

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Mike Bowstead

Welcome

Notices

Call to Worship

StF 161: Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

Prayers of adoration and confession

StF 164: Your words to me are life and health

Young people leave for Sunday School

OT lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

StF 157: God has spoken – by his prophets

Sermon

StF 158: Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

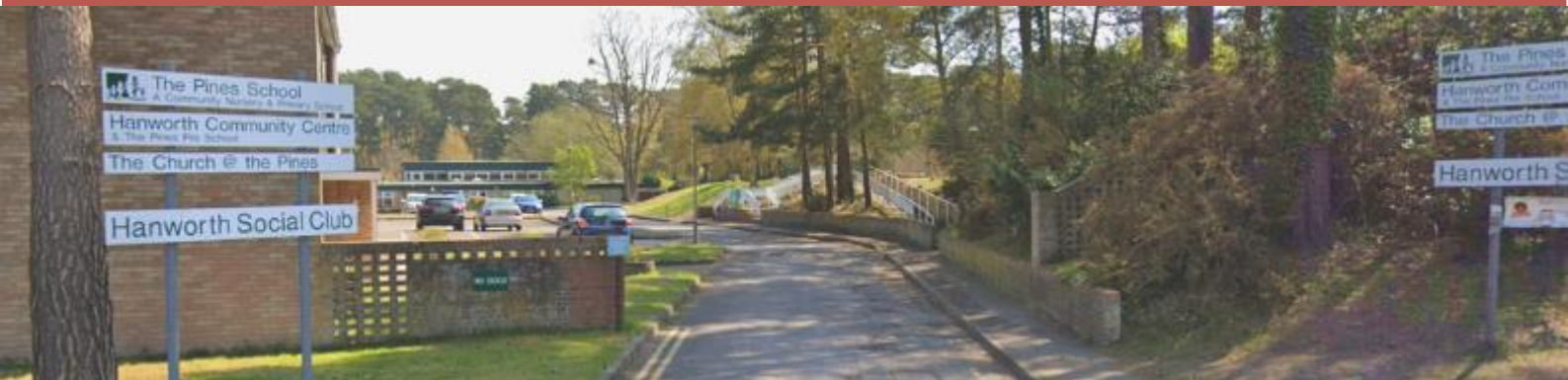
Young people return and share

StF 563: O Jesus, I have promised

Dismissal & Blessing

The 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 Brunswick. 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

Hymn requests to Brian by Sunday 4th February

Sunday 25th February – Rev'd David Hinchcliffe

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.

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](#)

Belfast

Monday 5th February

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm



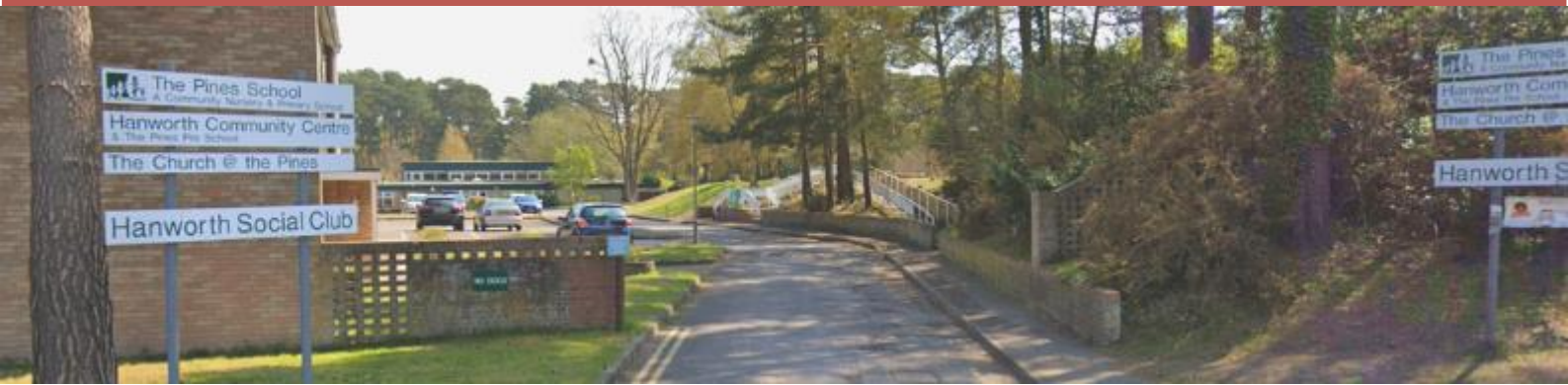
FILM Night

All Welcome

Refreshments at the start



In 1969 the lives of an ordinary Belfast family are rocked by the start of the troubles. Seen through the eyes of a young boy, the effects of the violence on his family and community are life changing. Written and directed by Kenneth Branagh it's a powerful film, no doubt affected by his own experience as a child growing up in the province. It tackles a dark subject with grace and objectivity journeying through a range of emotions with much joy. With brilliant performances from so many including Ciaran Hinds and Dame Judy Dench, it is storytelling at its best. "Bafta winner and nominated for 7 Oscars"



READINGS

Deuteronomy 18: 15-22

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." 17 The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. 19 I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. 20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." 21 You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?" 22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

Mark 1: 21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" 25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.