

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Edward Road, Windsor Close

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

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

RIP: Bas Kingshott. **In memoriam:** Jean Oliver, Cliff Woolley, Eva Thorley
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.

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTIONS

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' LUKE 4:18,19 (ESV)

Gracious Redeemer, please lead anyone living with an addiction to find help to turn from it and to identify underlying causes, whether through recovery groups, counselling, medical and psychiatric care, or the support of family and friends. Above all, may they cry out to You for mercy and healing. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Lord, as internet addictions increase with the growth in computer and mobile phone use, particularly among adolescents and young adults, we pray for stronger measures to be implemented to protect them, and to enable parents and others to help by example and advice. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Saviour, we are thankful for every provision of help that is available to those affected by addictions. We pray for counsellors and others to receive insight to encourage people to break harmful habits and to remain free from them. In Your mercy. Amen.

Gracious God, we ask for progress in restricting betting advertising, especially at sporting events. Please impress on those in government the need to discourage gambling, and help them to find ways to decrease its promotion. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY

Father, thank You that 'for our sake' You made Christ 'to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.'* Lord Jesus, thank You for dying at Calvary so we could be forgiven and receive eternal life. Holy Spirit, thank You for revealing the wonder of the cross to us. Amen.

(*2 Corinthians 5:21)

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

10.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion

Readings: Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14-27

Let's Keep Cheering

Palm Sunday reminds us of the crowds who cheered and waved palm branches, shouting "Hosanna!" as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Yet only days later, those same voices would cry, "Crucify him!" when their hopes for a warrior Messiah



clashed with God's greater plan. The people longed for political freedom, but Jesus did not come to establish an earthly kingdom—He came to bring the Kingdom of God.

Palm Sunday challenges us to trust God's greater purpose. After all, how often do we resist God's way when it doesn't align with our desires? The people who welcomed Jesus with joy, but turned away when He failed to meet their expectations. We may not shout "Crucify Him!", yet we too can reject God's way when Jesus doesn't fulfil our hopes or plans.

This day invites us to trust in God's purpose, even when His path is not the one we would have chosen. As Easter draws near, we are reminded that God's ways are higher than ours, and His Kingdom offers true freedom not from earthly powers, but from sin and death.

Let's choose to keep cheering for His unfolding plan for all of us and trust that His way always leads to life, love, and grace.

Martin

This Week

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Communion

Monday 30th March

2.00pm The Funeral of Bas Kingshott

Tuesday 31st March

9.30 - 10.30am Food Larder

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

8.30am Morning Prayers

12 noon - 1.00pm Food Larder

7.30pm Communion Service with Foot Washing

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am - 11.30am Easter Messy Church

2.00pm - 3.00pm Good Friday Service 'An Hour at the Cross'

3.00pm - 4.00pm Open church for reflection and prayer

Easter Sunday 5th April

5.30am Easter Vigil Service

10.00am Easter Celebration Communion Service

Please see the website for links to online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk



"The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness."

— Pope Francis

Birthdays this week

David Dalrymple,
Jeff Boardman & Eli Moloney

Easter Services

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

This is a quiet service, based around the Ascension's beautiful tile pictures, where we pray and reflect on Jesus' final hours

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2.00pm until 3.00pm Good Friday Service 'An hour at the Cross'

This a quiet reflective service with readings and music

Easter Sunday 5th April

5.30am Easter Vigil Service (Dawn will be just about breaking at 5.30am)

The Vigil Service celebrates the Resurrection as the sun rises at 6.25am

10am - Easter Celebration Communion Service

Bas Kingshott's Funeral

Bas's Funeral is on Monday 30th March 2.00pm in the Ascension Church. Everyone is welcome to the service in the church, and afterwards at the wake, which will be held in the Bowling Club in Beech Hurst Gardens, RH16 4BB.

A Prayer for Holy Week and Easter

Gracious and loving God, as we journey through the sacred days of Holy Week, help us to draw closer to You as we encounter the depth of Your love revealed in the sacrifice of Christ and the triumph of His resurrection.

Deepen our faith as we reflect on His passion and renew our commitment to follow Him as disciples in every moment of our lives. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts, transforming us into bearers of Your light in the world.

Through the risen Christ, we celebrate the victory of life over sin and death, love over fear, and hope over despair. Strengthen us to walk in His footsteps with courage and grace, proclaiming Your goodness to all.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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