

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 20.10.23

Order Of Service 22nd October 2023

Leader: Sharon Wright

Notices

Time of quiet

Call to worship

Hymn Be Still for the power of the Lord

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Readings Exodus 33:12-27

Matt 22: 15-22

Hymn It only takes a spark

Message

Hymn Tell out my soul

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn To God be the glory

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

A prayer by Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.

O God of all justice and peace. We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering. We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace. We also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children. For to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Road Prayer: This week we pray for all those living in Prescott. 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.

Church @ the Pines Quiz Night – Save the date!!



SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

5-7PM | CHURCH @ THE PINES

All ages welcome. This is a fundraising event to raise monies for Church @ the Pines. Suggested minimum donation of £5 per household. We hope many people will be able to come along for this fun evening together. Further details to follow – but please save the date! Many thanks to Rowan for his super design skills – poster to follow.

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](#)

The Winder Lecture 2023 "Caring for God's Good Earth"

(The challenge of how we should live in an age of
environmental collapse)

Rt Revd Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading

Sunday 29th October at 7pm at St Michael's, RG42 6EE



Refreshments served from 6.30pm.

Open to everyone

We will be holding our annual Pumpkin service on Sunday 29th October at 3.30 pm in the church to be followed by light refreshments. Everyone welcome.

A short (non communion) service where we invite you to dress up and bring a carved pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded in the categories (nursery, infants) those year 2 and under, those in year 3 - 6 (juniors), secondary school (years 7 - 13) and adults.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Readings

Exodus 33: 12-27

Moses and the Glory of the Lord

12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Matthew 22: 15-22

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.