

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Bruce Close

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

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

In memoriam: RIP Bas Kingshott. Marjorie Dalrymple, Diane Orazi, Queenie Capon, Ethel Riddles, John Shepherd

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.

ENERGY RESOURCES

'By his power God made earth. His wisdom gave shape to the world. He crafted the cosmos. He thunders and rain pours down. He sends the clouds soaring. He embellishes the storm with lightnings, and launches the wind from his warehouse.' JEREMIAH 51:15,16 (MESSAGE)

Sunday 22nd March WORLD WATER DAY – Water and gender equality
Dear Lord, with women and girls disproportionately bearing the burden of water collection and management across the developing world, we pray for governments to improve their lives and invest more in clean water and safe sanitation for the 2.2 billion people living without it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Almighty God, we marvel at Your power 'throughout the universe displayed.' Please show us how best to harness the unlimited and diverse energy sources throughout creation to sustain the wellbeing of our planet and benefit its people, creatures, and plants. In Your mercy. Amen.

Sovereign God, we remember the impact of war, sanctions, and other factors on international trade in oil and gas. Please grant wisdom and effective strategies to those with the power to implement greater energy security, economic stability, efficiency, and use of alternative sources. In Your mercy. Amen.

Father, while physical energy is crucial, humanity has a far deeper need for the power of Your lifegiving Spirit that raised Christ from the dead—to give us new birth, to strengthen and transform us as we trust in Him. We intercede for mighty moves of revival across the world. By Your grace. Amen.

Lord, we commend to You ongoing technological advances that can protect the natural environment, animals, birds, marine life, and human health from any collateral damage caused by producing, operating, and disposing of wind turbines, power stations, solar panels, batteries, and other items. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

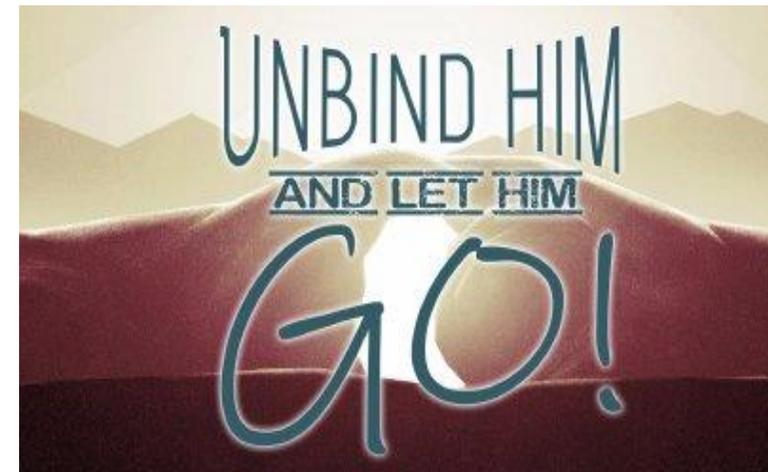
Readings: Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

New Life in Christ

When Jesus rose again, his grave clothes were left behind. When Lazarus came out of the grave, his face was covered. He had been brought back to life, but could not see it clearly. He was restored to life, he came out of the tomb still wrapped in his grave clothes, and Jesus had to say, "Unbind him, and let him go."

We already have new life in Christ now. It is not just hope and a promise for the future. God has given us new life to live now. The Bible is clear and 2 Corinthians 5.17 sums it up perfectly: "...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" Through trusting in Christ, we are raised to new life now. Yet that does not mean we are living in the full abundance of the life God intends for us. Like Lazarus, we can be alive but still bound. Sin, worry, doubt, anxiety, and fear can all restrict the new life that is already ours in Christ.

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This Week

Sunday 22nd March

10.00am Family Communion

Tuesday 24th March

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

Wednesday 25th March

1.30pm Tiddlers

Thursday 26th March

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.15am Open Space after
Up & Amble

12 noon - 1.00pm Food Larder

Saturday 28th March

9.00am Community Coffee

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Communion

Please see the website for links to
online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to: Diana Bingham,
Oscar Flint, & Emily Church



Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.00am Communion Service

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Communion Service
with Foot Washing

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Easter Messy Church
2.00pm An hour at the Cross
3.00pm until 4.00pm Open
Church for Quiet and Prayer

Easter Sunday 5th April

5.30am Easter Vigil Service
10.00 Easter Celebration
Communion Service

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As we remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection this Easter, let's remember that his grave clothes were left behind. Nothing can bind him. Death and the grave lost their grip and have no place around Christ and the fullness of his resurrection life.

This Easter, let's ask God to show us where we are still bound and need to set free. May nothing keep us from seeing the glory of the risen Christ and fully experiencing the new life that is ours by God's grace through faith in Him. **Martin**

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.

Easter Messy Church

Volunteers are needed please, to help with an Easter Messy Church for children and families, which will be on Good Friday (3rd April) from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Help will be needed from about 9.00am for setting up, until about 12.30, after hot cross buns and clearing up. Importantly as well, there will be a meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 31st March for a run through of what's planned. Please speak to Martin or Jill if you can help.

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