024; Eliza Rayson – 05/02/1959.

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

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### **1<sup>st</sup> February**

- **“Prayers & Promises”** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30 – 3.30pm at Christ Church Ainsworth. Join us for a family friendly afternoon focusing on Lent; learn more about this special season through a mixture of crafts, games & activities, rounded off by a short time of family friendly Ash Wednesday worship – everyone welcome, refreshments available. No need to book – just turn up. For more info contact Alison on 07952-709041.
- **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)
- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – Don't miss the opportunity to dust off the grey matter & enter our all new 'Quiz Sheet Quiz League'. Starting from February, we'll be printing a quiz sheet each month; sheets will be available in Church at £1 each; all proceeds to Church funds. There will be a small prize for the winner each month & a prize at the end of the year for the person / team who have scored the most points throughout the course of the year.

**Christ Church Ainsworth**

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



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- **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.
- **Unwanted Gift Amnesty** – Thank you to everyone who has donated items via our 'Unwanted Gift Amnesty'. This collection really helps us when we begin to plan for the stalls and games which will form part of our Church Spring Fair & other fundraising events. This year's gift amnesty is now finished, but if you have any items which you wish to donate at a future date, please leave them on the back pew in church. 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.
- **Cuppa, Cakes & Company** – Please note the change of date to **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2 – 3.30pm**; this is to accommodate the pantomime running during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in February.
- **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.
- **Vocations Day; Saturday 08 Feb, 10-3 @ St Bride's Church, Old Trafford** - This is for anyone discerning a sense of vocation or calling and will give the opportunity for people to meet the Vocations Team and talk to a variety of lay and ordained ministers from around the diocese. For more information or to book your place visit: [www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/vocations-day-2023](http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk/vocations-day-2023)
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The January Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following the morning Service on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February; £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:

- Giving thanks and praying for all those who work with children, families & 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, Family Services, Messy Church, Sunday Schools & Youth Groups.
- Praying that through these initiatives, the seeds of faith will be sown & take root in young lives.
- Praying that other people within our churches would feel called to become involved in ministry with children, families & young people.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek new ways of working with the children, families & young people in our local 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)*

**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.