

# THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ORDER OF SERVICE 19<sup>th</sup> January

**LEADER: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby**

Welcome/Notices

Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise StF 91

Young People leave for Sunday School

Prayers

Bible Readings

1. Jeremiah 31: 31-34
2. John 15: 1-10

Sermon

The Covenant

Hymn: Come let us use the grace divine StF 549

The Peace

Young People Return

Hymn: Lord Speak to me H&P 553

Communion

Hymn: Let him to whom we now belong StF 557

Benediction

Grace

Coffee

The YouTube link to view the live stream on Sunday is

<https://youtube.com/live/Dmugf0qPPow?feature=share>



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

God of Love, We are thankful for the work that has been done to secure a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and pray that it may be implemented and lead to a lasting peace in the region. With grateful hearts we celebrate the promised release of all those held against their will and pray for their recovery and recuperation as they are reunited with family and friends. We pray that we never see such death and destruction in this region again. May justice reign, justice that establishes peace, promotes hope, frees people from fear, encourages neighbours to love another and brings an end to the seemingly endless cycle of injustice, violence and death in the region. This we ask in the power of your spirit, Amen

We pray for everyone affected by the fires in California. For those who have lost their lives, the injured, people who have lost their homes and for the people providing refuge and care.

We pray especially at this time for Fred and Beth's Mum. Embrace them with your love, hope and care Lord.

We pray for all those living in Philip Copse, Roby Drive and Russell Close.

## 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.

### Christingle Boxes

Christingle boxes (full of lots of money) need to be returned this Sunday please!

### House Group

Linda and Reg run a house group on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7.45pm. All are welcome to join them for this mid-week time of fellowship. Please do speak to Linda or Reg if you'd like more details and for their address.

### Dates for your diary

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Covenant Service, all are welcome to join in this special service, whether it's your first time or you 50<sup>th</sup>!
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Church AGM – we invite everyone to stay after the service to join in our Church AGM



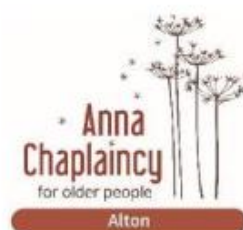
# NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

## School Admissions

Those wishing to apply to Ranelagh church school on church attendance criteria will be required to have up to two stamps each month in their child's passport, when they attend a regular service during Years 4 & 5 (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 go to the school website for their latest admissions policy.

# NOTICES FROM THE CIRCUIT



## Anna Chaplain to Older People

An ecumenical post promoting the spiritual and emotional welfare of older people, including those living in residential care homes, sheltered housing and the wider community of Alton, Hampshire.

An ability to develop teams of volunteers, lead care home worship and offer pastoral care to people of all faiths and none.

20hrs/week

Salary range £14-£17 per hour

It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a practising Christian, lay or ordained, in a church affiliated to the Council of Churches in England & Wales.

Closing Date: Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 5.30pm

Application Pack from Mrs Liz George

[altonmethodist@hotmail.com](mailto:altonmethodist@hotmail.com) Or Phone: 07703 648935



# READINGS

## Jeremiah 31: 31-34

31 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord,  
    'when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
    and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant  
    I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
    to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
    though I was a husband to them,'  
declares the Lord.

33 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
    after that time,' declares the Lord.

'I will put my law in their minds  
    and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
    and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
    or say to one another, "Know the Lord,"  
because they will all know me,  
    from the least of them to the greatest,'  
declares the Lord.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
    and will remember their sins no more.'

## John 15: 1-10

The vine and the branches

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. Continued...



# READINGS Continued...

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

