

## Prayers for the Community

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**For the people of** Ashenground Way, Courtlands, Sussex Villas

**For prayer:** Chris J, David, Heidi, Sally, Simon and Simon

**In memoriam:** Jimmy Fox, Adrian Wilder, Aubrey Coomber, Henri Bessem, Lilian Waugh

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**For the people of** Ash Grove, Keymer End

**For prayer:** Chris J, David, Heidi, Sally, Simon and Simon

**In memoriam:** Clare Fielder, Alice Miles, Jesse Cripps

*To keep our prayers up to date please let Martin or Sally know about people to list and keep listed in Prayers for the Community.*

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

*'Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding ... Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go ... Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe. Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted.'* PROVERBS 2:3,9-12 (NLT)

God of power and love, we are thankful for the rich possibilities You have given to us to explore, invent, develop, utilise and enjoy good things through science and technology. Help us to be wise, humble stewards and turn away from any projects that could do harm. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord, we pray about the growing use of AI for public video surveillance and data gathering – especially by autocratic governments. Please grant wisdom to those concerned about this trend that erodes the right of privacy and other ethical issues. By Your grace. Amen.

God our Provider, thank You that AI can have such potential for good: to improve outcomes in farming and other food production, improve medical diagnosis and treatment, combat effects of climate change, streamline production and industry, and enhance our lives. In Your mercy, have Your way. Amen.

Father we intercede for those who must face the massive moral and practical implications of AI advances that will affect every aspect of life. May they earnestly seek Your wisdom about how to keep our world safe and guard humanity from potential future threats. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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# Ascension Weekly

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

**10.00 a.m. Family Communion Service**

**Readings: Revelation 4.1-end & Luke 8.22-25**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025** Sunday next before Lent

**8.30 a.m. Said Communion**

**10.00 a.m. Café church**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 & Luke 9.28-36(37-43a)**

## Abiding Peace.

Our Gospel reading is the famous account of Jesus asleep in the boat as the storm rages and the disciples panic around Him. As we know, Jesus woke and stilled the storm.

Commanding the winds and the rain showed an authority that was so remarkable it overshadowed another aspect of Jesus' nature: that He had such perfect peace He was able to sleep soundly, even in the storm. After all, it wasn't the wind and waves that eventually woke Him; it was the panicking disciples who woke Him up! When caught in the storms of life, it's easy for us to imagine that God has lost control or doesn't care. Jesus, in the storm, revealed both His supreme authority *and* His unwavering trust in His Father's care. When we can hold on to that, we too can have an abiding peace inspite of the storm.

Let's remember not just that Jesus who calmed the waves, can calm whatever storms we face. But let's also remember His example of trusting in the Father's care, *even amid the storms.*

**Martin**



## This Week

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

10.00am Family Communion Service

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayers

11.15am Open Space after Up & Amble

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

9am Community Coffee

## Next Week

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Café church

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am -10.30am Food Larder

### Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am Midweek Communion

1.30pm Tiddlers

7.30pm Communion Service

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayers

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

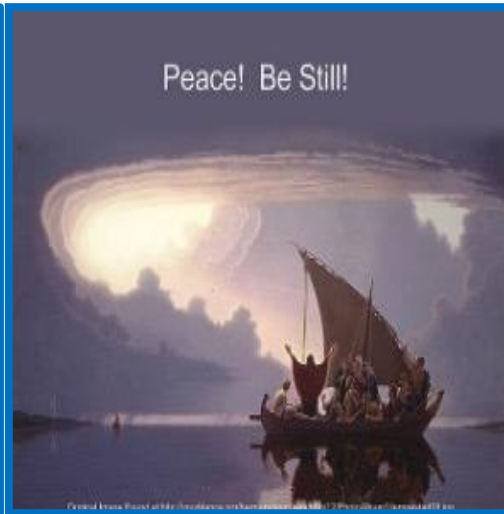
9am Community Coffee

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Communion Service

Please see the website for links for online streaming:

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## Happy Birthday to:

Basil Kingshott (25th February)

Marilyn Dalrymple (7th March)

Tina Coomber (8th March)



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## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Martin will be away on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Thanks, and a warm welcome, to the Rev'd Dr Caroline Currer who is taking the 8.30am Communion Service.

Thanks, too, to Jill and Jerry who are going to run the 10.00 am Café Church.

## Food Larder

Thanks to an extraordinarily generous donation when the Food Larder was set up it has been possible to buy in additional provisions to give out through the Food Larder. Even though the Larder has been continuously supported by generous donations of provisions and money, that original donation has nearly been spent.

Financial support and donations of long-life milk, tea and coffee, tinned meats, tins of tuna, pasta and soup would all be especially appreciated. Please do keep the donations coming in and once again huge thanks for all the wonderful generosity of time and effort, provisions and money that keeps the food larder going.

If you would like to help to financially support the Larder please speak to Jill or Jerry (Churchwardens) or David (Treasurer).

## Cuckfield Deanery Morning

The Ascension Church will be hosting the 2025 Cuckfield Deanery Morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, when the Rev'd Canon Dr Earl Collins will be leading the morning. Volunteers to serve tea and coffee are needed please, and donations of cakes will be very much appreciated. Please let Jerry, Jill or Martin know if you can help.