

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Wivelsfield Road, Rookery Way, Sussex Road

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

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

In memoriam: Gordon Rayfield, Richard Garman

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

CITIES

'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.' JEREMIAH 29:7 (ESV)

King of kings, we rejoice that You have redeemed us and that 'our citizenship is in heaven'* along with 'the saints and household of God.'** Yet for now, You call us to serve in this world as Your light bearers and ambassadors. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit. Amen. (*Phil 3:20 ** Eph 2:19)

Compassionate Lord, we intercede for millions in cities throughout the world who are forced to live in unsafe, unhealthy, overcrowded situations, lacking basic services, susceptible to climate extremes, and at risk from other dangers. Please grant success to those who are determined to improve such conditions. In Your mercy. Amen.

Lord, we ask that those responsible for protecting the public will have increasing success, especially in towns and cities seriously affected by criminal behaviour, to deter, prevent, detect and prosecute individuals and gangs who break the law and cause suffering and anxiety to others. In Your gracious mercy. Amen.

Loving Saviour, we long for children and adults across the nation to enter Your kingdom. We pray that many who live in towns and cities will connect with churches and Christian individuals who speak and live out Your gospel in joyful obedience and loving faith. In Your precious name. Amen.

Creator God, we pray that more cities across the world will invest in clean energy and transport, reduce waste and pollution, and create more green spaces that protect and improve the environment for plants, living creatures, and human beings. For Christ's sake. Amen. www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly

Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd of Easter

8.30am Said Communion

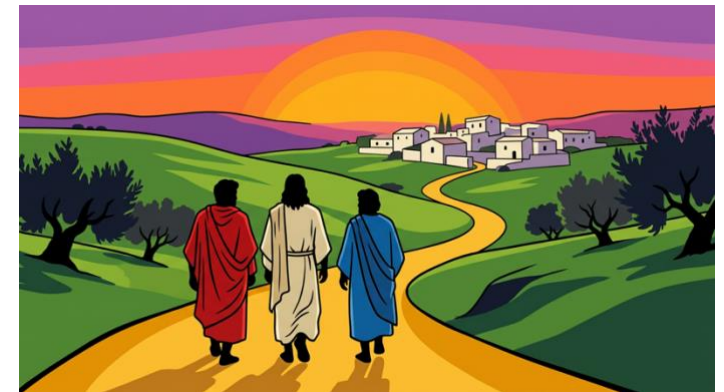
10.00 a.m. Worship Service

Readings: 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

Emmaus - Hope Is Restored

"We had hoped..." Such a sad little phrase, summing up the despair of two travellers walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus after the events of Good Friday. Cleopas was one of them. We are not given the other's name. But we do know they were walking away from Jerusalem, despondent, with all their hopes dashed.

Yes, at first, they were walking away. But after meeting the risen Jesus, they turned around and headed back. Weary trudging despair was transformed into eager joy. But first they had to recognise him.



Sadly, the sense of having our hopes dashed is a familiar experience. Yet for Cleopas and his companion, the reality was that everything they had hoped for had been fulfilled in the resurrection. They simply could not see it until Jesus made it clear. There are important lessons for us here.

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This Week

Sunday 19th April

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Worship Service

Tuesday 21st April

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

7.00pm PCC Prayers

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 22nd April

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group

Thursday 23rd April

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.00am Open Space Coffee after
'Up and Amble'

12 noon - 1.00pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 25th April

9.00am Community Coffee

Sunday 26th April

10.00am Family Communion

Please see the website for links to

God has given no pledge which He
will not redeem, and encouraged no
hope which He will not fulfill.

CHARLES SPURGEON



Loving Jesus,
thank you that you walk with us
on all the roads of our lives,
when we are happy and when we
are sad.

Open our eyes to see you with
us,
and help us to welcome you, just
as the friends did on the road to
Emmaus.

May our home and our church be
places where you are known and
loved and lives are turned
around.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday Beth Hinton,
and Dave Chart

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It isn't always just a feeling, or our inability to see, though. Hopes can really be dashed, trust broken, confidences betrayed, and we can be left despondent and walking away.

But this is the heart of it. Jesus comes to meet us on that road. Not when we have turned back, but while we are still walking away. And when we recognise him, everything changes. It won't just leave us feeling better. Recognising Jesus is enough to turn us around. **Martin**

Revamped Church Website

The church website has recently been revamped and relaunched. However, our phones and computers may still be showing the old version. This happens because devices often store a saved (cached) copy of websites to load them more quickly.

If you visit www.ascensionchurch.co.uk and still see the old site, or pages from it, this doesn't mean the new one isn't live or not working. It simply means your device is loading the stored version instead of the updated one. Refreshing the page several times should prompt your browser to load the new site. Alternatively, opening the site in a private or "incognito" window will show the latest version straight away.

The new site is fully live and appears to be working well, although you may notice the occasional glitch while devices update. This should resolve itself quickly.

Home Groups

Home Groups will meet this week, meeting in the church on Wednesday at 3:30 pm and on Thursday at 7:30 pm. The venue for the Thursday group is still to be confirmed.

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