

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Doreen Murgatroyd

Welcome and notices

Time of quiet

Call to worship

Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love (StF 443)

Young people leave for Sunday school

Prayers of adoration & confession

Psalm 22.25-31

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns (StF 347)

Readings: 1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

A meditation on 'I am the vine' (From Roots)

Hymn : You are the vine, we are the branches (StF 258) x2

Sermon : The vine

Hymn: Let us build a house where love can dwell (StF 409)

Prayers of Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

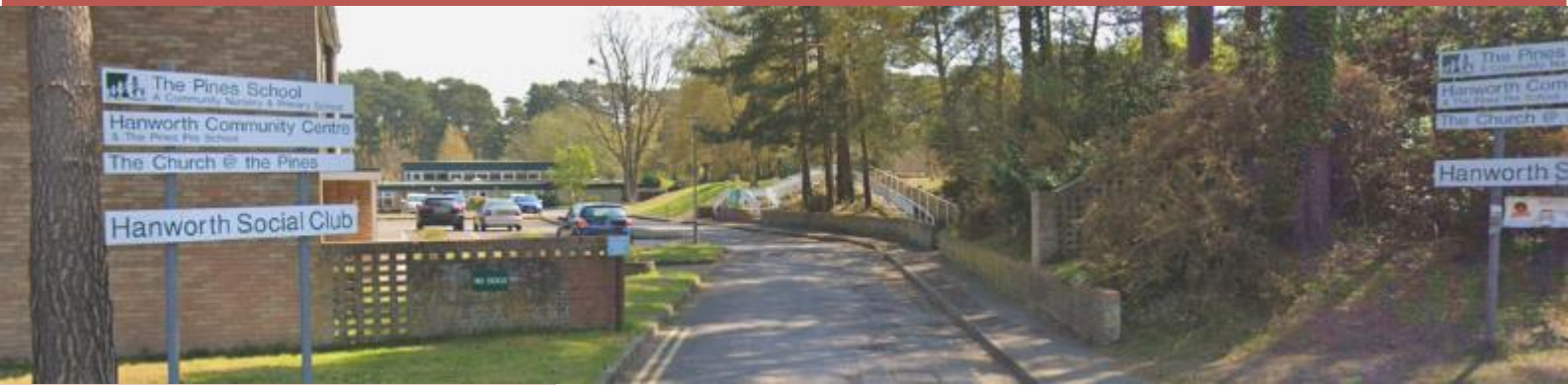
Young people return & share

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling (StF 503)

Blessing

The Grace

Coffee



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for everyone that has, does or will worship at Church @ the Pines, as we approach our 50th celebrations. May they be brought closer to you, God, through our acts of worship. May we continue to grow as a church community and continue to do your work, showing your love and welcome to all. We pray for the children and staff of The Pines School as they celebrate 50 years too. May their school be a place of welcome, peace and learning and may they know your presence in their lives.

We continue to pray for Nicky and family as they prepare for Linda's funeral.

This week we pray for all those living in Finmere, 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 (about £20).

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

Supporting the Pines School.

Food collections

We will collect items which the school will distribute to families in need.. The next collection is Sunday 5th May.

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.

THE PINES SCHOOL'S

50th Celebration

The Ultimate Festival Experience!

PET THE ANIMALS, TRY CIRCUS SKILLS, MAGIC SHOWS, THE COOLEST PERFORMANCES, MAKE A FLOWER CROWN, FOOTBALL CHALLENGES, LOTS OF FUN STALLS & GAMES, INFLATABLES, MAKE YOUR OWN SMORES AND LOTS MORE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE..

**ADULTS £1
CHILDREN
FREE**

As well as...

- ICE CREAM VAN
- BBQ & PIMMS TENT
- FOX & BEAR COFFEE VAN

When

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE
3:00-6:00PM

Where

THE PINES SCHOOL
HANWORTH RD, RG12 7WX

Sponsored Walk in aid of 'Action for Children'

Date: Saturday 1st June

Time: 10am

Meet: Virginia Water, meet at the main car park

Bring: A packed lunch

This is an annual event and a group is gathered from around the Circuit. It's a very enjoyable 4-5 mile walk.

Sponsorship forms will be available from the Welcome Table from next Sunday (5th May).

Sunday School Leaders and helpers

We are so fortunate to have a thriving Sunday School full of enthusiastic children and young people.

We are in need of a few more adults to be on the rota, if this is something you could help with please speak with Nicky or Sarah. With enough of us it should only mean you need to do one Sunday a month or so.

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

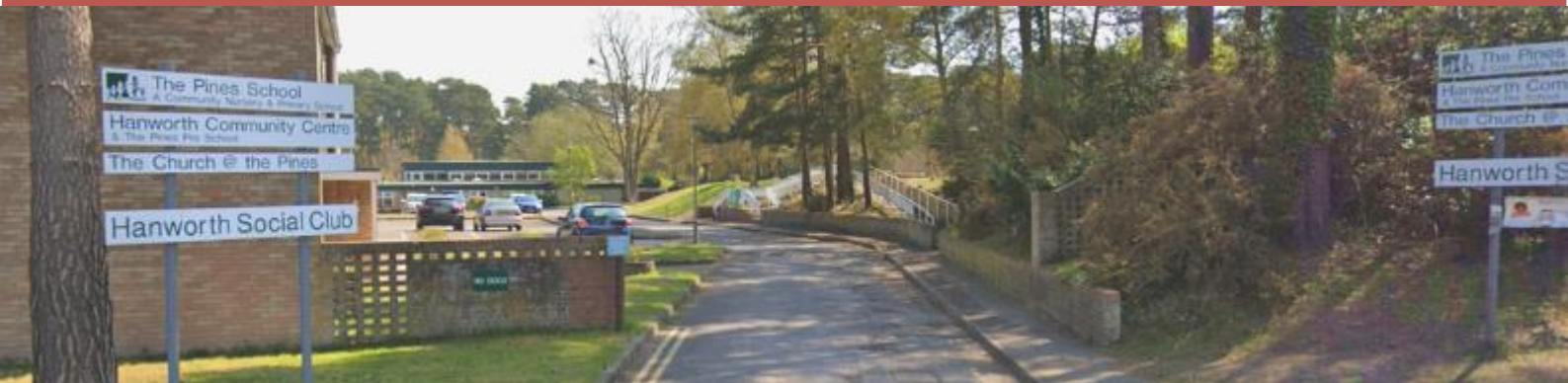
School Admissions

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](#)



READINGS

Psalm 22: 25-31

25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfil my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise him –
may your hearts live for ever!

27 All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

28 for dominion belongs to the Lord
and he rules over the nations.

29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him –
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

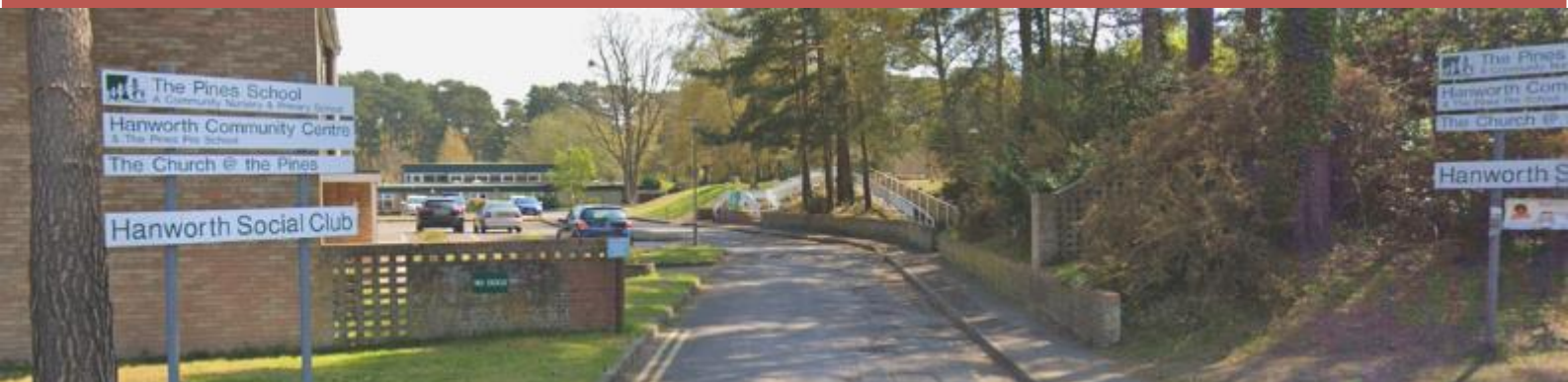
30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

1 John 4: 7-21

God's love and ours

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



READINGS cont...

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

John 15: 1-8

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.

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.