

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 30.09.23

Order Of Service 1st October 2023

Leader: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices.

Quiet time

Call to worship

Hymn – Morning has broken.

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and confession

Reading – Genesis 1 vv 1 – 19

Comment and activity

Hymn – Our God is a Great Big God

Reading – Genesis 1 vv 20 – 31

Comment and activity

Hymn – For the beauty of the Earth

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

Hymn – God in His goodness lent us this planet

Blessing

Grace

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 family 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 today some members of the churches within our Parish met for a walk and prayers, we pray for St Michael's, St Francis and St Clare's, and Church @ the Pines. May all those who worship at these churches know your love and may their time within these churches deepen their understanding of you God.

Road Prayer: This week we pray for all those living in Orion. 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 – currently they are asking for Shampoo, Pasta Sauce, Tea, Coffee, Long Life Orange Juice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat and Sponge Puddings.

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.

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Notices

Church Meeting – 15th October

Our next church meeting will be after the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 15th October. We try to keep our meetings as short as possible. They are an important way for everyone to contribute to our worship and the life of the Church @ the Pines.

The agenda and last meetings' minutes are attached to this email.

Notices From St Michael's

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.



Adult and Young Persons Confirmation Course

The course will be on Mondays 2nd, 9th October and 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November between 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the annexe at St Michael's

The confirmation is on 10th December at 4pm at Reading Minster. For young people this course is open for year 8 and above.

Pride

Tuesday 17th October

7.45 pm for 8 pm



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We are transported back to 1984, a time of social and economic unrest with the miners strike in full swing. A group of London based Lesbian and Gay friends decide to raise funds to help a remote mining community in Wales and present their donation in person. Drama and challenges unfold in this wonderful British Comedy which will have you laughing out loud and perhaps contemplating the times, music and attitudes of the eighties.

All Welcome. Refreshments at the start. Donations on the night please, no booking required.

Genesis 1: 1-19

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Genesis 1: 20-30

20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their

kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.