

# Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Leader: Brian Gennery**

**Welcome and notices, followed by Quiet time**

**Call to worship**

**Hymn: - THANK YOU LORD FOR THIS FINE DAY**

**Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance**

**Hymn: - PRAISE TO THE LORD**

**What are our traditions, are they helpful or do they get in the way?**

**Reading: - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**So, what was Jesus saying?**

**Hymn: - JESUS PUT THIS SONG INTO OUR HEARTS**

**Who do you think you are?**

**Reading: - Colossians 1:15-20**

**Who is Jesus?**

**Hymn: - ALL GLORY. LAUD AND HONOUR**

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

**Hymn: - JESUS IS LORD**

**Blessing**

**Grace**

**Coffee**

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

**<https://youtube.com/live/OFv-b4baHoo?feature=share>**



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

This week, we pray for all of our young people as they begin their return to school, college or uni. We pray that they will know God's love and wisdom in their lives and know that you are with them in times of challenge and achievement. We also pray for all those working within education settings, that they may feel ready for the new term and know God's presence and peace in their lives. We pray too for all those young people who have now left education and are looking towards their new steps, perhaps into the world of employment or training. May they find fulfillment in their chosen path and know that God is walking alongside them. May they be surrounded by people who show God's wisdom, love, patience and acceptance to them in every moment. Amen.

This week we pray for all those living in Northcott.

# 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 - 21<sup>st</sup> September

The annual circuit picnic will once again be on the field behind the Pines. The picnic will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Dates for your diary

- 8<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday School returns
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October - 3Generate Weekend
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Church Meeting (after 11am service)
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 30 years of C@P Celebration Service

# NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

## **Ranelagh information event –important notice for families with children**

Monday 9th September, in St Michael's church - 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.

## **Ranelagh School Admissions for September 2025**

If you have a child entering year 6 in September 2024 and you wish to apply to Ranelagh School, you will need to attend one of their open days on Thursday 19th September or Monday 23rd September 2024.

You will be able to collect your SIF which will then require a clergy signature. This is in addition to the CAF you will need to submit to the local authority, naming Ranelagh.

To obtain a clergy signature you will need to bring your completed SIF to St Michael's 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 29th September, you will be able to collect your completed form after their 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 6th October.

It is the parent/carers responsibility to deliver this form to the school by the deadline (see school website).

## **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](#)

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

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

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

**19<sup>th</sup> September**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**17<sup>th</sup> October**

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

## FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for first communion (one session) on 29<sup>th</sup> September after the 9:30am service in the South Chapel. There will be a brief chat, a run through of practicalities, and then an explanation about the workbooks. Workbooks then need to be submitted before admission to first communion on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.



## What is Thrive@StMichaels?

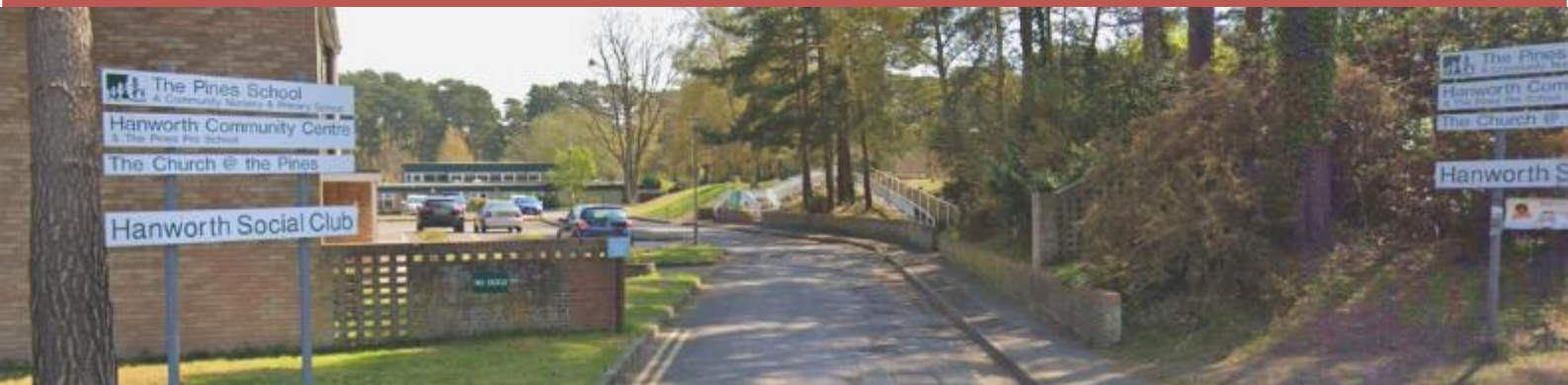
From 18th September, every Wednesday at 3-3:45pm at St Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term) we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. We will have tables for children's coats & shoes, St Michael's uniforms, toys, books and long-life food items.



**Easthampstead**  
Parish Church

**We will be collecting donations on Wednesday 4th & 11th September at 3-3.30pm in the Parish Centre.** Please make sure all donations are in good condition and clean.

**Want to find out more? Think you can help?** Speak to Helen, Sally or Revd Gareth.



## READINGS

### Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

6 He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

7 They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.”

8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. 15 Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.'

21 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'

Readings continued...



## READINGS cont...

### Colossians 1: 15-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.