

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Revd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

Father God, I wonder

From heaven you came

Prayers

Purify my heart

Junior Church Leaves

Bible Readings

1. 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

2. Matthew 25.14-30

Sermon

Hymn: I will offer up my life

· Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

Junior Church Returns

Communion

Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In the beginning, God created justice and peace and today God works them out through our hands. In the beginning God created humans in all of our diversity, and today God brings us together to pray for change. In each of our beginnings, God is with us. As each day dawns and each day ends, God is with us. God, Creator of diversity, sometimes we close our ears to new stories. Help us to come into dialogue with each other, hearing other stories, meeting other realities, ready and willing to change our minds. Amen.

This week we pray for all those living in Silwood.

NOTICES

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 Survey – Future Vision Feedback

This is an opportunity for everybody within our Church community to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of Church @ the Pines. Please be bold and not shy, be honest and share the good and the bad about what we are doing and what we can do better.

Follow this link to complete online -

<https://forms.gle/2zp7lwNiaFya7gKy7>

The survey will be open to collect responses until the end of November. Please do share with young people too – they have their own section.

Dates for the diary

3rd December – Christingle Service

10th December – Nativity Service

17th December – Carol Service

24th December – 11am Christmas Eve service

25th December - Christmas Day – 9.30am service

31st December – 10am Circuit Service at Woosehill (no service at Church @ the Pines)



ALL AGES WELCOME
TEAMS CAN BE FORMED ON THE NIGHT
BRING AND SHARE FOOD, BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH @ THE PINES
SUGGESTED MIN DONATION OF £5 PER HOUSEHOLD

5-7PM
SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER
THE PINES LOWER BUILDING, RG12 7WX

WWW.CHURCHATTHEPINES.ORG.UK

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](#)

[St Michaels](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



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SATURDAY

DECEMBER

6PM—9PM

PARISH

CENTRE

"ALL IN THE
CHURCH ARE
WELCOME"

SOFT DRINKS | MINCE PIES | MUSIC | ENTERTAINMENT

*Do please bring nibbles to share and
a bottle if you'd like something alcoholic*

Wreath Making Workshops:

2 sessions, **Friday 24th November 7-9** and
Saturday 25th November 10-12 noon.

Fundraising for The Children's Society.

£25pp including refreshments.





READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, **2** for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **9** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **10** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30

The parable of the bags of gold

14 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

21 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

22 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."



READINGS CONTINUED..

23 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

24 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

26 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."