

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 21.07.23

Order Of Service 23rd July 2023

Leader: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Call to worship

Hymn: - Thank you Lord for this fine day

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: - Teach me my God and King

Young people leave for their activities

Reading: - Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Talk

Song – The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

Prayers of intercession, street prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Young people return and share

Hymn: - You shall go out with joy

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

Notices

Coffee Rota – can you lend a hand?

As we are now having coffee every week after the service, we could really do with just a couple more people to go on the rota for coffee. If you could help with this please let Sarah know.

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box is on the Information Table, should you wish to make a donation to the work of our Church. Alternatively, you could sign a Standing Order form committing to regular monthly giving, which allows our Treasurer (Ben) to monitor the church finances more closely. Please do speak with Ben if you wish to make arrangements for this.

New Rector

The Revd Gareth Morley has been appointed as the next Rector of Easthampstead. The service of institution and induction will be held on **Thursday 24th August at 7pm**, at the Parish Church. All are welcome.

Notices From The Parish:

School Admissions

To make the system fair and transparent, those wishing to apply to St Michael's or Ranelagh church schools on church attendance criteria will be asked to sign a register at the back of church each time they attend (even if they have a sibling at the school). To make sure that all new signees understand the admissions criteria we ask that you email the parish office to make an appointment.

Please note: Please go to the relevant school website for the latest admissions policy.

Ranelagh amended Admissions Policy from 2024.

<https://www.ranelagh.bonitas.org.uk/admissions-policy/>

St Michaels new policy

<https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com/admissions/>

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Weeds

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.