

# THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ORDER OF SERVICE 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**LEADER: Brian Gennery**

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Call to worship

Hymn HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Readings: Luke 9:28- - 43a

Talk/activity

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

Hymn: Shine Jesus, shine

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

[https://youtube.com/live/3NoU\\_7rme1s?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/3NoU_7rme1s?feature=share)



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

God of all understanding, the more I learn about your holy justice the more I realise that even my prayers can be riddled with sin. In praying for other people I have thought that I know best what they need. I have taken the seat of judgement and found others wanting. I have not challenged the ground of my own understanding, allowing prejudice and stereotypes to flourish unchecked. Forgive me. Help me to kneel before your throne of grace with both confidence and humility. Remind me to leave the judging and directing to you. Enable me to pray for others not by way of the gulfs that divide us but via the love in which you hold us all in common, revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

Prayer by Rachel Parkinson, District Chair, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District

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 Dryden.

## 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.

### Collection for School Foodbank

This Sunday we will be collecting again for the school's foodbank. Please bring donations of long-life food items. The school really appreciate all of these donations.

### Good Friday Workshop for Sunday School

We will be having a workshop for young people on Good Friday, as we did last year. Last year was great fun, with painting, making and mess! Sarah is looking for at least one adult to support this for our young people. Please let her know if you are available to support on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April.



## 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.

## New rota – could you read, do tech desk or offer other talents?

Sarah is busy drafting the next rota, for March – May. We are always keen to hear from people who like to be more involved, either by offering a warm welcome, doing readers and/or prayers, setting up and sitting on the tech desk, assisting with Sunday School or coffee. Many hands make light work! Please chat with Sarah.

# NOTICES FROM THE CIRCUIT



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

05.03.2025

As a circuit, we meet together for an act of worship  
to help us observe Lent this year.

at

Woosehill Church at 7.00pm

Service will be led by

Revs. Sharon Gardner & Soba Sinnathamby



# 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.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: 5TH MARCH**

### **10.30AM SAID EUCHARIST**

THIS SERVICE WILL BE FOR ALL AND WILL INCLUDE SOME SCHOOL CHILDREN.

### **8PM SUNG EUCHARIST**



**A Service of Welcome for -Mary, Bishop of Reading,** is planned for **Sunday 2nd March** at 3pm in Reading Minster.



# READING

## Luke 9: 28-43a

### The transfiguration

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

### Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy

37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. 38 A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. 40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.'

41 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.'

42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. 43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

