

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 16th March

LEADER: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

- Father God, I wonder [StF 72]
- From heaven you came, helpless babe [StF 272]
- Prayers of Adoration, Confession & Absolution
- How deep the Father's love for us [MP 988]

Young people leave for Sunday school

Bible Readings

1. Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18
2. Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn: Come down, O love divine [Stf 372]

Prayers of Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

The Peace

Young people return and share

Communion

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness [StF 51]

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee

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

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



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the small blessings you give us every day, as well as the incomprehensible miracles we have witnessed. Help us to never take for granted your goodness, especially when life is difficult and the darkness feels overwhelming.

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 Evedon. 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.

Ladies Group

A bible study group runs on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am. Please speak to Hazel for more details.

New Mens Group

We will be introducing a group for men to meet together. Please speak to Ben or Brian if you are interested.

New Walk and Talk Group

We will be starting a new monthly walk and talk group. This will either run on Saturdays or Sunday afternoons, please speak with Sarah if you'd be interested in joining and let her know your preference for timings.

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



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 8pm	Holy Communion 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 2pm 8pm	Good Friday Reflections The Liturgy of Good Friday Tenebrae
	HOLY SATURDAY The body of Jesus remains in the tomb. He has descended to the dead.	8pm	Vigil

Good Friday at Church @ the Pines

We will be holding our usual reflective service on Good Friday at 12pm.

There will also be a workshop for young people running, which enables parents/carers to attend the service.



READINGS

Genesis 15: 1-12

The Lord's covenant with Abram

15 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

'Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.'

2 But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.'

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' 5 He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

7 He also said to him, 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.'

8 But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?'

9 So the Lord said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.'

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. 11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

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Luke 13: 31-35

Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

32 He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal."

33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

34 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'

