

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd David Hinchcliffe

Welcome and Notices

Quiet Time with Taizé Song

Opening Prayer and Response

Hymn- Jesus, be the centre

Prayers

The children and young people leave for their group

Bible Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; and Mark 8.31-38

Hymn - Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession, Road Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn - Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice

Young people return and share

Communion

Prayer following Communion

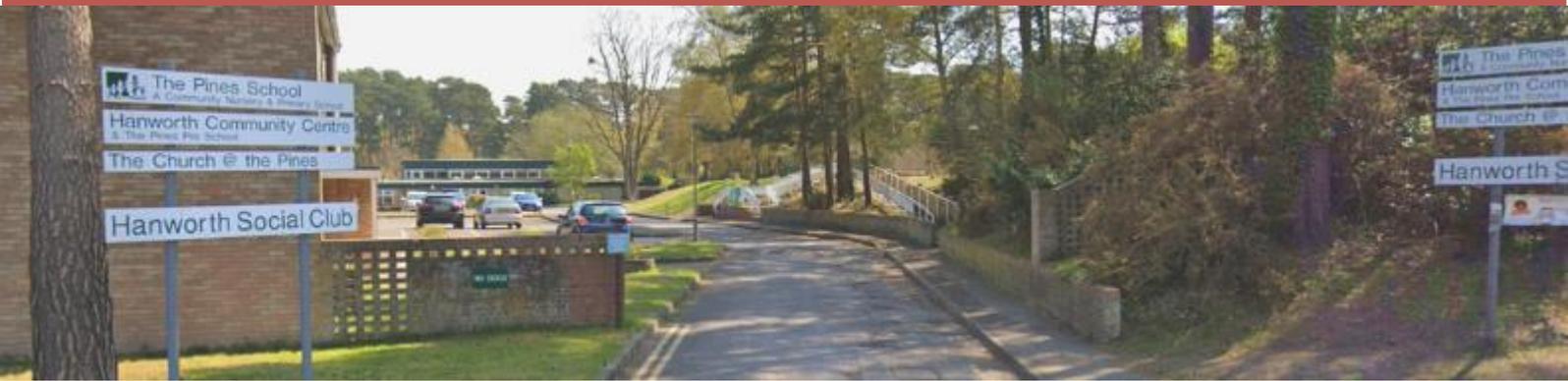
HYMN - Love divine, all loves excelling

Blessing & Dismissal

Grace

Coffee

Bring and Share Lunch



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for love this week, remembering that God's love sets us free, God's love can't be contained, God's love is healing and God's love is for everyone. We pray that everyone will know of God's love for them.

We pray for Nicky and family, holding Darren's Mum in our prayers as she is currently having serious health issues. We pray that she receives the medical care she needs.

This week we pray for all those living in Dryen. 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.

This 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUTS ARE ALLOWED DUE TO SERIOUS ALLERGIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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](#)

First Communion and Confirmation

St Michael's will be holding a session for those preparing for FIRST COMMUNION on 24 March 2024.

This will be directly after the 9:30am service in the Church at St Michael's. This is for Children aged 5 to 10. Do please contact the Parish Office for more information.

They will also be holding four CONFIRMATION sessions on the 22/2, 29/2, 7/3 and 14/3 at 7pm. This is for any child over the age of 10, and any adult. Do please speak with a member of the leadership team if you or your young person are interested in being confirmed and would like to discuss this further.



READINGS

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

The covenant of circumcision

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

3 Abram fell face down, and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.'

15 God also said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. 16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.'

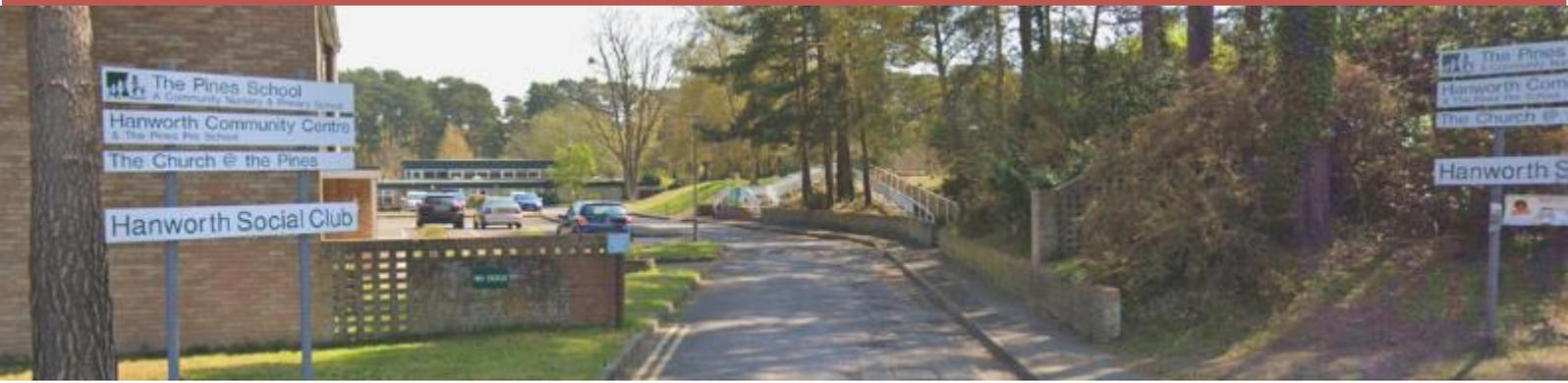
Mark 8: 31-38

Jesus predicts his death

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

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READINGS CONT...

Mark 8: 31-38

The way of the cross

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'