

## In the month ahead...

### Each Thursday (Warm Welcome)

9.15am Little Pineapples (term- time)  
11.00am Mass (Last Thursday in the Month)  
11.30am Place of Welcome

### Each Friday (term-time)

5.30pm Youth zone.

### Community Lunch followed by Muddy Church April 28

### Ascension Day Celebration

Led by Bishop Anne

Thursday May 9th 7:30pm

### Summer Fair

Saturday 13th July

**Sunday  
14 April  
Third Sunday of Easter**



*Open - Generous -  
Faithful*



# Welcome!

10.15am Sunday Morning Worship  
- a Eucharist



Refreshments are served at the back of the Church building, around 11.15am, giving us time for conversation together. Everyone is very welcome.

### DAILY COMMON PRAYER

We pray Morning Prayer together on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am over Zoom. Please ask for the link to join.

### NEXT SUNDAY -

10.15am Sunday Morning Worship  
- a Eucharist

**COMMUNITY THURSDAYS** Every Thurs morning our buildings are open and all are welcome to meet, to pray or simply to be. Do come along, and do spread the word!

Please pray for:

Karen, Sandra, Warren, Rob, Vinod, Shev, Shamsi, Tina, Steph, Wayne, Gill, Oliver.

For peace and resolution in Gaza and Israel, and for all the people of Israel Palestine, particularly those whose homes have been destroyed, and for families who are bereaved or separated from one another.

For peace in Ukraine and for all whose lives have been devastated by conflict, war or the effects of climate change.

For our Churchwardens and Ministry Team

For wisdom and courage as we journey into a period of time without a Vicar.

For the young people of YouthZone and for the families of Little Pineapples

For our ministry of hospitality in Church, Hall and Garden and the groups who use them

Ascension Stirchley is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

### Ministry Team

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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.

Risen Christ,  
 you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh  
 hope:  
 strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
 and fill us with your peace,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

**Acts 3.12–19 †**

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**Psalms 4**

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; •

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; •  
 how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; •

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**4 Stand in awe, and sin not; •  
 commune with your own heart upon your bed,  
 and be still.**

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness •  
 and put your trust in the Lord.

**6 There are many that say, Who will show us any good? • Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, •  
 more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

**8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, •  
 for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you.

37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He said to them, Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, Have you anything here to eat?

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

46 and he said to them, Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

**Post Communion**

Living God,  
 your Son made himself known to his disciples  
 in the breaking of bread:  
 open the eyes of our faith,  
 that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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