

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

For the people of	Lewes Road, Birch Close
For prayer	Sally, Julian
Prayer Board	Footsteps International, Naomi, Danny and all who have asked for prayer for themselves or their families
In memoriam	Nicholas Awcock, Charles Brice, Tom Milward

To keep our prayers up to date, please let Janet or Martin know who to add to, or keep on, this list.

PRAYERS - Tackling inequality

'Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.'

PROVERBS 14:31 (NIV)

SUN 11 • INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

Celebrating the incredible potential, rights and well-being of girls worldwide. Father, you care for every individual. Please prosper initiatives that improve the prospects of girls who may be overlooked, abused and deprived of an education. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sovereign God, we rejoice that we 'are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus... There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Galatians 3:26–28). May your Church show this by treating vulnerable people with dignity and kindness. **For your glory. Amen.**

FRI 16 • WORLD FOOD DAY: 'INNOVATE TODAY. NOURISH TOMORROW.'

Lord, we pray for people facing hunger because of poverty, conflict, displacement and climate issues. Please enable safe, nutritious food to reach them, and proactive action to provide for a better future. **In your mercy. Amen.**

SAT 17 • INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Gracious God, may governments and influential organisations act decisively to redress the injustice and hardship suffered by the millions trapped in poverty. **According to your great mercy. Amen.**

Lord our Healer, we pray about the health inequalities across the UK that affect life expectancy, wellbeing and access to care. May local NHS Trusts receive the resources they need, and use them wisely. **By your grace. Amen.**

Prayers adapted from [CARE \(care.org.uk\)](https://care.org.uk)



Ascension Weekly

ASCENSION CHURCH NEWS & NOTICES

Sunday 11 October 2026

HARVEST SUNDAY

10.00am Harvest Communion with Breakout

Readings 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 · Luke 17:11–19

Harvest thanks

In a modern town, it's easy to become disconnected from the land and the work that goes into producing our food. We are spoilt by being able to take our food straight from the shelf, cleaned, packaged and often already prepared for us. This makes it easy to take it all for granted. So a Harvest service is a great opportunity to recognise what we have and to say thank you.

Ultimately, we should thank God for his provision, and that is what the Harvest service is about. In Luke 17:11–19, Jesus heals ten men with leprosy, yet only one returns to thank him.

All ten received the same gift, but only one stopped to give thanks.

Harvest reminds us to be like that one, and not to take for granted all we have been given.

Harvest is also a time to remember those who work to produce our food, and those who do not have enough to eat. Actions speak louder than words, and our thanks can be so much more than words and praise. Responding to those in need turns our words into action. It is the best way we have to thank God for all his provision.



The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. - Psalm 67.6

Everyone is welcome at Ascension Church

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This week

Sunday 11 October	10.00am	Harvest Communion with Breakout
Monday 12 October	7.30pm	Home Group
Tuesday 13 October	9.30–10.00am	Food Larder
Wednesday 14 October	1.30pm 3.30pm 7.30pm	Tiddlers Home Group (in church) Home Group
Thursday 15 October	8.30am 12.00–12.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayers Food Larder Home Group
Saturday 17 October	9.00am	Community Coffee
Sunday 18 October	8.30am 10.00am	Said Communion Worship Service with Breakout

More details on our website: ascensionchurch.co.uk

For the diary

SUN 8 NOVEMBER
Remembrance Sunday

SUN 15 NOVEMBER
Safeguarding Sunday

SUN 29 NOVEMBER
Advent Sunday

SUN 13 DECEMBER
Community Carols

BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays this week. If you'd like yours included, please let us know.

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Gift Day

Thank you for all the gifts that have come in for Gift Day so far. It's not too late to give: you can make a one-off gift, and if you already give regularly, this is a good time to review or change your giving.

Every gift helps us worship together, care for one another and serve our wider community. We are grateful for gifts of every size, and for the time, care and skills so many people share.

Giving is entirely voluntary. Everyone is equally welcome and valued, whether or not they can give financially.

Find out more: read the [Gift Day letter online](#), or pick up a printed copy at the back of church.

Time to Talk: a listening café

Time to Talk is a new monthly drop-in at Ascension Church for anyone who is worried, feeling down or lonely, or doesn't know who they can talk to. You'll find a warm welcome, a cuppa and cake, and someone ready to listen.

Opens

Tuesday 20 October, 10.30am

Then

Third Tuesday of every month

Cost

Free, and no need to book

- No pressure to talk: it's fine just to come for a cup of tea.
- Our volunteers are there to listen. They are not professional counsellors.
- Everyone is welcome. A worry shared can often be a worry halved.

Find out more: visit <https://ascensionchurch.co.uk/events-groups#time-to-talk-1>