

# THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ORDER OF SERVICE 26<sup>th</sup> January

**LEADER: Sharon Wright**

Opening

Hymn: Come Thou long expected Jesus

Prayers

Young people leave for Sunday school

Hymn: Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Reading - Luke 4: 14-21

1 Cor 12: 12-31a

Hymn: I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

Message

Prayers of intercession, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Young people return and share

Hymn: Beauty for brokenness

Hymn: In Christ alone

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

[https://youtube.com/live/kSnhELHRS\\_o?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/kSnhELHRS_o?feature=share)



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for the brave, the people not afraid to speak up against injustice, to say when something is wrong even when they may face consequences themselves. Help us all to feel a little bit more brave, to speak up when we are worried about someone, to walk alongside someone we may not understand, to show God's kindness to all. We thank God for the change makers, people who won't stand by and watch but will take action. Protect them with your love God and help them use their talents for your purpose. We thank God for all the young people who are already raising their voices, letting God work through them and campaigning for a brighter future for them and others.

We pray for anyone who is unwell, praying especially at this time for Fred and Beth's Mum. Embrace them with your love, hope and care Lord. Bless the hands and hearts of those who care for them.

This week, we pray for all those living in Bucklebury and Bywood. May their know your love, presence 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.

### Christingle Boxes

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

### AGM – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

The meeting will directly follow the service and we do try to keep them as short as possible. We invite everyone to join and help us to make important decisions about the church and its future. We will provide space in the side room for any children, with activities – do bring them snacks! Please see attachments to this week's email.

### 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.



# 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.

## **Faith Development – First Communion and Confirmation Courses at St Michael's**

### **First Communion**

For young people in year 4 and above.

### **Confirmation**

For young people in year 8 and above and adults. Confirmation service date will be confirmed but potentially 4th May at 6pm.

There will be courses for both, with time/day to be decided depending on responses. Please speak to Sarah to complete sign-up forms.



# READINGS

## Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus rejected at Nazareth

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' [a]

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

## 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Unity and diversity in the body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptised by[a] one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

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18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[b]? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

