

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 24.09.23

Order Of Service 24th September 2023

Leader: Pauline Matondo

Notices and welcome

Quiet time

Call to worship

Hymn – Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and confession

Hymn – He’s got the whole wide world in his hand

Young people leave for Sunday School

Bible Reading– Jonah 3:10-4:11

Short comment on Jonah reading

Hymn : Lead us Heavenly Father, Lead us

Bible Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Activity and talk

Hymn – Give to me Lord a thankful heart

Prayers of intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

Young people return and share

Hymn – You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace

Blessing

Grace

Fellowship- Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

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

As this day we marked International Day of Peace, Loving God, the world you made and love knows division, injustice and fracture, yet we trust You are at work by your Holy Spirit to bring healing and make all things new. Enable us to answer Your call to be peacemakers wherever we find ourselves. Inspire us to take action for peace by pursuing justice, strengthen our hands that we might be good stewards of creation, and expand our hearts that we would honour every human being as made in Your image. By Your Holy Spirit give us the courage to follow Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Road Prayer: This week we pray for all those living in Ollerton. May they know God's presence in their joys and in their sorrows.

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.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 15th October

Our harvest festival service will be lead by Soba, on the 15th October. We are once again asking that donations be brought to the service.

DONATIONS: This year we are asking for non-perishable produce for the Foodbank. They have asked we please use Facebook to determine what they are in need of as that will be more up to date than providing us with a list – I will update using this in the newsletter on the Friday before the service for those that cannot access Facebook or the app.

They also use an app called 'BankTheFood' - users can even ask it to remind them to purchase donations as they walk into supermarkets! They update the app a few times a week with a list of their current needs.

Here's a link to a video explaining the app - [#notjustbakedbeans – YouTube](#)

If you are unable to make the service you are welcome to bring donations to Church the week before and we will store in the cupboard. Alternatively, you can drop donations at Sarah's house in the week around the service, please ask me for my address.

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.](#)

[St Michaels new policy](#)

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.



Parish Walk

Organised by Mothers' Union

Saturday 30th September 2023

Come and join us for a walk around the Parish including a visit to all of our churches.

Total distance 5.5 miles.

Join us for the whole distance or a part of it – or just the picnic at South Hill Park.

The route follows tarmac, woodland and some gravel paths.

10 am meet for 10.15 depart from St Michael's Car Park

11 am meet at St Francis and St Clare Jennett's Park

12.00 meet at The Pines School (Rear Entrance at Pendlebury)

12.45 Picnic on rear lawn at South Hill Park (Bring your own)

2 pm Return to St Michael's.

Short service followed by Tea and Cake.

Readings

Johan 3: 10- 4:11

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

4 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Matthew 20: 1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

²⁰ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”