

News and Notices:

Discipleship Small Group Gathering continues 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Tuesday, followed by Night Prayer. Conversation alternates weekly on 'An Exploration of Matthew's Gospel' and 'Being Disciples'.

Worship Pattern Public Worship is no longer suspended, so during July the church building will be open again for public worship at 10.15am each Sunday. This Morning Worship will continue to be live-streamed via YouTube, with an additional opportunity to pray and worship together via Zoom each Sunday.

Place of Welcome Every Thurs 11.00am. Zoom link available - do ask.

The Church building will be open for private prayer, Wednesdays 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

Church frontage The railings are gone! Thank you to those who have made a start on gardening. If you can lend a hand please be in touch.

Prayer: <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

God of Mission
who alone brings growth to your Church
Send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning
wisdom to our actions
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow
in numbers
in spiritual commitment to you
and in service to our local community
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Keeping in Touch You can find this sheet on www.ascensionstirchley.com

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**Sunday
5th July
Trinity 4**



*Finding Hidden Treasure
Growing Community Together*

Greetings!

Peace be with you!

9.15am Quiet Eucharist

(Zoom Meeting ID: 741 7294 6981
Password: available - do ask)

10.15am Morning Worship

at The Church of the Ascension and
<https://youtu.be/pnAPXxPSMkg>

11.15am Coffee over Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 731 6550 0389
Password: available - do ask

*Let us be united in prayer and worship,
held close in prayer and in God's loving hands
distanced though we are physically.*

Please pray for:

Mary, Helen, Jacquie, Julie, Mandi-Rose, Zac
For the areas of the world where climate
injustice, racial injustice and economic injustice
all combine to burden and oppress peoples.

Local businesses and particularly the local
hospitality industry, as they re-open.

An end to racial injustice and for a will to
address inequality and prejudice wherever it
may be found.

Scientific and medical researchers and for the
NHS.

Those waiting for NHS treatment

All who would usually gather at Place of
Welcome, Little Pineapples, YouthZone &
15-17s, and for 'virtual gatherings'.

A real opening up of new relationships and
opportunities as the railings come down.

Give thanks for all who hold us in prayer.

THIS WEEK

Catherine will continue to pray Morning Prayer on
Wed & Fri at 9.15am. On Tuesday at 9.15am and
Thursday at 10.15am we will pray Morning Prayer
together over Zoom. You can pray at home on
the 'Daily Prayer' app or you can find it at:
[https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-
and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)



Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Zechariah 9: 9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet
Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also,
because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that
I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-15

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures

throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

At that time Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted
and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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