

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 9th March

LEADER: Rev'd Gareth Morley

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Hymn: Lord, Jesus think on me

Opening Prayers

Call to worship

Young people leave for Sunday School

Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Hymn: Purify my heart

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon

The Creed

Prayers of intercession and street prayer

Young people return and share

The Peace

Hymn: Sweet Sacrament Divine

The Eucharistic Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Communion

Hymn: Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Dismissal

Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/3TyAb7Fq76w?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

A prayer for International Women's Day (8th March):

Creator God, You created each person in your image, all have value and deserve to live in a world free of discrimination. In Britain and across the world women and girls face barriers to their education and flourishing. Many women continue to face violence and live in fear. Help us to share in your holy imagination, that the world might be diverse, equitable and inclusive. Help us to build a world where difference is valued and celebrated and where women, girls and all people can live in peace. Creator God, receive our prayer. Amen.

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.

As we journey through Lent help us to draw closer to you, God, and your plan for us.

This week, we pray for all those living in Earlswood. May they know your peace and love in their lives. Amen.

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 of Easter Eggs for Pines School

During March we will collect Easter Eggs to donate to the school's foodbank – we don't want to be inundated (we know how generous everyone is!) so request just 1 or 2 per family please.

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! It will run from 11am-1pm, and we ask the young people to bring a packed lunch as we shall picnic together. Please let Sarah know if your young person will be joining. Parents are welcome to leave their young people and return to join the Good Friday service.



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 THE CIRCUIT

Maundy Thursday service

There will be a Circuit service on Maundy Thursday, further details to follow.

Hymn Sing – Saturday 29th March at 3pm, Crowthorne Methodist Church

Raising funds for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). Singing 30 hymns throughout the afternoon, with a break for refreshments half way through. Let Maggy Garton (via Sarah if needed) know your favourite hymns by 16th March.

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.





Easthampstead
Parish Church

What is Thrive@StMichaels?

Every Wednesday 3-3:45pm in St Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term) we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. Come and have a browse and refreshments.



Appeal for : Nearly new toys (not soft toys), long life food (tomato soup, pasta, rice and sauces).

Donations to the parish office or pop in to Thrive and stay for a cuppa.

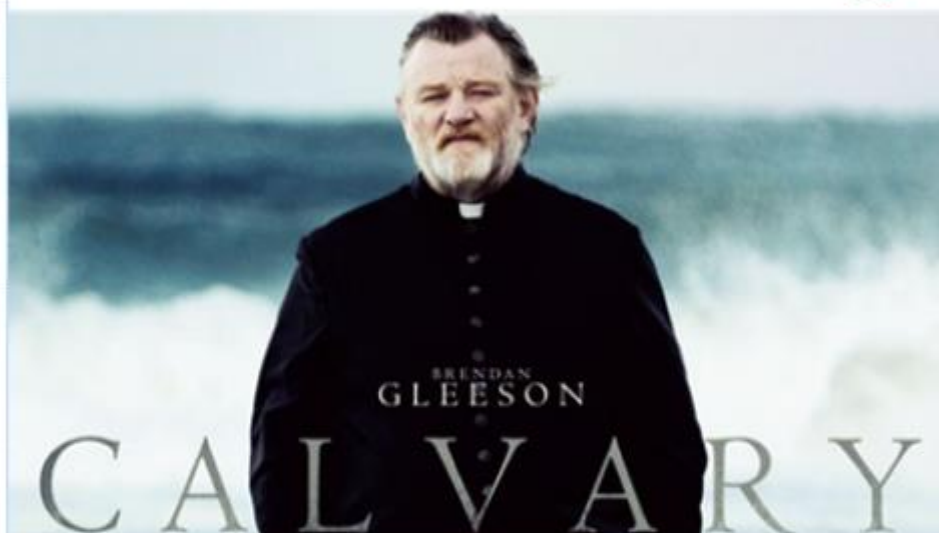
Calvary



Tuesday 11th March

7.00 pm for 7.15 pm

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Father James is a good natured priest in a small Irish town. When he receives a death threat from an unknown parishioner, he is forced to face his own calvary.

A great performance from Brendon Gleeson, also stars Chris O'Dowd in a wickedly funny black comedy.

Brilliant, clever, authentic...a gem of a film

All welcome

Refreshments at the start

No booking required





Easthampstead Parish Church



Lent 2025

Come and join us as we watch, discuss and reflect on the Life of Jesus through the TV series 'The Chosen'

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

Please choose from the following times:

Thursdays at 11.30 am

Sundays at 4.30 pm

Mondays at 7 pm

All sessions will take place in the Church Annex

Don't worry if you can't attend all sessions

It will be great to see you when possible

For more information please speak to

Rachel Moss or Rev Gareth



Nurturing Faith

Growing Disciples

Holy Week Services at the Parish Church



HOLY MONDAY

Jesus visits his friends in Bethany and Mary anoints the feet of Jesus.

8pm

Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross



HOLY TUESDAY

Jesus foretells the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter

6pm

Holy Communion

8pm

Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross



HOLY WEDNESDAY

Judas makes a deal with the high priests; he agrees to turn Jesus over for 30 silver coins

8pm

Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Last Supper takes place. Jesus institutes the sacrament of the Eucharist

8pm

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion. He dies on the cross and is buried in a tomb.

12pm

Good Friday Reflections

2pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday

8pm

Tenebrae



HOLY SATURDAY

The body of Jesus remains in the tomb. He has descended to the dead.

8pm

Vigil



READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Firstfruits and tithes

26 When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, 2 take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name 3 and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4 The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. 5 Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. 6 But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. 7 Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. 8 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; 10 and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. 11 Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16*

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.[a]
2 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.'
9 If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,'
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
10 no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
12 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

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READINGS continued...

14 'Because he] loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.'

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

4 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

8 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him
until an opportune time.

