

For the people of: Colwell Gardens, Wellswood

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

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

In memoriam: Reginald Garrett, Sheila Whitmarsh, James Carter, Joyce Cripps, Duncan Tee, Michael Riddles

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.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.' COLOSSIANS 3:23,24 (ESV)

Father, thank You for Your empowerment and our human capacity to develop the gifts You have bestowed upon us to flourish as individuals and to serve those around us. Please give parents, teachers, mentors, trainers, employers and others the ability and opportunity to encourage children and young people to discover and develop their potential. For Your glory. Amen.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, please continue to strengthen and encourage young people who are in the middle of important exams. Help them to rest, revise, and remember what they have learned, and enable them to do their best to prepare for the future. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord Jesus, Teacher and Master, we pray for places of learning and employment to reflect Your excellent ways of grace and truth. Please reveal instances of error and wrongdoing within school curricula, study and workplace culture, and expose any unacceptable behaviour. In Your mercy. Amen.

FRIDAY 12TH WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Father, we pray for the 138 million individuals engaged in child labour worldwide (a decrease of 20 million since 2020), 54% of them in hazardous conditions. Please empower governments and other organisations to create ways to ensure they are enabled to attend school or work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious Shepherd, we ask You to watch over individuals with a disability or other difficulties to overcome who are unable to engage in education and receive other opportunities to progress physically, academically, emotionally and socially. Please help them to find their significance, security and self-worth, especially through knowing You. By Your grace. Amen. www.care.org.uk



Ascension Weekly

Sunday 7th June 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity

8.30 a.m. Said Communion

Readings: Romans 4.13-25, Matthew 9.9-13 & 18-26

10.00 a.m. Family Worship

Faith That Follows.

Today's Gospel reading has so much going on in it! We have the calling of Matthew, the Pharisees questioning Jesus for eating with sinners, a woman healed after years of suffering, and a synagogue leader's daughter brought back to life. At first, this may all seem unrelated, but when we read about them alongside today's passage from Romans, a clear theme begins to emerge: faith.

In Romans, Paul reflects on Abraham, who was made right with God not because of what he achieved, but because he trusted God. "His faith was reckoned to him as righteousness."

That same pattern unfolds in the Gospel. The grieving father and the woman who had suffered for twelve years both act out of trust in Jesus. They dare to believe that he can bring life where there is despair. Matthew, too, turns away from the false security of wealth and status and places his trust in Jesus, choosing to follow him.

In contrast, the Pharisees remain closed. Their confidence rests in their own righteousness, and so they cannot recognise what God is doing in front of them.

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AS JESUS WENT ON FROM THERE,
HE SAW A MAN NAMED MATTHEW
SITTING AT THE TAX BOOTH.
"FOLLOW ME," HE TOLD HIM. AND
MATTHEW GOT UP AND FOLLOWED
HIM.
- MATTHEW 9:9

This Week

Sunday 7th June

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Family Worship

Tuesday 9th June

9.30 -10.00am Food Larder

Wednesday 10th June

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group

Thursday 11th June

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.00am Open Space after
Up & Amble

12noon – 12.30pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 13th June

9am Community Coffee

Sunday 14th June

10.00am Communion Service

Please see the website for links to
online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

Birthdays This Week

Happy Birthday to Jo Elliott

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

MEANS THAT GOD WILL ALWAYS

do what He has said &
fulfill what He has promised.

- WAYNE GRUDEM -

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make
your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

24 Hours of Prayer

Sat/Sunday 27th/28th of June

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These accounts invite us to ask where our own trust lies. Faith is not simply belief, it's about belief in action expressed through a turning of the heart toward Jesus. It means letting go of self-reliance and receiving the life He offers.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way to new life. The invitation is the same for us as it was for Matthew, for the woman, and for the grieving father: to trust him, to follow him, and to discover that in him we find not only healing, but life itself. **Martin**

"Never be afraid
to trust an
unknown future
to a known God."
- Corrie ten Boom"

TESTIMONY

"If you share a testimony, it can give somebody hope to believe and to pray. And then they can share another testimony."

At a recent Healing Rooms Conference, Richard Gamble, founder of Eternal Wall, shared a compelling vision about making hope visible through stories of answered prayer with stories recorded on bricks which are then used to build a monument called the Eternal Wall.

The Eternal Wall will be a striking landmark made up of one million bricks, each linked to a real story of someone who has prayed to Jesus and received an answer. Its purpose is to inspire faith, spark curiosity, and point people back to a God who hears and responds.

Richard illustrated this with a powerful World War II story. A soldier, trapped under heavy fire, cried out to God for help—moments before a cloud appeared, giving cover for escape. Weeks later, he learned that someone in his mother's church had been woken at that exact time and prayed, "God, protect him. Send him a cloud."

"Every testimony has power," Richard said. "When you share it, it gives others hope to pray."

Through this vision, Eternal Wall seeks to encourage people to encounter that same hope for themselves. See <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk> to find out more.