

# Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Leader: Brian Gennery**

**Welcome and notices**

**Quiet time**

**Call to worship**

**Lighting the first Advent candle**

**Hymn – He's got the whole world in His hands**

**Advent prayer**

**Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, and repentance**

**Reading – Genesis 2 vv 4 – 7**

**Sing Christingle verse 1**

**Reading – Leviticus 19 vv 9 -10**

**Sing Christingle verse 2**

**Reading – Mark 15 vv 22 – 30**

**Sing Christingle verse 3**

**Reading – John 8 vv 12 – 18**

**Sing Christingle verse 4**

**Talk – The meaning of Advent**

**Sing Christingle all verses**

**Prayers of intercession**

**Hymn O come, O Come Immanuel**

**Blessing**

**Grace**

**Coffee**



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

As we enter the season of Advent, we pray that God opens our eyes again to the story of hope and light.

God of light and hope, look upon us in love, and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may love you and serve you in your Kingdom. Protect us during this week and keep us watchful in prayer as we await the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.

This week we pray for all those living in Stratfield.

# 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

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christingle Service

10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Service

17<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December – 11am Christmas Eve service

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day – 9.30am service

31<sup>st</sup> December – 10am Circuit Service at Woosehill (no service 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 policy.**

[Ranelagh](#)

[St Michaels](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



**9**  
SATURDAY

DECEMBER  
6PM—9PM  
PARISH  
CENTRE

"ALL IN THE  
CHURCH ARE  
WELCOME"

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SOFT DRINKS | MINCE PIES | MUSIC | ENTERTAINMENT

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





## READINGS

### Genesis 2: 4-7

**This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.**

**Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

### Leviticus 19: 9 -10

**9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.**

### Mark 15: 22-30

**They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.**

**The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.**

**Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself !”**

### John 8: 12-18

**When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going.**

**But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.”**