

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

Bible Study Wed 7pm on zoom

Calling a Wounded Planet Home.

4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3.

Email revtariro@hotmail.com for zoom links

Quiet Mass Thursday 26 March

11am Lady Chapel

Hymns for today

Children's choir, 818, 790, 652.

Prayer list:

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

Please pray for:

Thelma & Mike, John, 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 1 March

Second Sunday of 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 show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 12.1–4a

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, Go from your country and your kindred and your fathers house to the land that I will show you.

2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; •
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, •
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; •
he who watches over you will not sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel •
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself watches over you; •
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, •
neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; •
it is he who shall keep your soul.

8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, •
from this time forth for evermore.

John 3.1–17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.

3 Jesus answered him, Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.

4 Nicodemus said to him, How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mothers womb and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, You must be born from above.

8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus said to him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered him, Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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