

# THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ORDER OF SERVICE 30<sup>th</sup> March

**LEADER: Brian Gennery**

Welcome and Notices

Quiet Time

Call to Worship

Hymn – He's got the whole world in his hands

Young people leave for Sunday School

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: Tell out my soul

Readings: Exodus 2:1-10, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:33-35, John 19:25-27

Activity

Reflection on readings

Reflection on Mothers – **if you would like to share some thoughts about your own Mother or Mother figure you are welcomed to do so – send any photos you'd like to share to Sarah by Saturday evening.**

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ (you have come to us)

Prayers of Intercession, Road Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Young people return and share (and hand out flowers)

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/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

This Sunday is the final day to bring eggs! During March we will collect Easter Eggs to donate to the school's foodbank.

### Dates for diaries

- 6th April – AAW
- 13th April – Palm Sunday
- 18th April – Good Friday, kids workshop 11am-1pm, reflective service 12pm
- 20th April – Easter Day, service at usual time of 11am

**Details of other services during Holy Week at The Parish Church and within the Circuit are within this newsletter.**

### Good Friday Workshop for Sunday School

11am-1pm, please see poster attached.



## **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**

This group will meet at 2pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, with the first group being Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please speak to Sarah if you'd like to join for the first group.

# **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.

## 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

## Exodus 2: 1-10

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

8 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses,[b] saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## Colossians 3: 12-17

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Readings continued...



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## **Luke 2: 33-35**

33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

## **John 19: 25-27**

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman,[a] here is your son,' 27 and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

