

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

Prayers

Young people leave for Sunday School

Bible Readings

1. Jeremiah 31: 31-34

2. John 15: 1-10

Sermon

The Covenant

•Hymn: Come let us use the grace divine

The Peace

Hymn: Lord Speak to me

Young people return and share

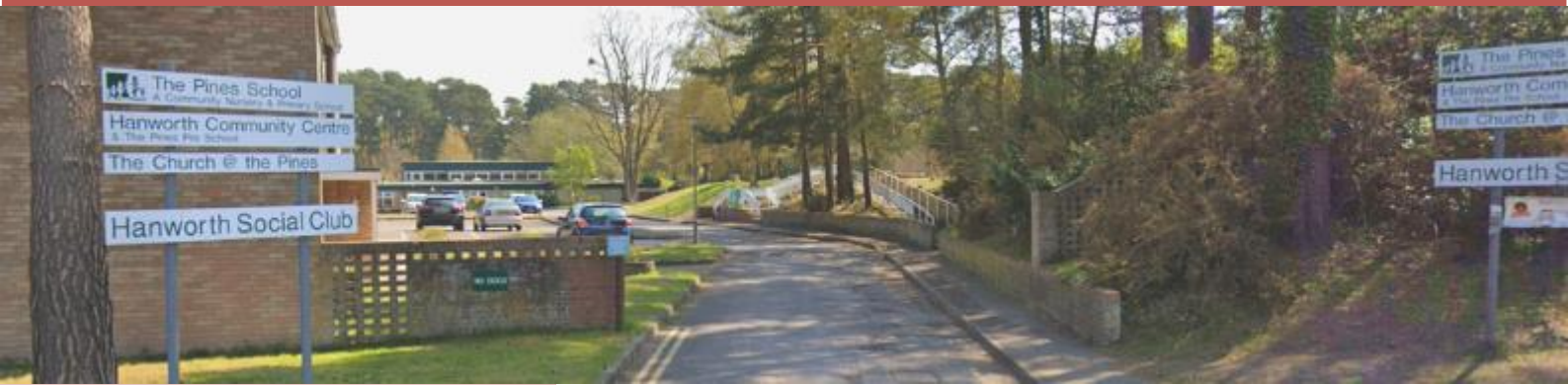
Communion

Hymn: Let him to whom we now belong

Benediction

Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We hold in our prayers Bridgette, Marcel and family, on the passing of Marcel's mother Josephine. May they know God's love and comfort. Please protect them and be with them as they travel for the funeral.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. – Matthew 5:4

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 Phillip Copse, Roby Drive and Russell Close. 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 this Sunday, 21st January, at the usual time of 11am.

The service will be led by Soba and is in 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.

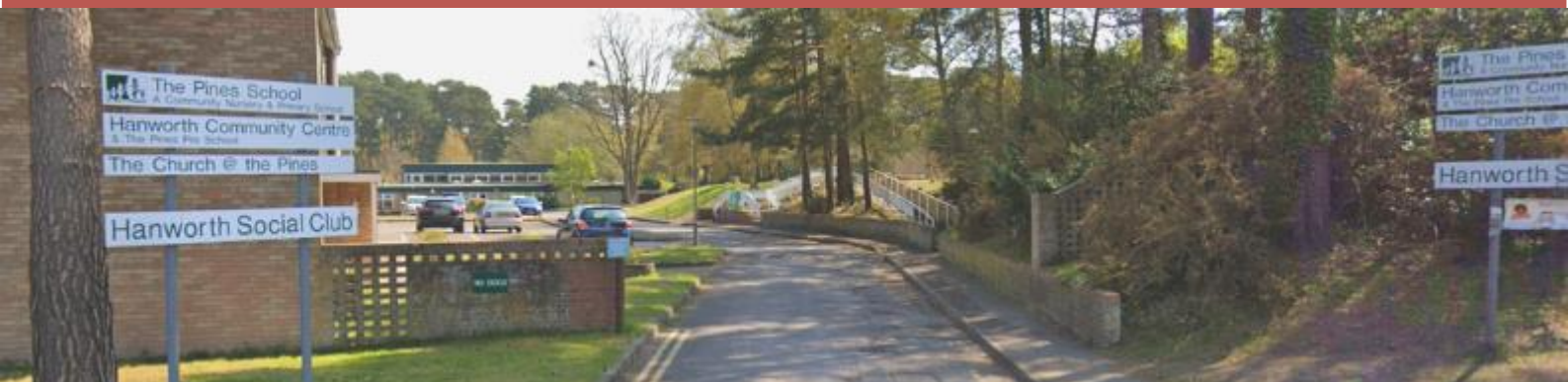
Signed

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord,
'when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to[a] them,'[b]
declares the Lord.

33 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,' declares the Lord.

'I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbour,
or say to one another, "Know the Lord,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,'
declares the Lord.

'For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.'

John 15:1-10

The vine and the branches

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



READINGS continued...

5 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.