

For the people of: Catkin Way, The Pines, Cedar Way

For prayer: Julian, Sally, Alison & Roger

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: Mark Stanton, Liz Beston, Judy Frampton, Geoffrey Holder-Jones, Pam Fisher, Win Parsons, Gerald Green

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.

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'I (Job) rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them. The one who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing... I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth.' JOB 29:12-17 (NIV)

God, our 'rock of refuge', thank You that You hear us when we cry out to You and send us help in our time of need. We lift to You anyone who is 'in the hands of the enemy' today, praying for their rescue and restoration*. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*Psalm 31:2-8)

Lord Jesus, we intercede for the millions trapped in modern slavery, around 122,000 here in the UK. Please grant the information, strategy and resources needed for those in the National Crime Agency, Border Force, local police and other agencies to act effectively to rescue those in danger. In Your mercy. Amen.

Wednesday 9th September EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY (999day.org.uk)

Thank You, Father, for the dedication, courage and skill of 'the two million people who work and volunteer in the emergency services and the NHS, including the 250,000 first responders who run toward danger to protect and save lives.' Please watch over them. By Your grace. Amen.

Loving Father, please send help to children who are subjected to domestic and other abuse, affected by poverty, family breakdown, mental health issues and other tribulations. We pray for professionals and those who know them to recognise any signs of risk and activate appropriate intervention. For Christ's sake. Amen.

www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly

Sunday 6th September 2026 **The 14th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Said Communion. Romans 13.8-14 & Matthew 18.15-20
10.00 a.m. Family Worship. John 15.1-8

Jesus is the vine

Our Family Worship Gospel reading for today is encouraging even though it is challenging. Jesus who says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." speaks of branches that bear fruit and branches which are pruned because they don't fruit.

The central message is one of closeness, life and hope. Jesus does not ask us to produce a perfect life through our own strength. Instead, He invites us to remain in Him. "Apart from me you can do nothing," He says. Just as a branch cannot grow fruit if it is separated from the vine, so we cannot flourish apart from the love, grace and strength of Christ.

There are times when life can feel dry or difficult.

We may feel tired, uncertain, disappointed or burdened by things beyond our control. We may wonder whether we are growing at all. In those moments, Jesus does not tell us to try harder and manage alone. He calls us back to Himself. He invites us to stay connected through prayer, through Scripture, through worship, through the fellowship of His people. And above all, through a life of faith lived through trusting in Him.

The pruning that Jesus describes helps us grow. A gardener prunes a healthy plant, not because it is unwanted, but because it is valued and cared for.



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This Week

Sunday 6th September

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Family Worship

Tuesday 8th September

9.30 -10.00am Food Larder

Wednesday 9th September

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

Thursday 10th September

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.00am Open Space after
Up & Amble

12noon – 12.30pm Food Larder

Saturday 12th September

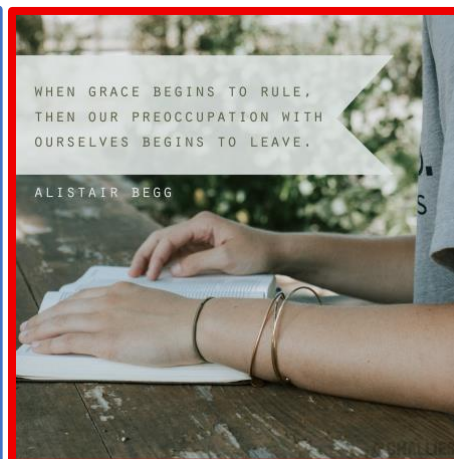
9.00am Church Coffee

Sunday 13th September

10am Communion Service

Please see the website for more
information

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk



For the Diary

27th September.

Gift Day

11th October.

Harvest Sunday

8th November.

Remembrance Sunday

15th November.

Safeguarding Sunday

29th November.

Advent Sunday

13th December.

Community Carols

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God sees the parts of our lives that hold us back, the habits, fears, resentments and distractions that stop us from becoming all He has made us to be. His loving work in us is intended for growth, not harm.

Jesus promises that when we remain in Him, we will bear much fruit. That fruit may be seen in kindness, patience, forgiveness, generosity, courage and love. It may be found in

a quiet word of encouragement, a helping hand, a prayer offered for someone else, or simply in continuing to trust God on a hard day.

We are not called to be impressive branches, drawing attention to ourselves. We are called to remain in Christ, the true vine. As we do, His life flows through us, and through our lives the Father is glorified.

Martin

The Bible Course

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course>

The Bible Course, produced by Bible Society, is a set of resources designed for small groups. It includes videos, a guidebook and online materials, and over 8 sessions it offers an accessible overview of the Bible and encouragement and help in reading and understanding the Bible.

Whether the Bible feels familiar to you, or you are just beginning to explore it, you would be very welcome to join us. Group meeting times and venues can be arranged to suit those taking part.

We will be using The Bible Course when our home groups resume this week. Please let Martin know if you would like to find out more or are interested in joining a group.

Worship Songs and Hymns

We now have access to a much wider range of worship songs and hymns. If there is something you would like us to sing in church, please let Martin know and we will see whether we can introduce it.

(Please note that we cannot guarantee every request will be available or can be made to work in church.)

Birthdays This Week

Happy Birthday to Lucy Flint

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