

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Mike Bowstead

Notices

Time of quiet with Taizé music

Call to Worship

StF 317: At the name of Jesus

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer

StF 256: When I needed a neighbour

Children leave for their activities

OT reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

StF 672: Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our Master?

Sermon

StF 415: The Church of Christ, in every age

Prayers of Intercession

Children return

StF 403: God is love: his the care

Dismissal & Blessing/The Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in countries around the world.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

This week we pray for all those living in Spinis.

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.

Church Survey – Future Vision Feedback

This is an opportunity for everybody within our Church community to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of Church @ the Pines. Please be bold and not shy, be honest and share the good and the bad about what we are doing and what we can do better.

Follow this link to complete online -

<https://forms.gle/2zp7lwNiaFya7gKy7>

The survey will be open to collect responses until the end of November. Please do share with young people too – they have their own section.

Dates for the diary

3rd December – Christingle Service

10th December – Nativity Service

17th December – Carol Service

24th December – 11am Christmas Eve service

25th December - Christmas Day – 9.30am service

31st December – 10am Circuit Service at Woosehill (no service at Church @ the Pines)

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](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



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SATURDAY

DECEMBER
6PM—9PM
PARISH
CENTRE

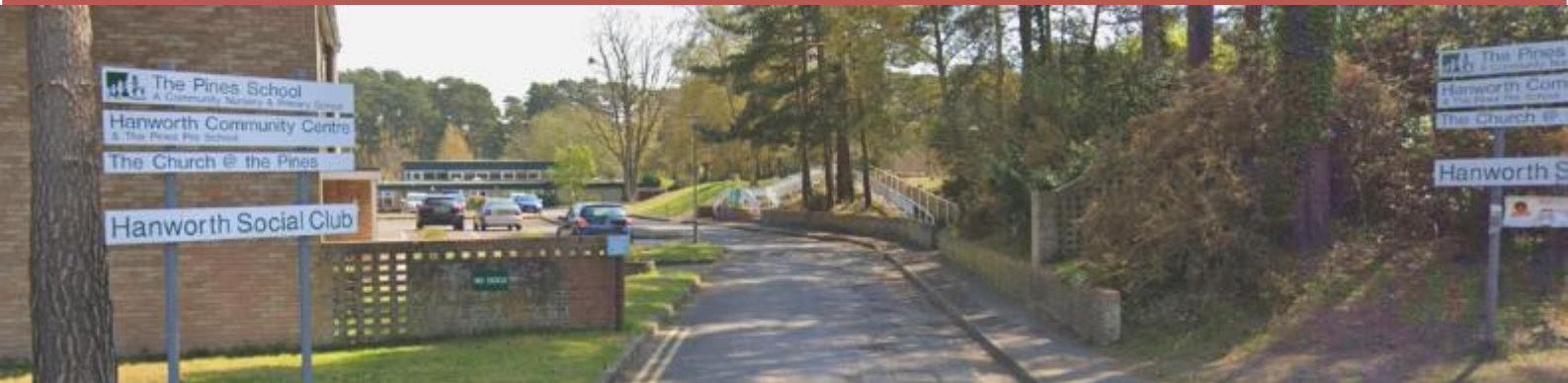
"ALL IN THE
CHURCH ARE
WELCOME"

SOFT DRINKS | MINCE PIES | MUSIC | ENTERTAINMENT

*Do please bring nibbles to share and
a bottle if you'd like something alcoholic*

St Michael's newsletter – including details of other services over Christmas

Please do see the attached newsletter from St Michael's for details of other events available and the services across the Parish during December.



READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

11 “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. **12** As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. **14** I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. **16** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

20 “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, **22** I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. **23** I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24** I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’



READINGS CONTINUED..

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”