

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 11.08.23

Order Of Service 13th August 2023

Leader: Peter Whalley

Notices

Quiet time

Call to Worship/Gathering Prayer:

Hymn: Eternal Father strong to save

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Hymn: Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine

Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

All age talk

Hymn: Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

Talk

Intercession / Lord's Prayer

Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

Sending Out

Grace

Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

We continue to hold in our prayers this week; Jeannie who is recovering from surgery, Alison's Mum, Margaret, who is recovering from a TIA (mini stroke) and Beth's nephew and his half siblings as their father is ill with cancer.

May God bless them with his healing power and give them the strength to endure their trials. We pray that God will comfort them in their time of need and give them hope for the future. May they know your presence Lord, your love and your peace.

We also pray for all the young people who will be receiving exam results over the coming weeks. We give thanks that you journey with them in joy and in sorrow. We ask your blessing on them as they navigate their next step knowing that you are there for them always.

Autumn Rota – can you volunteer?

Many hands make light work! Or so the saying goes... We could do with just a few more people to volunteer to be on the rota for different duties. If you would like to try welcoming, helping with Sunday School, serving tea/coffee or running the tech desk, please have a chat with Sarah as she is completing the rota for September, October and November shortly.

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.

Save the Date – Circuit Service

A circuit service, bringing together all of the churches in the Methodist Circuit, will be held at Church @ the Pines on Sunday 10th September at 4pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend what we will hope will be a really fantastic opportunity to all join together in worship.

Sponsored Walk for Action for Children

There will once again be a sponsored walk at Virginia Waters, raising much needed funds for Action for Children. The walk will take place on Saturday 9th September, meeting in the morning (time TBC). Brian has sponsorship forms if you are interested in taking part. It's a lovely walk and another opportunity to meet other folk in the circuit.

Notices From The Parish:

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Easthampstead request the pleasure of your company at

**The Institution and Induction of the Reverend Gareth Morley
as Rector of the Benefice of Easthampstead**

by the Rt Revd Olivia Bishop of Reading and the
Ven Stephen Pullin, Archdeacon of Berkshire
at **St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Church**
Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, RG12 7ER on 24th August 2023 at 7.00pm
and afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Centre
RSVP to office@stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk



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/>

Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

28 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'

29 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'