

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 2nd FEBRUARY

LEADER: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Call to worship

Hymn: WHO PUT THE COLOURS IN THE RAINBOW

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Hymn: TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Talk

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn: COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE

Talk

Hymn: HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

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

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/Zx6-j4b-2Zw?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 Claverdon and Cottesmore. May they 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 9th 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: 21-30

21 He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'

24 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.'

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

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. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

