

For the people of: Woodridge Close, Frankton Avenue

For prayer: David, Doreen F, Heidi, Mark, Simon, Simon, Bunty, Dennis and Elizabeth

From the Prayer Board: Pray for Footsteps International and the work of helping disadvantaged children in Kenya; pray for Roydon, Brian, Gavin and Catherine, and for all who have asked for prayer for themselves and their families

In memoriam: Phyllis Graham-Hyde, James Seddon, Cyril Mason

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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. - Isaiah 58.7

Father, Your will is that those who are destitute should be cared for and helped to establish themselves by finding somewhere to live, peace in their relationships and gainful occupation. We pray for all statutory and charitable initiatives that seek to achieve this. In Christ's name. Amen.

God of compassion, we intercede for people who are: sleeping rough; living in hostels, shelters and temporary accommodation; families seeking help from local authorities; and those who are 'hidden homeless' living in unsuitable, hazardous and overcrowded places. Have mercy, Lord. Amen.

Lord, please enable local councils to provide housing for people in need in the face of growing demand, soaring costs and limited resources. We pray for successful cooperation between them and charities, building companies and environmental groups. In Christ's name. Amen.

Good Shepherd, we pray for organisations that reach out to people who are sleeping rough— many with complex physical and mental health needs, some struggling with addictions. Please encourage them in their vital work with these vulnerable individuals. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

God of all the earth, we pray about the growing shortage of adequate housing— expected to affect three billion people by 2030. Please inspire and equip governments, urban planners, architects, investors, humanitarian bodies and local communities to create enough safe, affordable homes for everyone. In Your mercy. Amen.

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 28th June 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Readings: Romans 6.12-23, Matthew 10.40-42

Serving Christ in the Small Things

Jesus' words at the end of Matthew 10 are simple, yet challenging. He speaks about welcoming: welcoming Him, welcoming those He sends, and in welcoming Him welcoming God the Father, the one who sent Him. In a world that often measures importance by how successful you are and how high your profile is, Jesus turns our attention to the hidden and the ordinary. Even giving a cup of water is mentioned.

He tells us that whoever welcomes a prophet, or a righteous person, "will receive a prophet's reward" and "a righteous person's reward." That is an astonishing promise. It means that God notices not only what is done 'up front' in church. The unseen support, encouragement, and hospitality that often goes unrecognised is valued. Those who pray, welcome, serve, and quietly care for others are every bit as important in the Kingdom of God as the highest of high-profile Christians.

Jesus emphasises the point by highlighting the smallest of gestures: "whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... none of these will lose their reward." It is as if He wants to close off any excuse we might have that our contribution is too small to matter. A cup of water. A brief word of encouragement. A moment of attentive listening. These things may barely register in our own minds, yet they are treasured by God.

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HE WHO RECEIVES YOU
RECEIVES ME, AND HE
WHO RECEIVES ME
RECEIVES THE ONE WHO
SENT ME.
- MATTHEW 10:40

This Week

11.00am Saturday 27th June to

11.00am Sunday 28th June

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Sunday 28th June

10.00am Family Communion Service

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10.00am Family Communion

Tuesday 30th June

9.30 -10.00am Food Larder

Wednesday 1st July

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group

Thursday 2nd July

8.30am Morning Prayers

12noon – 12.30pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 4th July

9am Community Coffee

Sunday 5th July

8.30am Said Communion

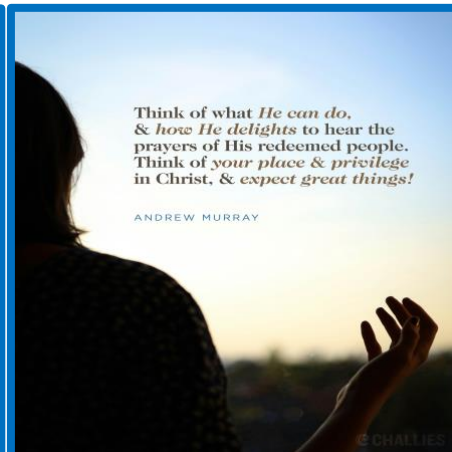
10.00am Family Worship

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Birthdays This Week

Happy Birthday to Mart Stanton



24 Hours of Prayer

**Sat/Sunday
27th/28th of June**

Deanery Confirmation

Congratulations to Nicci and Zac
who are being confirmed by
Bishop Ruth at the Deanery
Confirmation Service at 7.00pm
on Monday the 29th of June in
Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield

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This is good news for us as a church family. It means that everyday acts of kindness, done because we belong to Christ and because the other person belongs to Him too, are woven into the life of His kingdom. Nothing is wasted. Nothing is too small. Wherever there is genuine welcome in His name, there is real participation in His work.

In our everyday lives, this might look like: greeting someone new on a Sunday; checking in on a neighbour who is struggling in the heat; making a meal; writing a note; serving on a rota; or simply being present and listening to someone who feels overlooked. We may feel these things are ordinary, but Jesus dignifies them with eternal significance.

Jesus invites us to see each small act of welcome as an opportunity to welcome Him. In serving others, we serve God and in welcoming Jesus we welcome God Himself. **Martin**

Every act of
welcome in the
name of Christ is
a doorway through
which Christ can
enter.

24 Hours of Prayer

We have our annual 24 Hours of Prayer this weekend from 11am on Saturday until the end of our service on Sunday. (The Church will be open from 11.00am to 9.00pm on Saturday, and from 7am on Sunday)

This is for everyone, whether you are used to praying for hours or are just beginning. You can simply come as you are, stay for a short while, or stay for hours. Please come if you can and add your prayers as we gather.

In a world that feels hurried and anxious, we believe God is inviting us to pause, to draw close to Jesus, and to focus on Him.

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