

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Brian Gennery

Welcome and notices

Quiet time video

Call to worship

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

Prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and repentance

Hymn: Jesus the Lord said

Reading: - John 6:51-58

Talk and activity

Reading: - 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Talk

Reading: - Ephesians 5:15-20

Talk

Hymn: - Father I place into your hands

Prayers of intercession, street prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: - Give me joy in my heart

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

The YouTube link to view the live stream on Sunday is:

<https://youtube.com/live/VqAWocabDTA?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Our prayers are with all those we know who are receiving exam results at this time. May they know God with them in the joys and in the disappointments, holding them and giving them confidence to know that they are loved and valued as the whole person that they are, guiding them on their journey onwards whether the path is certain or unknown. God bless them. Amen.

We pray for those who are unwell, in mind, body or spirit. For those for whom this means they are unable to participate as usual in worship, may they find their own way to you, God and know that they are loved and welcome always.

This week we pray for all those living in Melrose. May they know your presence, feel your love and listen to your wisdom in their lives. Amen.

NOTICES

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box (for cash) and a contactless machine (for cards) 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.

Circuit Quiz – Saturday 7th September, 7pm

In aid of Action for Children. Held at Crowthorne Methodist Church, cost is £10 per person, with a ploughman's supper included. Need a team of 6-8 by 31st August.

Raising money for Breast Cancer Charity

Jeannie and Linda are holding a drop-in afternoon bake sale to raise money for charity.

When: Wednesday 21st August

Time: 2-4.30pm

Where: 3 Silvanus

Please bring cakes/biscuits, friends, family, neighbours – all are welcome!

Circuit Picnic – save the date – 21st September

The annual circuit picnic will once again be on the field behind the Pines. The picnic will be held on Saturday 21st September, in the afternoon. We start with a small act of worship, followed by picnic and games. It's a great opportunity to come together. Do save the date!

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

Ranelagh information event –important notice for families with children

Monday 9th September, in St Michael's church - open for refreshments from 3.15pm, start 4pm.

If you are intending to apply for Ranelagh at some point over the next 3-4 years please try to attend, it is hoped that the Head of Ranelagh will join us. From the 1st October 24 we will be introducing a new way of recording your attendance, details will be given during this event.

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

Preparation for first communion (one session) on 29th September after the 9:30am service in the South Chapel. There will be a brief chat, a run through of practicalities, and then an explanation about the workbooks. Workbooks then need to be submitted before admission to first communion on the 27th October.



NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

We will be running preparation classes starting in September. They will be on **Thursdays** at **8pm** in the **Annexe of the Church**.

5th September

19th September

3rd October

17th October

The view is that we will then be baptising candidates on All Saints Day which we will be celebrating on the 3rd November.

Do please email the parish office if you would like to attend. There is no commitment you have to make to be baptised/confirmed. This is four sessions to introduce/reintroduce you to the Christian faith.

In the interim please do take a look at our Faith Development page on our website (<https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk/faith-development>) as this is what we will be covering in the sessions.

What is Thrive@StMichaels?

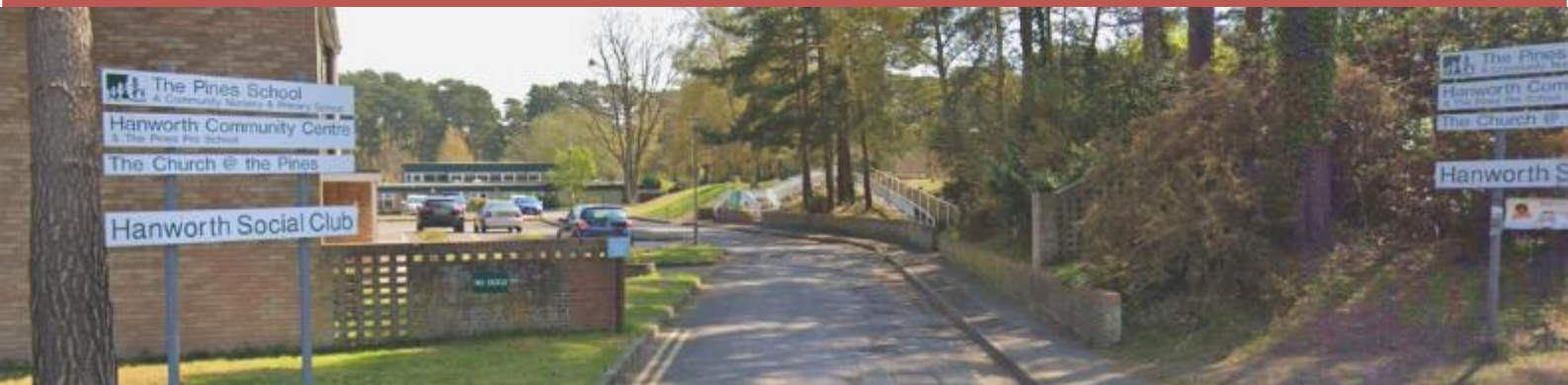
From 18th September, every Wednesday at 3-3:45pm at Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term) we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. We will have tables for children's coats & shoes, St Michael's uniforms, toys, books and long-life food items.

We will be collecting donations on Wednesday 4th & 11th September at 3-3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please make sure all donations are in good condition and clean.

Want to find out more? Think you can help? Speak to Helen, Sally or Revd Gareth.



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READINGS

John 6: 51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

53 Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

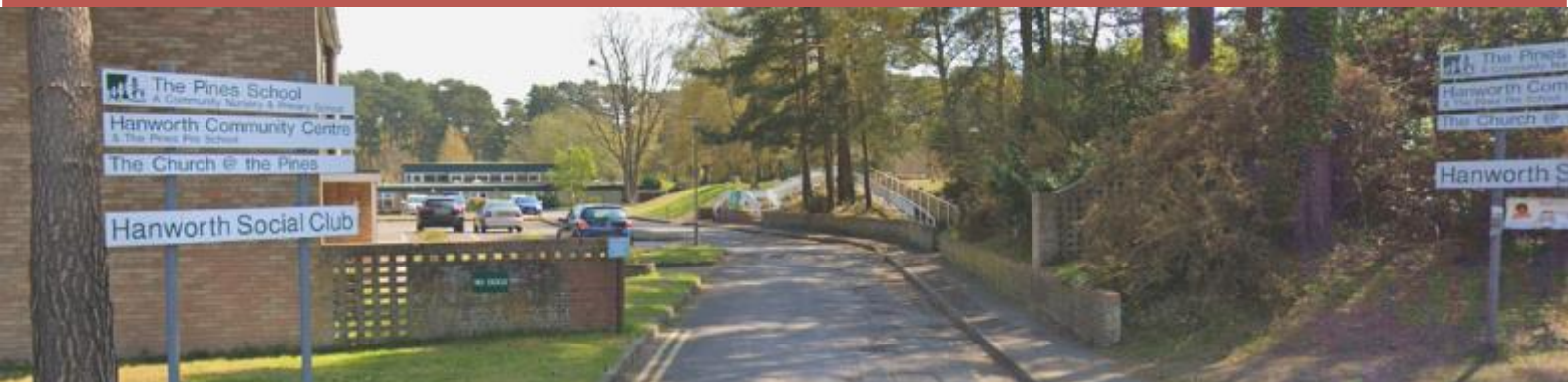
1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14

10 Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. 11 He had reigned for forty years over Israel – seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

3 Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'

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READINGS cont...

6 Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7 'Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?'

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honour – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'

Ephesians 5: 15-20

15 Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.