

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Gareth Morley

Welcome and notices

Quiet time with Taizé music

HYMN: Will you come and follow me

Welcoming prayer and response

The Collect

Young people leave for Sunday School

Reading – Revelation 5: 1-10

HYMN: All heaven declares

Gospel Reading – John 1: 43-51

Sermon

Creed

Praying for Ourselves

Prayers of intercession ending with Lord's Prayer

Young People return and share

The Peace

Communion

Prayer after Communion

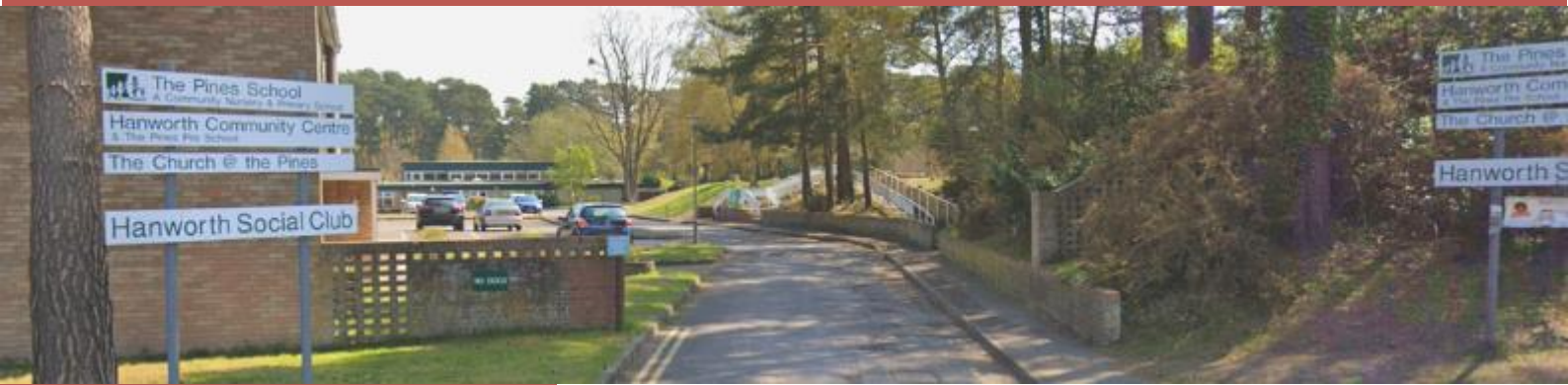
HYMN You shall go out with joy

Blessing

Dismissal

Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for the loved ones of the person who sadly died following a crash in Great Hollands this week. Be with all those who mourn, God, please hold them in the comfort of your love and peace.

We pray for Rev'd Carol as she begins a phased return to ministry. We pray for the new opportunity she has found gaining further experience in schools ministry that this will be fulfilling and fruitful for her future ministry.

This week we pray for all those living in Guerdon Place and Pakenham Road. 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.

Covenant Service

Our Covenant Service will be held next Sunday, 21st January, at the usual time of 11am.

The service will be led by Soba and is an opportunity to renew our commitment to devotion and discipleship.

All are welcome to share in a Covenant Service, whether it's their first time or 50th time!

Hymn sing to raise money for the Whitechapel Mission

Crowthorne Methodist Church

Saturday 17th February 2024

3.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Refreshments available

Hymn requests to Brian by Sunday 4th February

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](#)



NOTICE OF AN EXTRA PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Easthampstead

An Extra Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church on the 21st day of January 2024.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.
In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

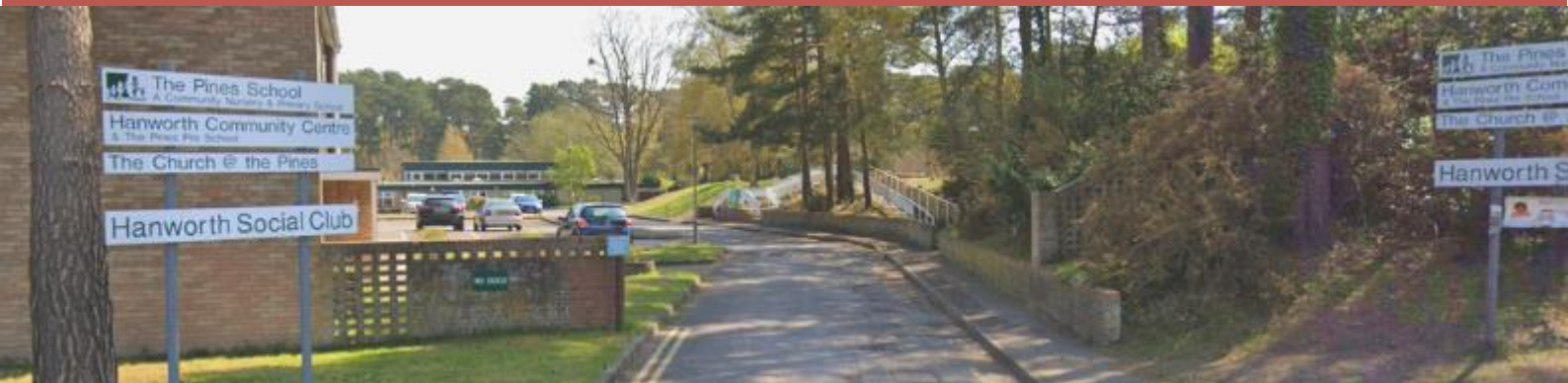
Signed

Minister of the parish

Notes

Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
 - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
 - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
 - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
 - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3(1)-(5) of these Notes.
3. (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).
 - (2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
 - (3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).
 - (4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.
 - (5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.



READINGS

Revelation 5: 1-10

The Scroll and the Lamb

5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

because you were slain,

and with your blood you purchased for God

persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,

and they will reign on the earth.”

John 1: 43-51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

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READINGS

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”