

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 06.10.23

Order Of Service 8th October 2023

Leader: Rev'd Gareth Morley

Welcome and notices

Quiet time with Taizé music

HYMN: He's got the whole world in his hands

Welcoming prayer and response

The Collect

Young people leave for Sunday School

Reading – Isaiah 5: 1-7

HYMN: I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21: 33-46

Sermon

Creed

Prayers of Intercession, Road Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Young People return and share

The Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preparing for Communion

Giving of Communion

Hymn during communion – Eat this bread, drink this cup

Prayer after Communion

HYMN: Colours of Day

Blessing

Dismissal

Grace

Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

As young people gather for the 3Generate weekend we pray that their time together brings them closer to your, God. We pray for the leaders that they may be guided by your wisdom.

As we pray this week we hold in our prayers the future of the Church @ the Pines ahead of our church meeting next week. Help us to work together to continue to be a place of welcome to all to hear your word.

Road Prayer: This week we pray for all those living in Pembroke. 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 – however, if you are unable to use this or the app mentioned below, their current needs are tea or coffee, jam, orange juice, tinned fruit, tinned ham, meat and hot dogs. I will update this list in the newsletter next week, for anyone planning to shop on Saturday ahead of Sunday's service.

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 this week 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.

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.

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



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

Isaiah 5: 1-7

The song of the vineyard

5 I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
my loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

3 'Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

5 Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

6 I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.'

7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Matthew 21: 33-46

The parable of the tenants

33 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

35 'The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.

38 'But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 'Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

41 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes"?

43 'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.