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Singleton Community Church News

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Through Faith

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God's Reassurance

Psalm 121 is my favourite psalm. Through these words of Scripture, we are reminded that in the Lord we are seen, known, held and sustained. Whatever circumstances we face, whatever tomorrow brings when we lift up our gaze and put our trust in God, we are reassured that He is our helper; our help comes from Him. So be encouraged - He is with you.

Rev Jo

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills - where
does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and earth.
He will watch over your life; the Lord
will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

Message from your Local Leadership Team:

Safeguarding: It is *everyone's* responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lis Webb
lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison
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If you have any concerns, please talk with one of us, or our Vicar - Rev Jo Purle jo.purle@ashfordchurches.co.uk



Light Up The World In Prayer 9th - 19th May 2024

The Lord's prayer is so well known. Do we stop and really meditate on these powerful words?

This is our prayer at SCC – Lord, Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

One of our core priorities at SCC is to create a culture of prayer in our church family. We are witnessing renewed health, growth and life in our church as a result of prayer. Yes Lord, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done here.

From Ascension Day Thursday 9th May to Pentecost Sunday 19th 10th May to Pentecost Sunday 19th May, May, we are joining in with the worldwide initiative to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Specifically, we pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people, that they may come to know the amazing, life-transforming love of Jesus.

At SCC, our focus day for prayer is Friday 17th May. Please consider how you can mark this day, setting time aside to pray for your 5.

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Keep up to date with Singleton Community Church

On the web at:
www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/singleton



On Facebook:
[@singletoncommunitychurch](https://www.facebook.com/singletoncommunitychurch)



On What's App:
A group chat for current congregation members. A place to share prayer requests, encouragements, news and answers to prayer. Please speak to a member of the LLT if you would like to join this group.



This newsletter can also be emailed to you directly. Please speak to Rev Jo.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 19th May Parish Pentecost Service
10am at St. Mary's, Town Centre



Sunday 19th May
Churches Together Pentecost Service
7pm at St. Mary's, Town Centre

Celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with a focus on prayer, praise and sharing testimony, led by church leaders in Ashford, with worship from Willesborough Baptist Church.

Sunday 2nd June Baptism Sunday @ SCC

Baptism is a Biblical command and we look forward to baptising adults, young people & children on our Baptism Sunday. Please speak with Rev Jo if you are considering this.



Saturday 6th July

Parish Mini Conference 10am-noon

at Christchurch, South Ashford

followed by a BBQ



This year's gathering will be focussed on 'Communicating the Gospel'. With dynamic guest speakers.



Ashford Town Centre Chaplaincy

This exciting new initiative from Churches Together, Ashford welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer chaplain. Being a supportive, peaceful presence in the town centre, offering a listening ear to anyone. Further details coming soon. Chat with Rev Jo for more information.

Prayer by Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does please you. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.