

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Redwood Drive, Ashenground Close, Felride

For prayer: David, Heidi, Mark, Simon, Simon, Bunty

From the Prayer Board: For all who have asked for prayer for themselves and their families

In memoriam: William Smith, Thelma Barnes, Peter Moss, Margaret Buckfield, Rose Welch, Agnes Coward, Gladys White, Annie McCollum, Lester Cruttenden, James Thorley

To keep our prayers up to date please let Janet or Martin know about people to list and keep listed in Prayers for the Community.

FRAIL AND ELDERLY PEOPLE

'You who have been carried by Me from your birth and have been carried in My arms from the womb, Even to your old age I am He, and even to your advanced old age I will carry you! Be assured I have made you, and I will carry you and I will save you.' ISAIAH 46:3,4 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

EASTER SUNDAY Jesus our Lord, we praise You that nothing could keep You from rising to new life from the grave, for You have defeated the devil and are infinitely stronger than death. Help us, therefore, to remember that we may fear no evil because You are alive and by our side now and always. Amen.

Lord of life, we continue to pray about attempts to legalise assisted suicide in Westminster and Holyrood. Please comfort and relieve anyone who feels 'a burden' and those experiencing great pain and disability. May they approach their end at peace with You. In Your mercy. Amen.

Loving Saviour, please help every older person who is moving into a care home to have the courage and understanding to accept and adapt to their new situation. We pray for staff members to be kind and patient as You bless them in their work of caring. By Your grace. Amen.

Spirit of comfort, thank You for the skill and compassion of those working in palliative medicine in hospitals, homes, hospices, and other places. We ask You for Your blessing, guidance, and provision across the country so everyone who needs this care can access it. In Your mercy. Amen.

Gracious Father, we pray for men and women who have dementia, and their families. In the midst of frailty and confusion, may Your love touch their inner being and bring understanding and assurance of hope, so they can depend on You in this life and the one to come. By Your grace. Amen. www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly



Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

Dates & Times

Easter Sunday 5th April

5.30am Easter Vigil Service

10.00am Easter Celebration
Communion Service

Tuesday 7th April

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

Thursday 9th April

8.30am Morning Prayers
12 noon - 1.00pm Food
Larder

Sunday 12th April

10.00am Communion Service

Please see the website for
links to online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to:

David Dalrymple (Easter Sunday)

Jeff Boardman

& Eli Moloney

An Easter Prayer

Father God,
thank You for Jesus and
His resurrection.

As we celebrate Easter
may we be filled with joy
and renewed in spirit,
knowing that through His
sacrifice, we are redeemed
and have eternal life. Help
us to embrace this hope,
sharing it with others as
we reflect Your light in the
world.

May our lives be filled with
thanksgiving and our voices
echo with praise for the
glorious gift of grace that
is ours through Jesus and
His death and resurrection.

In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

Down the centuries, Christians have joyfully proclaimed the Resurrection with the words: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Because these words are so familiar, it's easy to overlook what we are really saying.

'Alleluia' means 'praise God', a word we don't often use day to day. And 'indeed' means 'without a doubt, certainly; in fact, in reality'. So, when we proclaim, "Christ is risen indeed," we are declaring: "Praise God! Christ is risen—truly, certainly, and without any doubt. Praise God!" That's quite a statement!

The Easter message is that Jesus Christ, having died for us, rose from the dead and in doing so proved both who He is and that His Gospel the Good News, is true and that you are deeply loved by God, forgiven through Christ, and free to live with purpose, hope, and joy. By trusting in Jesus, you are welcomed into God's family and invited to share His love and grace. If you're searching for meaning, longing for forgiveness, or simply need a fresh start, the risen Christ offers new life, today and always. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Apostle Paul reminded the church in Corinth, "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain." And C.S. Lewis famously wrote, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance; if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

In fact, in reality, and without any doubt—Christ is risen. Therefore, our faith is not in vain. It is, in fact, as Lewis said, of infinite importance.

"Alleluia! Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Every blessing, Martin

A note from Doreen

Thank you dear friends who came along to the Church on Monday 30th March to join me and my family as we said our goodbyes to Bas who sadly passed away recently. He was so loved by all of us.

Thank you for your condolences by way of beautiful and heartfelt words in cards and messages we have been truly blessed and touched by the love we have received.

Bas is now at peace with the Lord.

Doreen x

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