

# Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 01.09.23

## Order Of Service 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Leader: Rev'd Gareth Morley**

Welcome and notices

Quiet time with Taizé music

HYMN: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Welcoming prayers

The Collect

Young people leave for Sunday School

Reading – Romans 13: 8-14

HYMN: Loves divine all loves excelling

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon

Creed

Praying for Ourselves

Praying for Others (The prayers of intercession ending with Lord's Prayer)

Young People return and share

Communion

HYMN Brother Sister let me serve you

Prayer after Communion

HYMN Praise my soul the king of heaven

Blessing

Dismissal

Grace

Coffee

## Notices

### **Prayers this week**

We pray for Linda and her family, on the recent passing of her Dad. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. We place those we know who are grieving into God's loving hands because he knows exactly what they need.

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.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**

A circuit service, bringing together all of the churches in the Methodist Circuit, will be held at Church @ the Pines tomorrow at 4pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend what 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.

### **A Message From Revd Gareth...**

I am delighted to have been chosen as Rector of such a wonderful community. I am not moving here alone though as I am accompanied by my wife Jenna, our three children Elijah, Phoebe and Nathaniel, and our dog Izzy. The warmth of welcome the family and I have received from you since we moved in has been amazing and we thank you for your love, prayers and support.

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I thought I would share a little of my background as I begin ministry here. I guess the first thing to say is that I am no stranger to Berkshire. For around 15 years I lived in Woodley, attended Waingels Copse Comprehensive (now Waingels College) and worshipped as a chorister at St Pauls, Wokingham.

My links to the area go back further as my ancestors have lived in the area for centuries. In fact Eliza and Ellen, who are ancestors of mine, lived in Easthampstead in the turn of the 19th and 20th Century and are buried in the churchyard of this very Church.

Prior to ordination I was a Police Officer for many years working in various departments in Aylesbury, Waddesdon, Amersham, and Oxford City. It was during this time I met my wife Jenna, who works as a midwife, and it was whilst we were living in Aylesbury that we welcomed our first child Elijah. I was selected for training to ministry and attended St Mellitus Theological College in Kensington, London. The college is part of Durham University and it was there whilst working part time in St Marys, Beaconsfield that I completed a BA degree in theology, ministry and mission. Whilst we were in Beaconsfield we welcomed my second child Phoebe to the family. I then began a three year curacy in High Wycombe where I also with the South Central Theological Education Institute, also affiliated to Durham University, completed a Post Graduate Diploma. I will be graduating later this year and will most likely be visiting Durham in January for a graduation ceremony. All whilst welcoming our third child Nathaniel.

There is of course more to my story which I am looking forward to sharing with you, as I look forward to learning of your story. I also look forward to learning more of where God has been at work here in the past, where he is still at work, and discerning together what he is calling us to do next as a community.

Revd Gareth will be with us at Church @ the Pines on Sunday 10th September, leading a service of Communion.



## 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/>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

**WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER**

**Time: 17:30 - 18:30**

**Where: St Michael & St Mary  
Magdalene Church Annexe,  
RG12 7ER**

**No appointment required.**



## Readings

### **Romans 13:8-14**

#### Love Fulfills the Law

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### The Day Is Near

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

#### Dealing with sin in the church

15 ‘If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that “every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 ‘Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’