

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 3rd August

LEADER: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Hymn: Morning has broken

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: A RICH YOUNG MAN CAME SEEKING

Luke 12 vv 13 to 21

Reflection

Hymn: AS YOUR FAMILY LORD

Prayers of intercession, street prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: AMAZING GRACE

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/ppj7l2rwSL4?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Loving God, thank You for the gift of life, for our families, friends, and the beauty of creation. We are grateful for food to eat, homes to live in, and care when we're ill. Help us to remember that all good things come from You, and teach us to say "thank You" in our hearts and our actions.

Thank You that You made each one of us special. Thank You that we are all different and all loved the same. Help our church and our world to be places where everyone feels safe, welcome, and included. When someone is left out, help us notice and include them. When someone is treated unfairly help us speak up and show kindness. When we don't understand someone, help us listen and learn with open hearts. Jesus, You welcomed everyone—children, strangers, people who were left out. Help us to do the same.

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 Lydney. 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

Our next walk and talk will be on Sunday 27th September, meeting at 2pm in the main car park at south hill park. We usually do a lap of both the lakes at a gentle pace and then have a drink/coffee in the café.

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](#)

The poster features a vibrant, pixelated background with a rainbow gradient. The text is bold and colorful, with 'Silent' in a large, stylized font and 'GLITTERBALL DISCO' in large, block letters. The date '6TH SEPTEMBER 2025' is prominently displayed. The event details include the start time 'START AT 6.30 PM @ NORTH CAMP METHODIST' and the slogan 'GET YOUR GLITTER ON!'. Ticket information is provided, including a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'. The bottom of the poster includes the church name 'NORTH CAMP METHODIST CHURCH, LYNCHFORD ROAD, FARNBOROUGH' and logos for NCMC and Rushmoor Pride.

RUSHMOOR PRIDE
AND NCMC INVITE YOU TO

Silent GLITTERBALL DISCO

6TH SEPTEMBER
2025

START AT 6.30 PM @ NORTH CAMP METHODIST

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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 12: 13-21

The parable of the rich fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

14 Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?'
15 Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

16 And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

18 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

21 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

