

# Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 06.10.23

## Order Of Service 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby**

Welcome/Notices

Call to worship [Psalm 126]

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Offertory

- Offertory Prayer

Hymn: For the fruits of his creation - Solo by Hazel Gennery

Video presentation

Young people leave for Sunday School

Readings

1. 2 Kings 4:1-7
2. John 21:1-14

Address

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

Young People return and share

The Peace

Communion

Intercessions/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Come ye thankful people come

Benediction

Grace

Coffee/Meeting

## Notices

### Prayers this week

A prayer from the President and Vice-President of Conference

God of peace and compassion,

We pray for all impacted by the escalation in conflict in Israel-Palestine

For all who are mourning

For all who are fearful, today, and for what may lie ahead

For all traumatised and re-traumatised by what they have experienced.

Enable us to stand in solidarity with people of peace

May your Spirit bring peace and healing to your troubled world

Amen

We hold in our prayers the future of the Church @ the Pines ahead of our church meeting this Sunday. Help us to work together to continue to be a place of welcome for all to hear your word.

We hold Stephen and Diki and their work at the ARK in our prayers following their recent newsletter.

Road Prayer: This week we pray for all those living in Pendlebury. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 – however, if you are unable to use this or the app mentioned below, their current needs are biscuits, long life semi-skimmed milk, tinned peas, carrots or sweetcorn, cornflakes, Weetabix, frosties

They 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 drop donations at Sarah's house by Monday evening, please ask me for my address.

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## Notices

### Church Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> October

Directly following the service on Sunday. 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.

**Important update: At the meeting we will be discussing the future of the Church @ the Pines and how we all see that looking. Gareth has asked that we all think about this as we pray this week and has provided some questions. I've attached the document from Gareth, please do take the time to think about these questions and bring your thoughts to the meeting next Sunday.**

### Stephen and Diki

Please do read the newsletter attached to the email, for an update on the work being done at the ARK and a call for prayer. For those that didn't know them, Stephen and Diki used to worship at Church @ the Pines.

## 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**

[Ranelagh](#) SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM  
[St Michael's](#) 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.**

## Readings

### 2 Kings 4: 1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

### John 21: 1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.