PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

For the people of	The Coppice, Kilnwood Apartments
For prayer	Sally, Julian
Prayer Board	Please pray for Fenton, Naomi, Danny and all who have asked for prayer for themselves or their families; and for Footsteps International
In memoriam	Bridie Ricketts, Hervey Bungard, Frank Catt

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

PRAYERS – Servant heartedness

"Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God… He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being… humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.' **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (NLT)**

SUN 8 · REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY We pray for all who have died or who suffer as a result of conflict; those whose lives are disfigured by war or terror; for service men and women, for civilians; and for those held captive, each one remembered by and known to God. **May he give peace. Amen.** *(Adapted from a prayer by Revd Vic Van Den Bergh, former chaplain to the National Memorial Arboretum)*

MON 9 · WORLD ADOPTION DAY Father, we pray for the estimated 5.4 million children globally in orphanages, and countless more who have no family able to care for them. Please inspire more Christians and others to open their hearts and homes to a child in need of adoption. **For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

TUES 10 Lord, please bless those who care for a family member or friend at home, especially individuals struggling with their own health, financial and other challenges. May they be strengthened and helped each day. **By your grace. Amen.**

WED 11 Sovereign God, please raise up leaders to positions of authority and responsibility across the world who will humbly and unselfishly serve their communities, promote prosperity and peace, and care for those who are most vulnerable. **In your mercy. Amen.**

THURS 12 Loving God, please bless volunteers who freely offer their time to support a cause they care about. We pray for more people to find opportunities that will benefit others and bring fulfilment to themselves. **By your grace. Amen.**

FRI 13 Thank you, Lord, for the servant-heartedness, kindness and generosity of so many people in our lives — both those close to us and strangers we meet. Please remind us to be thankful, and encourage this attitude to spread across society. **In Christ's name. Amen.**

SAT 14 Lord Jesus, help us to be 'good and faithful servants' saved by grace — to serve you with gladness and, through love, to be servants to one another. **For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Prayers adapted from CARE (care.org.uk)

Ascension Church

Ascension Weekly

ASCENSION CHURCH NEWS & NOTICES

Sunday 8 November 2026. **Remembrance Sunday**

10.00am Remembrance Sunday Communion with Breakout

Readings: **1 Thessalonians 4.13-18** **Matthew 25.1-13**

There is a hope

On Remembrance Sunday, as we gather with people worldwide to honour all those who have suffered and died in war, we know as Christians that as we gather, we are in the presence of God, whose love for us is revealed in Christ's death on the cross.



Before his death, Jesus had said: "*No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends*." As we remember the past and acknowledge its sorrow, Jesus' death and resurrection reveal God's love and call us to look forward with hope, trusting that suffering and death do not have the final word, and that God holds the future in his hands.

> *"No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends."* – John 15.13

Christian hope does not remove the world's troubles; it calls us to work for reconciliation, justice and peace in a troubled world. As we honour those who have died in war, let us also renew our commitment to peace. Strengthened by Christ's victory over death, we can face the future with courage, live as people of hope, and work together for the peace the world desperately needs.

This week

Sunday 8 November	**10.00am**	Remembrance Sunday Communion with Breakout
Monday 9 November	**7.30pm**	Home Group
Tuesday 10 November	**9.30–10.00am**	Food Larder
Wednesday 11 November	**1.30pm** **3.30pm**	Tiddlers Home Group (in church)
Thursday 12 November	**8.30am** **11.15am** **12.00–12.30pm** **7.30pm**	Morning Prayers Open Space Coffee after Up & Amble Food Larder Home Group
Saturday 14 November	**9.00am**	Community Coffee
Sunday 15 November	**8.30am** **10.00am**	Said Communion Worship Service with Breakout

For more details follow the links above or visit our website: ascensionchurch.co.uk

For the diary

SUN 15 NOVEMBER
Safeguarding Sunday

TUE 17 NOVEMBER
Time to Talk: A Listening Cafe

SUN 29 NOVEMBER
Advent Sunday

SUN 13 DECEMBER
Community Carols

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Jill.

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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.

Next Time to Talk
Tuesday 17 November, 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

Ascension Access Ramp

Work to build the access ramp, install new drainage and resurface the area between the church doors and the playing field is underway and progressing well. If the weather allows and everything stays on track, we hope the builders will finish on Wednesday.

UKHarvest Food Hub



The UKHarvest Community Food Hub will be at the Ascension on Friday 13 November, from 10.30–11.30am. Everyone is welcome to come along and fill a shopping bag with a selection of groceries and rescued food for a suggested donation of £5. It's a simple way to stretch your budget while helping to reduce food waste. No referral is needed, and no one will be turned away. Just bring a bag and pop in Please spread the word to friends and neighbours who might appreciate it!

Find out more: visit https://www.ukharvest.org.uk/education/community-food-hub