

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

10am Children's Choir

Hymns for today

Children's choir, 806, 448, 494.

Prayer list:

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

Please pray for:

James Kelly, Stuart, 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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First Sunday after Trinity

Open - Generous - Faithful



Welcome!

10.00am. Sunday Morning Worship
- a Eucharist



Refreshments are served at the back of the Church building, around 11.00am, 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 -

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- 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

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalms 33.1–12

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, •
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; •
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; •
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true •
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; •
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made •
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin •
and lays up the deep in his treasury.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; •
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; •
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught;
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever •
and the designs of his heart from generation to
generation.
- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord •
and the people he has chosen for his own.

Romans 4.13–end

- 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.
- 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
- 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
- 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,
- 17 as it is written, I have made you the father of many nations)-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
- 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, So numerous shall your descendants be.
- 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.
- 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
- 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.
- 22 Therefore his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness.

23 Now the words, it was reckoned to him, were written not for his sake alone,
24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner[a] in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting[b] with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' 12 But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue[a] came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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