

# THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ORDER OF SERVICE 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**LEADER: Rev'd Sharon Gardner**

Welcome and Notices

Quiet Time

Call to worship

1st hymn: STF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Psalm 63: 1 – 8 to be done as a responsive reading

Children's talk

2nd hymn: STF 544 As the deer pants for the water

Young people leave for Sunday School

Prayer of adoration and thanksgiving

Prayer of confession

3rd hymn: STF 439 Abba, Father

Reading: Luke 13: 1 – 9

Sermon

4th hymn: STF 556 Just as I am

Prayers of intercession, Lord's Prayer

Young people return and share

5th hymn: STF 748 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/SSZsuQz1oX4?feature=share>



## PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In a world that God made good let us pray for people seeing things no human being should see for people seized by terror no human being should experience for people whose depths of suffering no human being should know. God of unquenchable hope Confirm our belief that this is not how things should be; Affirm our belief that things can and will be different; Strengthen our belief in Jesus who opens the way from death to resurrection, and Help us, as his disciples to be your agents for change in our broken world.

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 Finmere. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

	<b>HOLY MONDAY</b> Jesus visits his friends in Bethany and Mary anoints the feet of Jesus.	8pm	Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross
	<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b> Jesus foretells the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter	6pm 8pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross
	<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> 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
	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> The Last Supper takes place. Jesus institutes the sacrament of the Eucharist	8pm	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 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
	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 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.



# READING

## Luke 13: 1-9

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

8 "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

