

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Hymn: - WHO PUT THE COLOURS IN THE RAINBOW

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: - TEACH ME TO DANCE

Reading: - Ephesians 4:1-16

Talk and activity

Hymn: - SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Prayers of intercession, street prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: - TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS (O soul are you weary and troubled)

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

The YouTube link to view the live stream on Sunday is:

<https://youtube.com/live/sNVxPzREZsw?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for all the victims of the horrifying incident in Southport. We pray for the families of those who have been killed - we pray that they will feel God close to them in their grief. We pray for the injured and their families, for all those who witnessed the incident and the aftermath. We pray for those who are caring for the injured and bereaved and all those caught up in the events of the day. God meet our fears and distress with your peace.

As the Circuit prepares for the Stationing process in September, we pray for those involved and the prospective candidates.

This week we pray for all those living in Lydney. May they know your presence, feel your love and listen to your wisdom in their lives. Amen.

NOTICES

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box (for cash) and a contactless machine (for cards) 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.

Circuit Picnic – save the date!

The annual circuit picnic will once again be on the field behind the Pines. The picnic will be held on Saturday 21st September, in the afternoon. We start with a small act of worship, followed by picnic and games. It's a great opportunity to come together. Do save the date!

Raising money for Breast Cancer Charity

Jeannie and Linda are holding a drop-in afternoon bake sale to raise money for charity.

When: Wednesday 21st August

Time: 2-4.30pm

Where: 3 Silvanus

Please bring cakes/biscuits, friends, family, neighbours – all are welcome!

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](#)

Ranelagh information event –important notice for families with children

Monday 9th September, open for refreshments from 3.15pm, start 4pm.

If you are intending to apply for Ranelagh at some point over the next 3-4 years please try to attend, it is hoped that the Head of Ranelagh will join us. From the 1st October 24 we will be introducing a new way of recording your attendance, details will be given during this event.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

We will be running preparation classes starting in September. They will be on **Thursdays at 8pm** in the **Annexe of the Church**.

5th September

19th September

3rd October

17th October

The view is that we will then be baptising candidates on All Saints Day which we will be celebrating on the 3rd November.

Do please email the parish office if you would like to attend. There is no commitment you have to make to be baptised/confirmed. This is four sessions to introduce/reintroduce you to the Christian faith.

In the interim please do take a look at our Faith Development page on our website (<https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk/faith-development>) as this is what we will be covering in the sessions.



READING

Ephesians 4: 1-16

Unity and maturity in the body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says:

‘When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.’

9 (What does ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.