

# 10.30 SUNDAY

Every Sunday morning at 10.30 with a children's group. And on the first Sunday of the month an 8.00am prayer book Communion service.

## Our Amazing God

### September

- HC 4th 1. He is Glorious - Exodus 33:12-34:10  
 11th BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY  
 2. God's glory in creation - Psalm 19  
 Followed by September Sizzle BBQ  
 18th 3. A vision of God's Glory - Isaiah 6:1-8  
 25th 4. Revealing God's Glory - Isaiah 40

### October

- HC 2nd 5. Declaring God's Glory - 1 Chronicles 16:23-36  
 Fam 9th CELEBRATING HARVEST  
 Harvest Festival followed by a Ploughmans Lunch  
 16th 6. The Glory of God's Son - Matthew 17:1-13  
 23rd 7. Transformed by Glory - 2 Corinthians 3  
 30th CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE  
 Bible Sunday - Nehemiah 8.1-12

### November

- HC 6th VISION SUNDAY  
**Jesus God's Unique Son (John 1)**  
 13th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
 1. Divine  
 20th 2. Human  
 27th 3. Powerful

### December

- HC 4th 4. Teacher  
 11th 5. Saviour  
 18th No morning service, Carols by Candlelight 6pm  
 Fam 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

# 6.00 SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of the month (usually)

- 25 Sept A Christian Response to the Riots  
 23 Oct A Service for prayer and healing  
 27 Nov United Advent Service at Patcham Methodist  
 18 Dec Carols by Candlelight



No verbal description of God's Glory - even in Scripture - can do justice to the brilliance of his presence. The Biblical authors strain to portray what they have seen. At Mount Sinai God's presence seemed like a thunderstorm, with smoke, fire and trumpet blast. The people trembled. Later the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And when Jesus was transfigured before his disciples his clothes became dazzling white.

Why such pictures, but to say that God's outward glory is something more brilliant than light, more piercing than a trumpet blast, and more awe-inspiring than a thunderstorm. In this series we explore the glory and majesty of the God we worship. His glory in creation, his glory beheld by his people, his glory in his Son, and how we can be personally transformed from one degree of glory to another. May we see our glorious Lord in a new and dazzling light!



The opening of John's Gospel paints Jesus as God's Unique Son, Christ and Saviour. In the lead up to Christmas this year we explore more about who he is in all the Scriptures and more importantly who he is to us as we remember him as Emmanuel, God with us.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY AT THE ASCENSION

"For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations." Isaiah 56  
 Sunday Morning - half an hour before the service  
 Second Monday - prayer gathering at 8-9.30pm  
 Weekly Daytime - look out for notices.



# HARVEST

## 8th-9th October

A weekend of events kicks off with a Family Quiz night, centres around our Harvest Service on Sunday 9th, and concludes with a Ploughmans Lunch after the service. Produce to Basics Bank.



### FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th October 6.30pm-8.30pm.  
 Puddings and refreshments provided in the interval. Teams of up to 6 with a mix of ages!  
 Contact Emma for details.



Sunday  
 30th October  
 at 3pm

### HALF TERM CHILDREN'S LIGHT PARTY: Superheroes for children 5-10yrs.

There'll be crafts, songs, Bible story, games, puppets and a tea!  
 Cost £1 per child. There will also be a café downstairs for parents and carers. This is an alternative halloween event.  
 See website for details.

### RETIRED CLUB CAROL SERVICE THURSDAY 8TH DEC - 2.30PM

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 18TH DEC - 6.00PM

### CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE - 4.00PM

### LATE NIGHT COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE - 11.15PM

### FAMILY CELEBRATION CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM & 10.30AM



## sundays at the ascension

Whatever your age or background you are warmly welcomed at The Ascension Westdene. We are part of the Church of England and meet every Sunday at 10.30am.

We run a **children's group** during the service except at the All Age Service when we all stay together. The church has an **induction loop**. We offer **refreshments** after our main services.

In a society where people are increasingly isolated, we are trying to build a loving community that cares about people and in which we discover who we are with God. We are trying to be a people of faith in Jesus Christ, of love for our neighbours and with hope in God. We trust you will enjoy that journey with us!



## through the week

- ❑ **Home Groups:** Small groups meet in homes for friendship, support and Bible study on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. To join a group contact Andy (503926), or speak to Roger Luther (705111), Mathew Philip (883726), or Helen Shires/Gweneth Brooks (506970/507614).
- ❑ **Squibs:** A club for toddlers and carers. Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am in the Hall.
- ❑ **Zoom Club:** lunch time bible clubs at Westdene School run by Emma.
- ❑ **The Thursday Club:** A friendly monthly daytime group for the retired. Usually with talk, discussion or games, and tea provided. Second Thursday of the month 2.30-4.00pm. Meets in the Hall. Run by Jean Roberts (556589).
- ❑ **Refresh cafe:** Tuesday morning cafe and meeting place for the community. 9.00am - 11.30am every Tuesday in the church hall.
- ❑ **Sunday morning children's group** for 3+ year olds. Queries to Emma.

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**The Focus Group** is our appointed church leadership team with responsibility (delegated from the Parochial Church Council) for the vision and direction of the Ascension. If you have any comments or suggestions please do pass them through any member of the group. The current group members are the above plus Margaret Harvey (552377), Jan Lank (555749), Helen Shires (506970) and Margi Oldfield (330315).

## Our aim is

to make followers of Jesus Christ  
by helping people meet God and  
encourage each other,  
so that we build a church that is  
good news to the wider community.

*The Ascension Church is in the parish of 'All Saints Patcham' in the Anglican Diocese of Chichester.*



*A community Anglican church for people of all ages*

*Making followers of Jesus*

# Programme Card

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