

In the month ahead...

Thursdays

9.15 am Little Pineapples (term- time)
11.30 am Place of Warm Welcome

Fridays

5.30 pm – Youth Zone (term- time)

Sundays

10.00 am Children's Choir
10.00 am - Holy Communion

Hymns for the service

Children's choir, 533, 721, 681

Prayer list:

We are starting a fresh list of names to appear on the Prayer list each month. Please ask for names to be added by the last Sunday in the month.

Please pray for:

James Kelly, Thelma & Mike, John, Rosie, Anne, Ellen, June, Chris, Laurel, Skye, Jan, 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 Starchley is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Dr Helen Campbell.

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Sunday 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday after Trinity



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Welcome!

10.00 am Holy Communion & Children's Choir



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 -

10.00am Holy Communion & Children's Choir

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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. Amen

Psalm 139.1–11, 23–24 [or 139.1–11]

**1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; •
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place •
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**3 For there is not a word on my tongue, •
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

4 You encompass me behind and before •
and lay your hand upon me.

**5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, •
so high that I cannot attain it.**

6 Where can I go then from your spirit? •
Or where can I flee from your presence?

**7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; •
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

8 If I take the wings of the morning •
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**9 Even there your hand shall lead me, •
your right hand hold me fast.**

10 If I say, Surely the darkness will cover me •
and the light around me turn to night,

**11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; •
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; •
try me and examine my thoughts.

**24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me •
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Romans 8.12–25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the

redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

He put before them another parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from? He answered, An enemy has done this. The slaves said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them? But he replied, No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn. Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.

He answered, The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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