

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 27th July

LEADER: Sharon Wright

Welcome/Notices

Time of quiet

Opening

Hymn Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayers

Hymn Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Reading - Luke 11:1-13

Message part 1

Hymn Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Message part 2

Hymn Beauty for brokenness

Prayers of Intercession - incl the Lord's Prayer

Hymn In Christ Alone

Blessing The Grace

Coffee and Bring and Share Lunch

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

<https://youtube.com/live/XyGemDNza38?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Gracious God, we thank You for the beautiful diversity You have created among us. Help us to celebrate and honor the differences that enrich our communities and deepen our understanding of your love. Teach us to build bridges instead of walls, to listen with open hearts, and to embrace unity without erasing individuality. May Your Spirit guide us toward compassion, respect, and justice for all Your children. Let love be our language and peace our goal.

Thank you God for all weather. At this time of warm days, we are reminded of the beauty of your creation and the simple pleasures we can enjoy. Protect those for whom hot weather causes concerns, give strength to those working in emergency services and moments of rest to all who have to work in the heat.

We pray for all those who are unwell at this time, in body, mind and spirit. We pray particularly for Jeannie and Fred. Bring comfort to the sick, guide the hands that seek to heal them and bring them your peace.

This week, we pray for all those living in Ludlow. 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.

Fundraising for 3Generate

We have 13 young people from our church and 32 in total from the new circuit attending this year! We need to raise some funds to help cover the costs.

All donations via the card reader from this Sunday until the end of August will go towards 3generate to help towards the cost of tickets, transport and the essential hoodie!

The young people are also planning a fundraising event – **so please save the date of Saturday 13th September!**



REGULAR NOTICES

Pastoral Care Team

We have a team of people who are available for any pastoral needs you might have. If you'd like someone to talk to, have concerns for someone else, or notice someone hasn't been at Church for some time, please do speak with a member of the pastoral team.

Rev Gareth Morley - rector@stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk

Jeannie Rymill – 07825 041521

Linda Lewis – 07923 958488

Ben Spain – 07830 183010

We expect Rev Wes will join this team when he joins in September too.

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.

Walk and Talk – this Sunday at 2pm

Our monthly walk and talk is on Sunday this month. As the main car park at south hill park will be busy, we'll meet by the Hedgehog Park so people that need to can use the Aldi/Library car park instead. Please let Sarah know if you are unsure where this is or have any other questions.

New Men's Group

We will be introducing a group for men to meet together. Please speak to Ben or Brian if you are interested. The group is hoping to start meeting from September.



NOTICES FROM THE CIRCUIT

Goodbye from Soba and Nava

Please see the letter from Soba attached to this week's email. Please do hold them in your prayers over the coming weeks and months as they settle into their new home and way of life.

Circuit Services – Dates for your diary

- Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Wes – Monday 1st Sept, 7pm at High Cross Church

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.

Toddler Group

Thursdays 9:30am to 11am (Term time only)

A safe, supportive and nurturing environment, where parents, carers and children meet to enjoy an interactive activity and shared playtime.

If you arrive at 9:30am you will be able to join 'Church Mouse' for some singing, a story, some relaxing time with bubbles, and your little one will receive a sticker.



Ranelagh Information Event – Friday 5th September at 3.30pm

This will be held on Friday 5th September at 3.30pm, at St Michael's. All are welcome to come and find out about the school and admissions policy. 2025 SIF Forms can be given in before their 9.30am service on Sunday 14th September for Rev'd Gareth to complete and you can collect the following Sunday. (Sarah will find out if we can make any alternative arrangements for families from Church at the Pines).

Ranelagh Admissions – stricter application of the admissions criteria

Rev'd Gareth has informed us that the school have informed churches that they need to adhere to the admissions criteria more strictly.

This means for those applying to the school under criteria 5 will need 2 stamps from a Church of England Church in the Deanery, which sadly, we have been informed, does not include Church @ the Pines. This change will be implemented in September, so will affect anyone applying for their child (where they don't have a sibling at Ranelagh already) for September 2027 entry.

We know this may cause concern for some families, where a decision will need to be made for how you obtain your necessary 2 stamps each month for the relevant church attendance. People will be able to gain one stamp from Rev Gareth's service at Church @ the Pines, but would need to attend a service at St Michael's to obtain the other.

For families where there is already an older sibling at Ranelagh, you would be applying under criteria 4, where the requirement is only that you attend any Christian church.

If you do have concerns, please do discuss with a member of the Leadership Team.



NOTICES FROM THE CIRCUIT

Everyone across the newly forming circuit has been invited to join together at a silent disco!

Glitterball Silent Disco for Rushmoor Pride - Everyone is Welcome! (06-Sep-2025) · ChurchSuite Events

RUSHMOOR PRIDE
AND NCMC INVITE YOU TO

Silent GLITTERBALL DISCO

6TH SEPTEMBER
2025

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*Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

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RUSHMOOR PRIDE

Rev Anne and Sarah thought this would be a great opportunity to gather some of our young people together, so please do encourage your young person to attend. If we can get a group together we can arrange some car sharing. Sarah plans to attend (glitter at the ready!).



READING

- Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' teaching on prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

"Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

5 Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." 7 And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

