

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 25.08.23

Order Of Service 27th August 2023

Leader: Catherine Bowstead

Notices

Quiet Time for Worship

Introduction and Call to worship

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible

Prayers of adoration and confession

Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6

Comment

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Hymn: All I once held dear

Who Are You? We explore the readings

Faithful one (video)

Prayers of Intercession, Lord's prayer

The Peace

Communion

Hymn: All for Jesus

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

We give thanks for the continued good recovery of Jeannie and Alison's Mum, Margaret and continue to hold them in our prayers. We also pray for 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 strength. 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 hold in our prayers this week Rev Gareth Morley and his family as they begin their new chapter in our parish. We give thanks for the service of induction and pray for your guidance as Rev Gareth begins his ministry here.

We pray too for all the young people who have received exam results recently. 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.

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.

Circuit Service – Sunday 10th September at 4pm

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.

There will be activities for young people to do during the service, we would encourage them all to come along and take part. The service will also be followed by refreshments.

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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/>

Mothers' UNION Easthampstead Branch

Wednesday 20 September

in The Annexe,

St Michael & St Mary Magdalene Church.

Coffee/teas, Prayer & brief notices.

Followed by a showing of award winning film

"Suffragette"

**PLEASE
NOTE:
EARLIER
START
TIME OF
7.30pm.**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

Certificate:



**Length:
1 hr 46 mins**



Notices From The Circuit:

Sponsored Walk for Action for Children – Saturday 9th September

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.

A colorful poster for a charity event. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun and green rolling hills. On the left, there are four polaroid-style photos: a child archery, a child with face paint, a person climbing a rope, and a person climbing a wall. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a QR code on the right.

Charity
FAMILY FUN DAY

- ✓ ONE LAST SUMMER ADVENTURE
- ✓ HIGH ROPES, WALL CLIMBING
- ✓ ARCHERY, FACE PAINTING
- ✓ REFRESHMENTS & LIVE MUSIC

SUNDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER
3PM-6PM

OAKWOOD CLIMBING CENTRE
WATERLOO ROAD, WOKINGHAM
RG40 3DA

FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS VISIT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RENOVAFDD](https://tinyurl.com/renovaffd)



OAKWOOD sponsors **renova**
Proceeds from the ticket sales go to supporting people who are homeless with housing

Renova Trust are holding a charity fun day on 3rd September.

The Methodist Circuit have asked us to promote this event raising vital funds for Renova, who work to house the homeless.

Readings

Isaiah 51: 1-6

Everlasting salvation for Zion

51 'Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
2 look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.
3 The Lord will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

4 'Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.
5 My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.
The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last for ever,
my righteousness will never fail.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.