

# Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Leader: Brian Gennery**

**Welcome and notices**

**Quiet time**

**Call to worship**

**Hymn: - A MAN FOR ALL THE PEOPLE**

**Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance**

**Young people leave**

**Hymn: - SACRED THE BODY GOD HAS CREATED**

**COMMENTARY**

**Reading: - Mark 7:24 - 30**

**REFLECTION**

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**Hymn: - BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU**

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

**Young people return and share**

**Hymn: - YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY**

**Blessing**

**Grace**

**Coffee**

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

**<https://youtube.com/live/TwNW1yl-xIY?feature=share>**



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among our worries or despair, you are there. Among those who are anxious or frail, you are there. In the times when we care, you are there, and in the times when we fail, you are there.

In our calling, open our minds and our hearts to your ways, so that we may know how to help those in distress. Enable your Church to be a voice that can be heard, a people who bring hope to those who feel hopeless, and to have the courage to face challenges together, by the power of your Spirit, Amen.

A prayer from Ann Fox, superintendent presbyter, Tadcaster Circuit

This week we pray for all those living in Nutley. May they know God's love, wisdom and peace in their lives.

# 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

### **3Generate Get-Together**

Sarah has sent out permission forms to be completed – please make sure these are returned by this Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>).

Please could all young people who are attending 3Generate attend our service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and stay after the service for some lunch. (Or join us after the service if they have another morning commitment which means they can't join the service.) The young people from Bracknell Methodist Church will be joining us too so we can all meet and chat about the weekend.

## **NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S**

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September or Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September, you will be able to collect your completed form after their 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

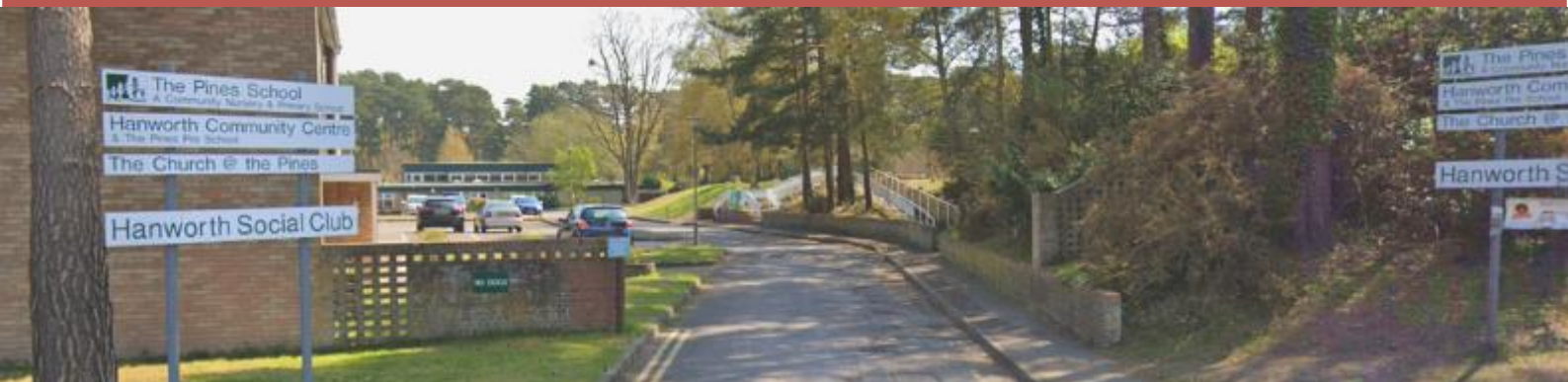
In the interim please do take a look at our Faith Development page on our website (<https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk/faith-development>) as this is what we will be covering in the sessions.

## 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.







## READINGS

### Mark 7: 24-30

Jesus honours a Syro-Phoenician woman's faith

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. 25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

27 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

28 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

29 Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### Mark 7: 31-37

Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.[a] 32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

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36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'