

Prayers for the Community

For the people of: Roddick Walk, Alma Copse

For prayer: Sally & David, Heidi, Mark, Simon, Simon, Susan, Bunt

From the Prayer Board: Pray for Cheryl, Linda, Guy, Marie, Sandy, Annette and her son Louis, Danny

In memoriam: Margaret Piper, Bishop Eric Kemp

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.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'God has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and know-how for making all sorts of things, to design and work in gold, silver, and bronze; to carve stones and set them; to carve wood, working in every kind of skilled craft.'

EXODUS 35:31-33 (THE MESSAGE)

Wonderful Creator and Sustainer of the universe, thank You for the incredible diversity, potential, and beauty of all You have made, which we can discover, develop, implement, and enjoy through science and technology to enhance our world. Lead us according to Your wisdom. In Your mercy. Amen.

Father, we pray for those who are determined to find technological solutions to major world problems, such as eradicating mass hunger, treating major diseases, providing universal education, and generating clean power for everyone. Please provide the resources needed. In Jesus' name. Amen

Lord, we pray for Christians who study and work in science and technology, remembering how many of the greatest intellects and inventors had a strong faith in God. Assure them that science and Christianity are fully compatible and You are the source of all creative accomplishments. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Father of all knowledge and truth, please help young people, encountering rapid change in every area of science and technology, to be intelligent, curious, and discerning as they develop the understanding, life skills, and approaches needed to meet the challenges of the future. For Christ's sake. Amen.

O God, we pray for those at the forefront of developing deadly autonomous weapons, which are increasingly being deployed in conflict situations. Please grant to politicians and others moral courage, wisdom, and authority to prevent these missiles, drones, and robots from overriding human control with devastating consequences. In Your mercy. Amen.

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 23rd November 2025 **Christ the King**

10.00 am Family Communion Service

Readings: Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

Christ THE King

Today is the Sunday the church calendar calls Christ the King. Before we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, Christ the King Sunday invites us to pause and remember that the baby whose birth we are joyfully preparing to celebrate is now the risen and ascended Christ the King.

His kingship is unlike any earthly rule. Other kings and kingdoms come and go, but Christ died to establish a kingdom that will last forever. Where worldly rulers seek control, Christ brings freedom; where others lead through fear, He leads with love.

A kingdom is where a king rules. Christ rules in Heaven and over the Earth, but not yet all the Earth. His authority on Earth is contested and, sadly, often rejected for now. That is why we are led to pray "your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in Heaven." Each of us has the choice to live in Christ's Kingdom, under the rule (and loving care) of King Jesus, or to live outside His Kingdom, ruled by the pressures, values and forces of this world.

Christ died not only to establish his Kingdom, but to invite us to live in it, under His care, protected through doing His will and at one with the eternal King. The question for each of us is: will we choose to do His will "on Earth as it is in Heaven", and so bear witness that Christ is THE King?

Martin



This Week

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

10.00am Family Communion

Tuesday 25th November

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

Wednesday 26th November

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

7.30pm Home Group

Thursday 27th November

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.15am Open Space Coffee
after Up & Amble

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

7.30pm Home Group

Saturday 29th November

9.00am Community Coffee

Sunday 30th November

10.00am Family Communion

Please see the website for links for
online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk

UK Harvest

Food Hub Friday 28th November

10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.

In the Church

WHO IS HE, THIS KING OF
GLORY? THE LORD ALMIGHTY—
HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.
PSALMS 24:10

Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December

6.00pm Community Carols with
the St. Wilfrid's School Choir.

Sunday 21st December

6.00pm Blue Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th

4.00pm Christmas Carols and
Nativity.

11.30pm. Christmas Midnight
Service.

Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Christmas All Age
Communion

Christmas Present Appeal

We are appealing, please, for donations for the Ascension annual Christmas Present Appeal. This year we are planning to provide a bag of Christmas goodies to give out through the Food Larder, and a copy of the Bear Grylls book to go with the 'Goody Bag'.

Furthermore, the intention is to give Bear Grylls' book, The Greatest Story Ever Told, to every family who comes to the Christmas services. We are very grateful that these plans have been generously underwritten to allow the books to be bought. Donations will of course still be needed and much appreciated.

Donations can be made in different ways.

1) Money. Donations of money are very welcome especially as Gift Aid* can be claimed to increase the value of financial donations. (Please see below for information about Gift Aid.)

2) Goods. It's not intended that every bag will be identical so anything appropriate for a Christmas bag would work well. Biscuits, chocolates, a tin of Christmas ham etc would all be appreciated.

Thank you all.

*Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated at no additional cost to the donor. There are two ways Gift Aid can be claimed:

1. For individual donations of £30 or less, given in cash or via contactless card machines, the church can claim a 25% top-up through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). Donors do not even need to provide their name, let alone complete any paperwork for these donations and don't need to be paying tax.
2. For donations over £30, the church can claim Gift Aid from donors who are UK taxpayers and have paid enough income or capital gains tax to cover the amount claimed. To enable this, donors must complete a Gift Aid declaration form. By doing so, they confirm their taxpayer status and allow the church to claim Gift Aid on their donations.

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