

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

- **Jesus is the name we honour**
- **My Jesus, my Saviour**
- **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**
- **In Christ alone my hope is found**

Junior Church Leaves

Bible Readings

1. **Acts 4.5-12**
2. **John 10.11-18**

Sermon

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd

Prayers of Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

Junior Church Returns

The Peace

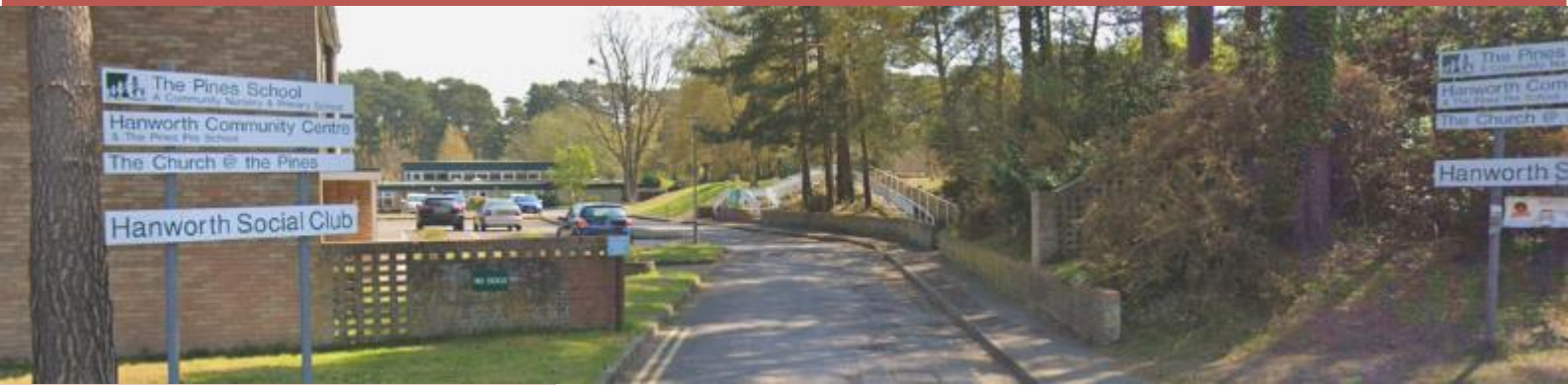
Communion

Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Lord of all, by your amazing grace you gift us with all that we need. We seek to depend on you, knowing your love is constant and new each and every day. We give you thanks this day for the surprising gifts that will meet us in the kindness of others. And, as your Spirit leads us, may we be an unexpected blessing – sharing Christ's love with others in our actions, thoughts and words. Amen.

We continue to pray for Nicky and family, following the passing of Darren's Mum, Linda. May she rest in peace.

This week we pray for all those living in Evedon, may they know your presence, peace and love in their 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. We have also recently introduced a card reader so that people can make donations with their card via contactless payment.

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.

3Generate, 4-6 October, NEC, Birmingham

An exciting opportunity for young people aged 8-18 - Our hope is that 3Generate will offer a wonderful opportunity to encounter God, gather together and be reminded of their vital place within the wider Methodist Church.

The Circuit have agreed to contribute £100 for each young person wishing to attend, which will make weekend tickets much more affordable.

Watch the [video here](#) and then chat to Sarah about your young person joining the group going for the weekend!

Supporting the School.

We discussed several ways we hope to work more closely with the school to supporting them, and the young people in their care, including:

Food collections

We will begin collecting items which the school will distribute to families in need. We will have collections for items at our all age worship services, which are the first Sunday of the month. The school will provide a list of lists, which Sarah will distribute in advance of each AAW service.

Coffee mornings

The school run drop-ins for parents/carers on Wednesdays at 9am. If you would be able to be part of the team attending these, please talk with Brian.

Second-hand uniform sales

We will be running second-hand uniform sales for children starting the school in September. These will follow our 11am service on all Sundays in July. We are operating a [sign-up sheet](#) – click the link to sign up, or speak to Sarah. Please do consider whether you can sign up to help, even if just on one Sunday.

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

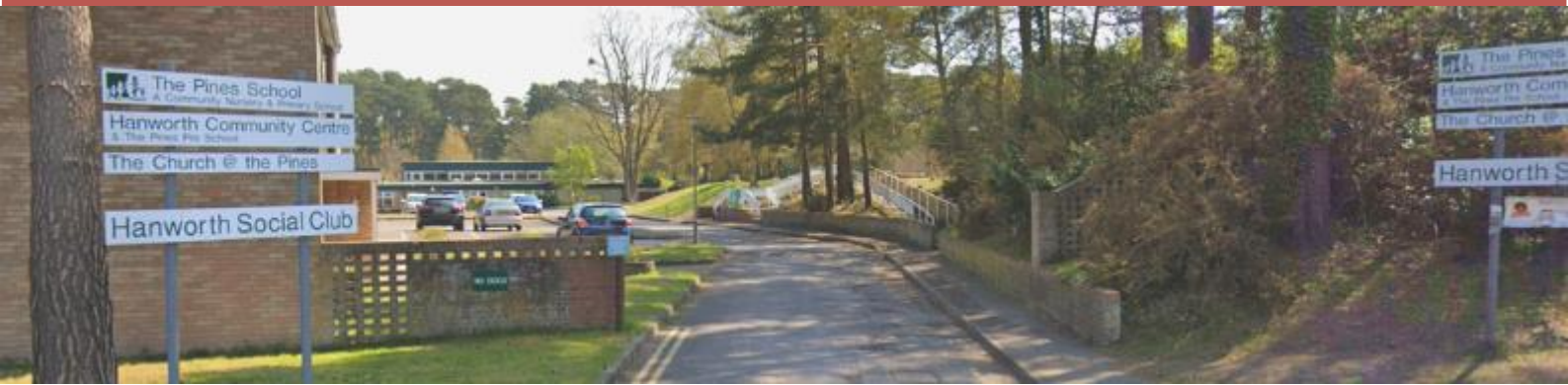
School Admissions

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](#)

I have not included the readings this week – but they are detailed on the first two pages with the order of services. If you do not have a bible to hand, Bible Gateway is a very useful website, where you can choose the translation you prefer - [BibleGateway.com: A searchable online Bible in over 150 versions and 50 languages.](https://www.biblegateway.com/)



READINGS

Acts 4: 5-12

5 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. 7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel:

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

11 Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.'

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

John 10: 11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.

They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."