

Prayers for the Community

For the people of The Coppice, Kilnwood Apartments

For prayer: Bunty, Chris J, David, Heidi, Ros, William and Miranda.

With thanks for Brenda T's "All clear".

In memoriam: Penny Peters & Simon Bishop

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.

WORLD STABILITY AND PEACE

He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore. - MICAH 4.3(NKJV)

SUN 3rd NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. Loving God, we intercede for the growing number of our sisters and brothers who are attacked, killed, tortured and imprisoned (around 365 million Christians last year were subject to high levels of persecution and discrimination*). Have mercy on Your suffering people. For Christ's sake. Amen. *World Watch List

TUES 5th NOVEMBER UNITED STATES 60th PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION Lord, may Your will be done as millions of Americans vote. We pray the new President will acknowledge their need for Your wisdom and grace, be willing to serve all people and fear You aright. Please grant peace throughout the nation and renewed unity across the political divide. In Jesus' name. Amen

God of all Creation, please raise up more righteous leaders in our day, who will discern and submit to Your ways of wisdom in the spheres of politics, finance and business, the environment, health, education, science, law and order, culture and throughout the Church. By Your grace. Amen.

Father of compassion, please show mercy to the 120 million people forcibly displaced due to conflict, persecution, human rights violations, disasters and instability – a third of whom have fled their country as refugees. We intercede for their protection and rehabilitation. For Christ's sake. Amen.

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Ascension Weekly

Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints Day

8.30 am Said Communion

10.00 am Café Church (Streamed via Zoom)

Readings: Romans 10.9-15 & John 11.32-44

“Unbind him, and let him go”.

Have you noticed that Lazarus wasn't wholly restored when Jesus called him out of the tomb? He was raised from the dead, but he emerged still bound in grave clothes and with his face covered. Jesus had to instruct the onlookers to "Unbind him, and let him go" before he was completely free to fully live his new life.

Just as Lazarus was raised, but still bound, we too are given a new life, even though we still carry the vestiges of our old nature. The graveclothes give a powerful picture of the old habits, sins, and brokenness that cling to us even in our new life through faith in Christ.

Through Jesus and His death and resurrection, God's plan means we can all have a new life with God *now*. While we struggle with the 'graveclothes' in this new life, we can live our lives in the sure and certain hope of complete renewal and freedom from every vestige of death and the grave. However, God's plan is for more than a perfected future new creation. It is even better than that. Jesus made it clear that He came so that we can have fullness in life *now*, as well as in the future perfected new creation.

Significantly, Jesus didn't remove Lazarus's graveclothes Himself, but instructed others to do so. God's loving plan includes others to help us, and a calling for each of us to help others, so that everyone can live their new lives *now* in the abundance of all that God has planned for them.

Martin



This Week

All Saints Sunday 3rd November

8.30am Said Communion

10.00am Café Church

Tuesday 5th November

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

6.30pm Alpha 6

Wednesday 6th November

10.30am Midweek Communion

1.30pm Tiddlers

3.30pm Home Group in church

7.30pm Home Group at Janet and Jerry's

Thursday 7th November

8.30am Morning Prayers

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

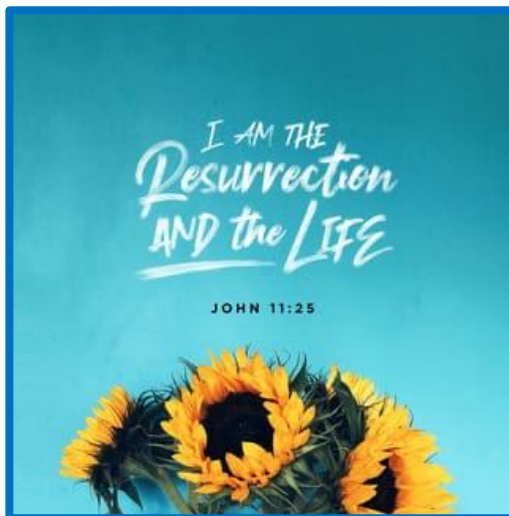
7.30pm Thursday Home Group at Jill's

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

10.00am Communion Service and Act of Remembrance.

Please see the website for links for online streaming:

www.ascensionchurch.co.uk



Café Church

Sunday 3rd November



Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to James Van Riel,
Barbara Van Riel & Michelle Flint.

The Light Party



Thank you to everyone who helped make the light party such a great success.

The finished lighthouse made quite a stir with 'Trick or Treaters' stopping to look and take photographs of the light shining from the church into the darkness.



A message from Kathy

Kathy Ford and Family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, thoughts, kind words and support over the last few weeks. - "It has made a real difference. We have felt very loved. Thank you. Love Kathy."

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