



This † Week

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29th March – Palm Sunday

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available at the back of church.

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29th March Palm Sunday <i>(Purple)</i>	10.30am	Palm Sunday Procession (with donkeys!) Joint service with Ainsworth Methodists, meeting at Ainsworth Methodist Chapel then processing to Christ Church for All Age Service followed by refreshments.
	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
Monday	11.30am	Funeral of Paul Joseph Allen, followed by interment in Christ Church Ainsworth Churchyard.
Tuesday	7.15pm	Holy Week Reflection
Wednesday	9.15am	School Easter Service
	2.30-4pm	Time To Reflect – Church open for quiet prayer
	6.30pm	MidWeek Praise
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with hand / foot washing & stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	7.00pm	Good Friday Reflection
5th April	6.15am	Easter Dawn Service – held in the Churchyard (<i>followed by light breakfast in Church</i>)
Easter Sunday <i>(White)</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion – Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4 (PH) John 20.1-18 <i>(Lay Ass ... PH, Prayers ... AH)</i> <i>(Followed by refreshments)</i>

Please hold in your prayers:

Our Local Community: Residents of Newquay Avenue.

The sick: All who are unwell; Roy Turner, Moira Gilmore, John Lloyd, 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: William Eric Lightbown – 31/03/1997; Neville Gwyn Parry – 02/04/2022; Beatrice May Flowers – 03/04/1975.

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

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- **APCM & Vestry Meeting** – This will be held on Sunday 26th April in Church, following on from the 10.30am Service. At this meeting we elect our Churchwardens and report on the activities of our Church over the past 12 months. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- **Parochial Church Council** – The PCC is the central decision-making body in a Church of England parish; it’s made up of a combination of clergy, churchwardens & elected lay

Christ Church Ainsworth

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representatives, who act as trustees responsible for the governance & finances of the church & also overseeing mission & ministry within the parish. Our PCC is currently very small; we have a number of vacant roles & a number of long-standing PCC members who will be stepping down at the APCM this year. **It's really important that we recruit new people to be part of our PCC, to ensure the ongoing smooth running of our Church & also to enable us to grow & develop new areas of mission & outreach within our Church & wider community.** If

anyone would like to know more about the work of our PCC or feels called to seek election to the PCC, please speak to any of our clergy or churchwardens – we would love to hear from you!

- **Holy Week Services** – We have a number of additional Services in Church during Holy Week, to which everyone is welcome. If you haven't been to these Services before, why not make this year a time for trying something different.
- **Confirmation** – This year's Confirmation Service will be held at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe on Sunday 12th July @ 3pm. As in previous years, Revd Debra will be leading Confirmation preparation sessions for children in year 6 or above & also any adults who wish to be Confirmed. Please speak to any of our Clergy for more info.
- **CCA Quiz Sheet Quiz League** – Don't forget to post your entries in the box at the back of Church no later than this Sunday 29th March; winner to be announced on Easter Sunday. April's quiz sheet will be available from Sunday 5th April.
- **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.
- **Christ Church Ainsworth 50:50 Lucky Lotto** – The March Lucky Lotto will be drawn in Church following BCP Evensong this Sunday, 29th March; £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:

- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which have been held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community; for all who have led these initiatives & for those who have attended them.
- Praying that where joint initiatives have been held, they will bring Churches together, inspire closer working relationships & help our Mission Community to grow in faith and discipleship.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways in which to work together.
- Praying for Christians all around the world, who are preparing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter; praying especially for those who live in fear of persecution for their beliefs.
- Giving thanks that we are able to worship and proclaim our faith without fear of reprisals.

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

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.