



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 26 Feb

11am Lady Chapel

Hymns for today

Children’s choir, 706, 537, 557.

Prayer list:

Please ask for names to be added by the last Sunday in the month.

RIP Norman Simons & Alison Hodgkin
Please pray for:
John, Steve, Maureen, Rosie, Anne, Ellen, June, Chris, Laurel, Skye, Jan, Jen, Lily, Sue Boon, Kirsty & 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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**Sunday 8th February
Second Sunday before
Lent**

*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

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Genesis 1.1—2.3

01 Genesis In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
3 Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
6 And God said, Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.



7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so.

10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it. And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth. And it was so.

16 God made the two great lights-the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-and the stars.

17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.

21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so.

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

29 God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, •
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, •
for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

4 Who alone does great wonders, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who made the great lights, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, •
for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, •
for his mercy endures for ever.

Matthew 6.25–end

25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, What will we eat? or What will we drink? or What will we wear?

32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.