



This † Week

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4th January – 2nd Sunday Of Christmas

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.

4th January 2nd Sunday of Christmas (White)	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Jeremiah 31.7-14; Ephesians 1.3-14 (EH); John 1.10-18 (Lay Assistant JB)
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer – Readings: Romans 4; 8-14; Luke 2; 15-21 (Pg 63) Psalm 147 (Pg 523)
Wednesday	2.30-4pm	Church Open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
11th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany (White)	8.00am	BCP Communion – Readings: Romans 12; 1-5; Luke 2; 41-end (Pg 67)
	11.15am	Covenant Service at Ainsworth Methodist Church – No Service at Christ Church Ainsworth this morning.
	12.30pm	Interment of Ashes of Jean Adamson

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Higher Pit Lane.

The sick: All who are unwell; Roy Turner, Moira Gilmore, John Lloyd, 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; 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: Sarah Alice Greenhalgh – 04/01/1966; James Johnson Hadfield – 07/01/1984; Moly Barnes – 08/01/1981; Elsie Johnston – 10/01/1990.

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

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4th January

- **Porch Boxes** – A huge thankyou to everyone who supported our ‘Christmas Crisis Packs Appeal’ & ‘Christmas Meal Appeal’ so generously throughout Advent. It was great to see our ‘Porch Box’ being filled each week with items to help local people who are in desperate need. Many thanks also to Jan, who delivers these items to the Porch Boxes depot, for distribution.
- **Christmas Cakes** – A big thank you to everyone who ordered a homemade Christmas cake this year, the sale of which raised £120-00 for Church funds.
- **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** - Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay

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leadership, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community. Check out the following link for more info [ALM Course Prospectus 2026](#) Applications close on 12th January 2026.

- **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
- **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, 25th January; £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:

- Praying for the Churches throughout our Mission Community, especially those that remain in interregnum.
- Giving thanks for and praying for our Focal Leaders, Churchwardens, PCC members, and the many other lay people who work so hard to support the work of our Churches.
- Giving thanks for and praying for our own members of Clergy & also those from other churches who are providing support and cover throughout our Mission Community.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look forward to the year ahead. Praying that our Churches and worshipping communities might thrive & that we might see growth in faith & in numbers.

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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