

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

**Sunday
7th April
Second Sunday of
Easter**



Open - Generous - Faithful



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.

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 Thursday 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!

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.

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Acts 4.32–35 †

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

35 They laid it at the apostles feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is •
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 **It is like the precious oil upon the head, •
running down upon the beard,**
- 3 Even on Aarons beard, •
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon •
running down upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: •
even life for evermore.

1 John 1.1—2.2

62 John We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-

2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-

3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.

27 Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.

28 Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God!

29 Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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