

Sunday Morning Worship is 'in person' in the Church building and usually livestreamed. We will aim to worship outside in the garden on one Sunday in Sept and Oct. The next 12noon Family Service will be on 26th Sept

TUESDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

THURSDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer
11am - 12noon Church open for private prayer; time outside for gardening & 'drop-in'
12noon Middy Prayer



HERITAGE WEEKEND TODAY Church Open and Teas on the Green 2.30pm - 4.30pm
THANK YOU to all who have offered to take one of the hospitality roles.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING Sunday 26th Sept. We will be collecting donations for the B30 Foodbank.

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

Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's
praise.
May the commitment we make this day be
matched by our faithful living.

Ascension Stirchley is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. Our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Maureen Collins.

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Sunday
19th September
Trinity 16
Creationtide



Open - Generous - Faithful



Welcome!

10.15am Morning Worship

inside at the Church of the Ascension
and at <https://youtu.be/3udFwVBr1IQ>

Please pray for:

Sheila, Les, Julie, Ellen, Eric, Pauline, Mandi-Rose, John, Tina, Jacquie, Dave

For wisdom as a church as we seek to discover how God is calling us in his continuing time of change and upheaval

For patience and resilience throughout society as Covid-fatigue sets in and for 'good neighbourliness'

For our delivery drivers and others who play vital roles in supply chains

For all those affected by severe weather events, and particularly those with least resources to support them going forward

For the people of Afghanistan, their leaders and all who hold influence

For world-wide engagement with preparations for COP26

For Ellie and the Pineapple Youth Project and Little Pineapples teams

For all who gather in the Hall or garden.

Give thanks for all who hold us in prayer.

Let us be united in prayer and worship, held close in prayer and in God's loving hands

MORNING PRAYER

We pray Morning Prayer together on Tuesday at 9.15am and Thursday at 10.15am over Zoom. Catherine will continue to pray Morning Prayer in the Church building on Wed and Fri at 9.15am



Lord of creation,
 whose glory is around and within us:
 open our eyes to your wonders,
 that we may serve you with reverence
 and know your peace at our lives' end,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you?
 Show by your good life that your works are
 done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if
 you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in
 your hearts, do not be boastful and false to
 the truth. Such wisdom does not come down
 from above, but is earthly, unspiritual,
 devilish. For where there is envy and selfish
 ambition, there will also be disorder and
 wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom
 from above is first pure, then peaceable,
 gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good
 fruits, without a trace of partiality or
 hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is
 sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you,
 where do they come from? Do they not come
 from your cravings that are at war within
 you? You want something and do not have it;
 so you commit murder. And you
 covet something and cannot obtain it; so you
 engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not
 have, because you do not ask. You ask and do
 not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order
 to spend what you get on your pleasures. . .

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist
 the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near
 to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse
 your hands, you sinners, and purify your
 hearts, you double-minded.

Post-communion prayer

Almighty God,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that love is the fulfilling of the law:
 grant that we may love you
 with our whole heart
 and our neighbours as ourselves;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

They went on from there and passed
 through Galilee. He did not want anyone to
 know it; for he was teaching his disciples,
 saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be
 betrayed into human hands, and they will kill
 him, and three days after being killed, he will
 rise again.' But they did not understand what
 he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when
 he was in the house he asked them, 'What
 were you arguing about on the way?' But they
 were silent, for on the way they had argued
 with one another about who was the
 greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and
 said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must
 be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took
 a little child and put it among them; and taking
 it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever
 welcomes one such child in my name
 welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
 welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Sending Hymn

Like a tree beside the waters,
 nurtured by your loving care.
 We, O God, your sons and daughters,
 your enduring witness bear.
 In each passing generation
 may your voice of love be heard.
 Bless, we pray, this congregation
 with your holy, living Word.

Like a tree beside the river
 drawing life from holy streams,
 Fill us with your love forever;
 recreate our hopes and dreams.
 Through the storms of life sustain us
 by the wisdom of your grace.
 May the changing of the seasons
 find us in your warm embrace.

We beside the living waters,
 drink from your eternal life.
 Give to all, your sons and daughters,
 faith that rises over strife.
 O living God, most glorious,
 strengthen us for life today.
 By the hope of timeless promise
 guide your church upon the Way.

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