

**Each Thursday (Warm Welcome)**

9.15am Little Pineapples (term- time)

11.30am Place of Welcome(term time)

**Each Friday (term-time)**

5.30pm Youth zone.

**Each Sunday**

9:30am Children's Choir

**Quiet Mass Thursday 29 Jan**

11am Lady Chapel

**Hymns for today**

489, 324, 768, 546.

**Prayer list:****Please ask for names to be added by the last Sunday in the month.****RIP Norman Simons**

Please pray for:

Steve, Rosie, Anne, Ellen, June, Norman, Chris, Laurel, Skye, Jan, Jen, Lily, Sue Boon, Kirsty &amp; family, David, Oliver, Shamsi, Tina, Steph.

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 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. Our Safeguarding Officer is Dr Helen Campbell.

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Second Sunday of  
Epiphany***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 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!

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.

## Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Isaiah 49.1–7

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord  
called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mothers womb he named me.  
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a  
polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
3 And he said to me, You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.  
4 But I said, I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet  
surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.  
5 And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to  
bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am  
honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength-  
6 he says, It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as  
a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.  
7 Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one  
deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers, Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because  
of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

## Psalms 40.1–12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; •  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay; •  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.  
3 He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; •  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, •  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.  
5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my  
God.  
How great your designs for us! •  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them •  
they would be more than I am able to express.  
7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire •  
but my ears you have opened;  
8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not  
required; •  
then said I: Lo, I come.  
9 In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God; •  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great  
congregation; •

behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
• I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
• let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

## John 1.29–42

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and  
declared, Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the  
sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man who  
ranks ahead of me because he was before me.

31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with  
water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.

32 And John testified, I saw the Spirit descending from  
heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me  
to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see  
the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes  
with the Holy Spirit.

34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is  
the Son of God.

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his  
disciples,

36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, Look,  
here is the Lamb of God!

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they  
followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said  
to them, What are you looking for? They said to him,  
Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you  
staying?

39 He said to them, Come and see. They came and saw  
where he was staying, and they remained with him that  
day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed  
him was Andrew, Simon Peters brother.

41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, We  
have found the Messiah (which is translated Anointed).

42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and  
said, You are Simon son of John. You are to be called  
Cephas (which is translated Peter).

## Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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