



THY KINGDOM COME

Praying for Shirley Parish Ascension to Pentecost (21st – 31st May) A prayer diary for us all to use



Thursday 21st May – Ascension Day

Psalm 47

- 6 *O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
- 7 *For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.*
- 8 *God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.*

Pray today for our neighbours and friends

Friday 22nd May

Psalm 81

- 6 *I heard a voice I did not know, that said:
'I eased their shoulder from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.*
- 7 *'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.*

Pray today for all those who look after our health – GPs, district nurses, carers, pharmacists and many more

Saturday 23rd May

Psalm 85

- 12 *The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.*
- 13 *Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.*

Pray today for all those who work to bring food to the shops – farmers, food processors, delivery drivers, shop workers and many more – perhaps especially the person who serves you in the supermarket.

Sunday 24th May

Psalm 68

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.*
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.*

Pray today for those we usually meet with each Sunday in our churches

Monday 25th May

Psalm 18

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength.
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,*
- 2 My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation and my stronghold.*

**Today those of us who can are walking around the Parish boundaries to
pray for all who live or work in Shirley.**

Pray today for our local community, the council and our councillors
Shirley East - Karen Grinsell, Annette Mackenzie, Mark Parker
Shirley South – Shahin Ashraf, Andy Hodgson, Max McLoughlin
Shirley West – Maggie Allen, Tim Hodgson, Rosemary Sexton

Tuesday 26th May

Psalm 100

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Pray today for our schools and other childcare facilities.
Perhaps especially the school or nursery nearest to your home

Wednesday 27th May

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;*
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;*
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.*
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.*
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.*
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Pray today for the care homes and nursing homes in the Parish

Thursday 28th May

Psalm 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.*
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.*
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.*

Pray today for those we know best. Our families and closest friends

Friday 29th May

Psalm 29

- 7 Blessed be the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.*
- 8 The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;*
- 9 Therefore my heart dances for joy
and in my song will I praise him.*

*10 The Lord is the strength of his people,
a safe refuge for his anointed.*

Pray today for our emergency services – police, fire and ambulance

Saturday 30th May

Psalm 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.*
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;
when shall I come before the presence of God?*

Pray today for people we know in particular need

Sunday 31st May – Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.*
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.*
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.*
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.*

Pray today for our churches and how we might move forward through and beyond the lockdown