

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: Christ whose glory fills the sky

Welcoming prayer and response

The Collect

Reading – 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

HYMN: Tis good Lord to be here

Gospel Reading – Mark 2: 2-9

Sermon

Creed

Praying for Ourselves

Prayres of intercession ending with Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

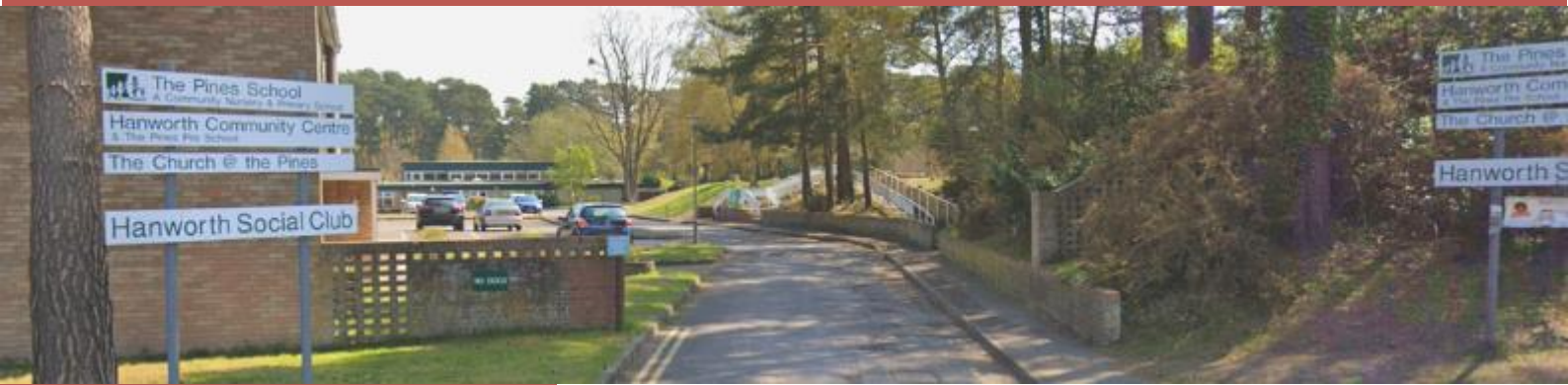
HYMN Lord the light of your love

Blessing

Dismissal

Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for Linda and Reg as they begin a new house group. We pray that this group will bring all those who take part closer to God and His word.

We pray for rest as schools begin their half term holiday. We pray that those leading youth groups, teachers and all those who work with children can rest. We also pray for children and young people that they enjoy the week.

This week we pray for all those living in Claverdon and Cottesmore. 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

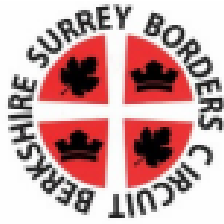
Crowthorne Methodist Church
Saturday 17th February 2024
3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Refreshments available

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 THE CIRCUIT



ASH WEDNESDAY

14.02.2024

As a circuit, we meet together for an act of worship
to help us observe Lent this year.

at

Woosehill Church at 7.00_{pm}

Service will be led by

Rev Catherine Bowstead

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](#)

Bishop Olivia to retire in September

The first female suffragan bishop in the diocese, Bishop Olivia, will lay down her crosier on 30 September after five years of dedicated service.

She said: "It has been an absolute honour and privilege to walk alongside you as together we strive to live out God's vision for a more Christ-like church in the Diocese of Oxford. I have shared in ministry over the years with outstanding colleagues, and their commitment, wisdom and friendship has been a constant Inspiration to me.

As I prepare to step back from this role, I do so with unshakable confidence in the goodness of God, who is always doing a 'new thing', worked out through God's wonderful people in the diocese."





READINGS

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Mark 2: 2-9

2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"?'