

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Peter Whalley

Welcome and Notices

Quiet Time

Call to Worship/Gathering Prayer

Hymn 1: STF 553 I am a new creation

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Hymn 2: STF 236 Forty days and nights

Young People Leave for Sunday School

Reading: Mark 1::9-15

Story: The Dragon

Hymn 3: STF 440 Amazing Grace

Talk

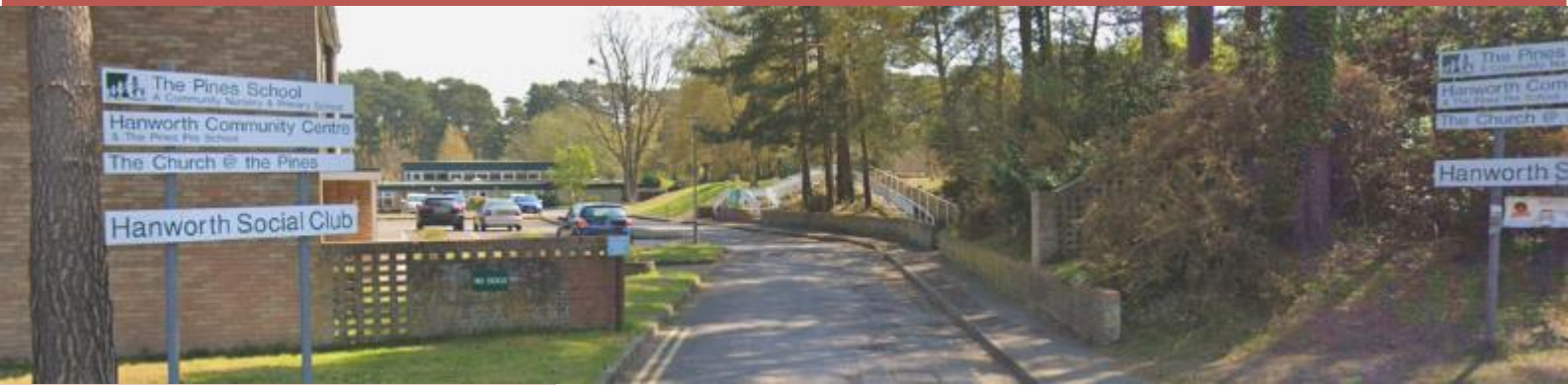
Intercession / Lord's Prayer

Hymn 4: STF 238 Lead us Heavenly Father lead us

Sending Out

Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for love this week, remembering that God's love sets us free, God's love can't be contained, God's love is healing and God's love is for everyone. We pray that everyone will know of God's love for them.

We pray for Nicky and family, holding Darren's Mum in our prayers as she is currently having serious health issues. We pray that she receives the medical care she needs.

We pray for young people, teachers and school staff as they return to school and work next week. We pray for new beginnings and the hope this can bring.

This week we pray for all those living in Deansgate and Ditchling. May they know God's presence and peace in their daily lives.

NOTICES

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box 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.

Hymn sing to raise money for the Whitechapel Mission – tomorrow!

Crowthorne Methodist Church
Saturday 17th February 2024
3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Refreshments available

Sunday 25th February – Rev'd David Hinchcliffe – with bring and share lunch

Rev'd David Hinchcliffe is the District Chair for the South East District of the Methodist Church. He will be taking our service on Sunday 25th February, so we are hoping as many of our congregation as possible can be there to give him our usual warm welcome.

We will also be having a bring and share lunch after the service.

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

School Admissions

To make the system fair and transparent, those wishing to apply to St Michael's or Ranelagh church schools on church attendance criteria will be asked to sign a register at the back of church each time they attend (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 note: Please go to the relevant school website for the latest admissions policy.

[Ranelagh](#)
[St Michaels](#)

First Communion and Confirmation

St Michael's will be holding a session for those preparing for FIRST COMMUNION on 24 March 2024.

This will be directly after the 9:30am service in the Church at St Michael's. This is for Children aged 5 to 10. Do please contact the Parish Office for more information.

They will also be holding four CONFIRMATION sessions on the 22/2, 29/2, 7/3 and 14/3 at 7pm. This is for any child over the age of 10, and any adult. Do please speak with a member of the leadership team if you or your young person are interested in being confirmed and would like to discuss this further.



READINGS

Mark 1: 9-15

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"