

For the people of: Charles Bennett Court, Pennington Court

For prayer: Sally, David, Julian

From the Prayer Board: Pray for: Footsteps International and the work of helping disadvantaged children in Kenya; for Naomi and all who have asked for prayer for themselves and their families

In memoriam: Peter Ford, Flo Smith, Brian Smith, James Barnes

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.

SHARING GOD'S WORD

'As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.' ISAIAH 58:7 (NLT)

Holy Spirit, You 'guide us into all truth'* – 'God-breathed scripture' that can teach, shape and transform us more into the likeness of Christ.** Please help us to build our lives on this rock and share it with others. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*John 16:13, **2 Tim 3:16,17)

Lord, we pray for more opportunities and a growing desire among children and young people to learn about You through Your Word. Please bless the work of Sunday Schools, youth groups, Christian Unions and other gatherings. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Thursday 1st October INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS – emphasising their value, wisdom, and contributions in every community. Faithful God, we pray that the Church will increasingly draw upon the wisdom of older Christians, steeped in Your Word, to mentor and encourage those who are younger. And may those who need care and support continue to receive this. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Father, we pray for all who are studying Christian theology and training for ministry. Please strengthen their faith and love for Your Word, encouraging them in their spiritual learning and growth as they prepare to serve. According to Your perfect will. Amen. www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly

Sunday 27th September 2026 **Gift Day**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30

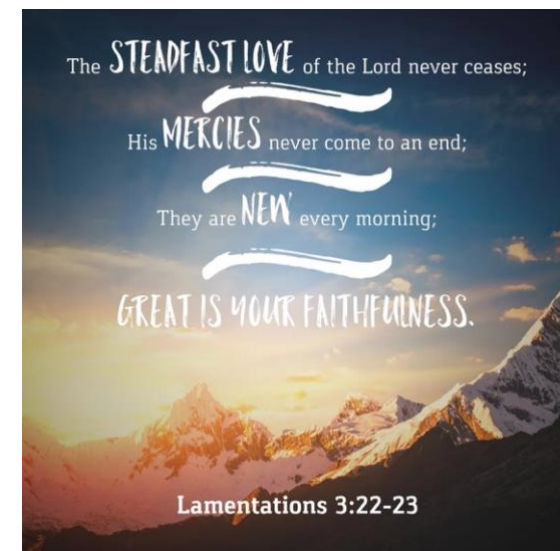
Giving with Gratitude and Trust

Sunday is our annual Gift Day with Luke 12.16-30 chosen for the Gospel Reading. In the reading, Jesus tells a story about a man who has plenty stored away but has forgotten what matters most. Jesus then points to birds and flowers, reminding his listeners of God's faithful care and telling them not to worry. Together, these words invite us to think about where we place our trust.

That is not always easy. Too many people know what it is to worry about bills, rising costs or an uncertain future. Saving what we can and planning are sensible steps. But even when we have enough, it can be tempting to believe that our possessions alone will make us feel secure.

Jesus does not dismiss our needs or ask us to pretend that money does not matter. He reminds us that God knows what we need and cares for us. We can bring our worries to him honestly, trusting that we are precious to him.

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This Week

Sunday 27th September **GIFT DAY**

10am Family Communion

Monday 28th September

7.30pm Home Group

Tuesday 29th September

9.30 -10.00am Food Larder

Wednesday 30th September

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

7.30pm Home Group

Thursday 1st October

8.30am Morning Prayers

12noon – 12.30pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 3rd October

9.00am Community Coffee

Sunday 4th October

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Family Worship

Please see the website for more information

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

Birthdays This Week

Happy birthday to Sally

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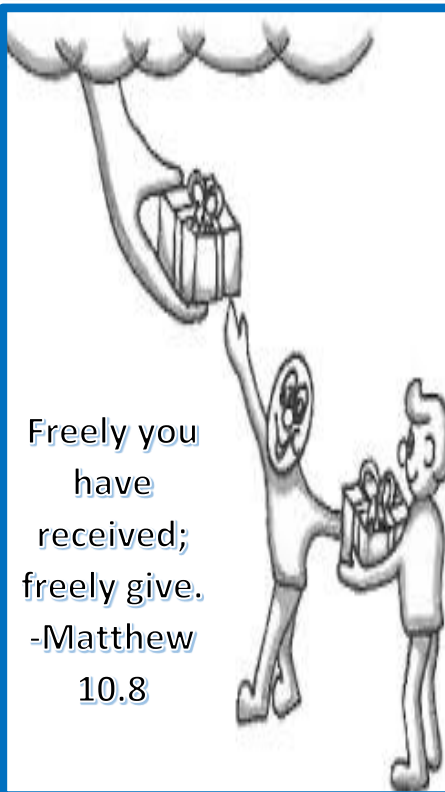
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God judges what we give
BY WHAT WE KEEP.

George Muller



Freely you
have
received;
freely give.
-Matthew
10.8

Gift Day Sunday

Each year, Gift Day gives us a chance to pause and think about how we financially support the life and work of our church. It is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to make a one-off donation. It is also a time for those who give regularly to review their giving and consider whether they would like to change it.

The gifts people give help our church continue to worship, care for one another and serve our wider community. We are grateful for every contribution, whatever its size, and for the many other ways people share their time and care.

Giving is entirely voluntary. There is no expectation that everyone can give, and everyone is equally welcome and valued, whether they give financially or not.

If you would like to take part in Gift Day, or simply find out more, please see the Gift Day letter. Copies of the letter are at the back of church, or you can find it [by clicking here](#).

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As we approach Gift Day, that is a good place to begin. Giving to the church is not a test of faith, a response to pressure or a way of earning God's love. Gift Day is a thankful response to the generosity we have received and a practical way to support the church. Each person's circumstances are different, and no one should feel they're expected to give beyond their means.

Regular gifts and gifts made on Gift Day help our church worship God together, nurture faith, welcome newcomers, care for our community, maintain our buildings, support ministry, and share hope and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This Gift Day, you are again warmly invited to consider prayerfully what part you might play and what you might give. Whatever its size, every gift matters. May our giving, in whatever form it takes, be a joyful expression of faith, gratitude and trust.

Martin