

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ORDER OF SERVICE 17th August

LEADER: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time

Hymn: Beautiful Saviour

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Reading: Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2

Talk: Heroes

Young people go to task

Hymn: Love diving, all loves excelling

Reading: Luke 12:49-56

Reflection

Young people return

So, what are the answers

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

https://youtube.com/live/_iCF7ofERdo?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 for education. We remember that not all young people have access to education. Help all children and young people access safe, fulfilling education and safe spaces. As young people are receiving exam results and considering their next steps, comfort and guide them. May they know your presence in their lives and that they are known to you and loved by you.

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 Melrose. 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 us 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 Saturday 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 - first meeting Saturday 6th September – 9.30am

The group will meet for the first time on Saturday 6th September. Meeting at 9.30am for breakfast. If you have any questions, please speak with Ben or Brian.



NOTICES FROM THE CIRCUIT

Circuit Services – Dates for your diary

- Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Wes – Monday 1st Sept, 7pm at High Cross Church
- We are all warmly invited and it would be great if lots of Church @ the Pines members can make it to the service to welcome Rev Wes

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

For applications for Ranelagh for Sept 2026 entry – these can be given in at our service on Sunday 14th September so they can be delivered to Rev'd Gareth to complete and then you can collect the following Sunday.

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' and the text 'BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!'. The ticket prices are listed as '£12 ADULTS', '£5 CHILDREN* (U16)', and '£20 FAMILY TICKET'. A note states '*Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult'. The contact information is given as 'Contact: www.northcampmethodist.co.uk' and 'phone: 01252 512226'. The location is 'NORTH CAMP METHODIST CHURCH, LYNCHFORD ROAD, FARNBOROUGH'. Logos for 'love is love', 'NCMC', and 'RUSHMOOR PRIDE' are included at the bottom.

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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!).



READINGS

Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days.

31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12: 49-56

Not peace but division

49 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Continued...



READINGS cont.

51 Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. 52 From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Interpreting the times

54 He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. 55 And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

