

## In the month ahead...

### Each Thursday (Warm Welcome)

9.15am Little Pineapples (term- time)

11.30am Place of Welcome

### Each Friday (term-time)

5.30pm Youth zone.

**Community Lunch** followed by

**Muddy Church April 28**

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 through 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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**Sunday**  
**31 March 2024**  
**Easter Day**



*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!

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.

## Collect

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Acts 10.34–43 †

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.  
37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:  
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.  
39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;  
40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,  
41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.  
43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; •  
his mercy endures for ever.  
2 **Let Israel now proclaim, •**  
**His mercy endures for ever.**  
14 The Lord is my strength and my song, •  
and he has become my salvation.  
15 **Joyful shouts of salvation •**  
**sound from the tents of the righteous:**  
16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up; •  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.  
17 **I shall not die, but live •**  
**and declare the works of the Lord.**  
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, •  
but he has not given me over to death.  
19 **Open to me the gates of righteousness, •**  
**that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**  
20 This is the gate of the Lord; •  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
21 **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me •**  
**and have become my salvation.**  
22 The stone which the builders rejected •  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 **This is the Lords doing, •**  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**  
24 This is the day that the Lord has made; •  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### John 20.1–18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.  
2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.  
3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.  
4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.  
6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,  
7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.  
8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;  
9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.  
10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.  
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;  
12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.  
13 They said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them, They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.  
14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.  
15 Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking? Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.  
16 Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni! (which means Teacher).  
17 Jesus said to her, Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.  
18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Post Communion

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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