

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

- **Jesus is the name we honour [StF 354]**
- **Father God, I wonder [StF 72]**
- **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**
- **Faithful One [StF 628]**

Bible Readings

- 1. 1 Kings 8: 22-30; 41-43**
- 2. John 6.56-69**

Sermon

Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky [Stf 663]

Prayers of Intercessions and The Lord's prayer

The Peace

Communion

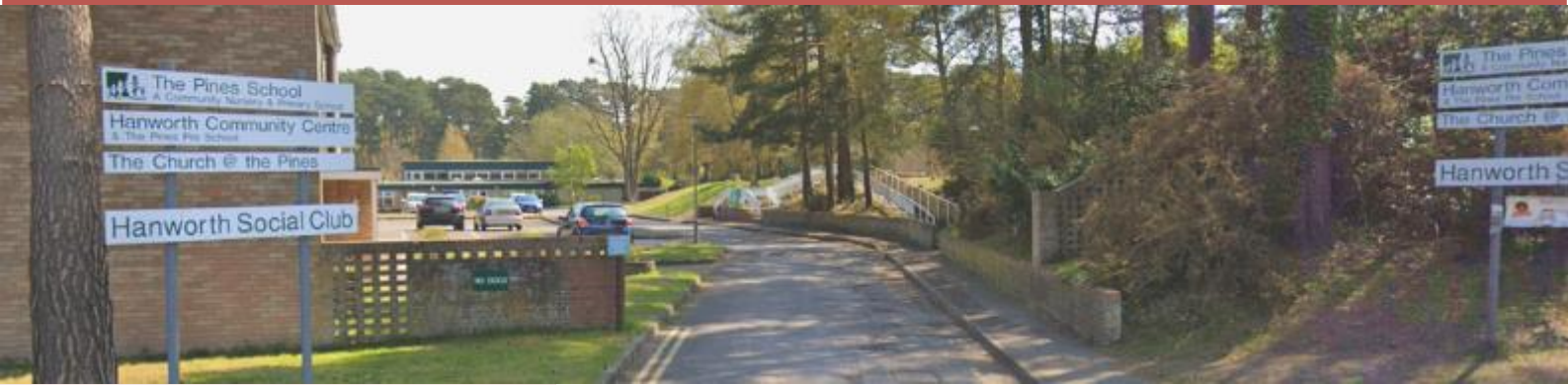
Hymn: Now let us from this table rise [StF 596]

Benediction

The Grace

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

<https://youtube.com/live/he3eYQQbgfs?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 Naseby. 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.

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?

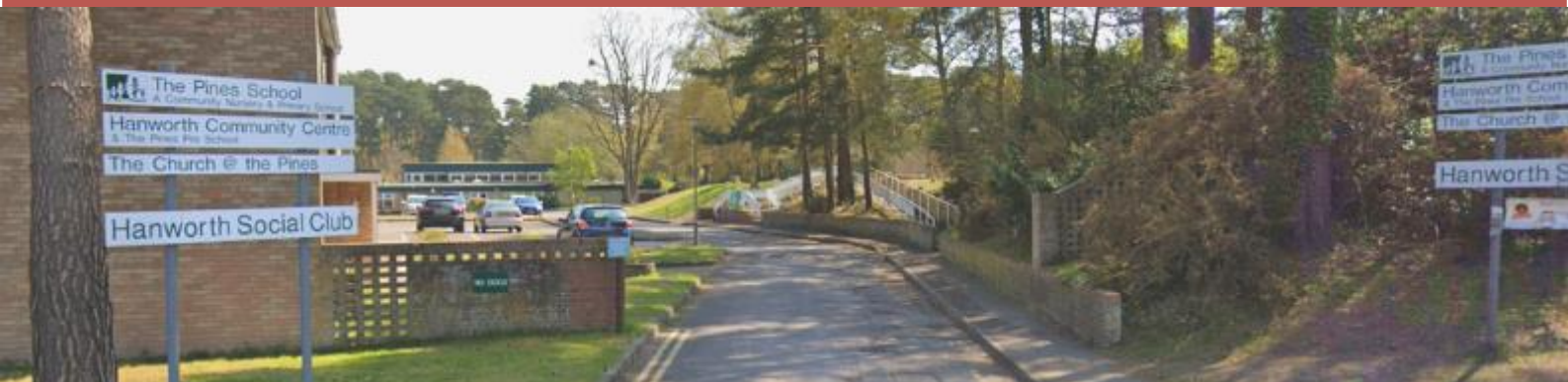
From 18th September, every Wednesday at 3-3:45pm at Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term) we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. We will have tables for children's coats & shoes, St Michael's uniforms, toys, books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

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Solomon's prayer of dedication

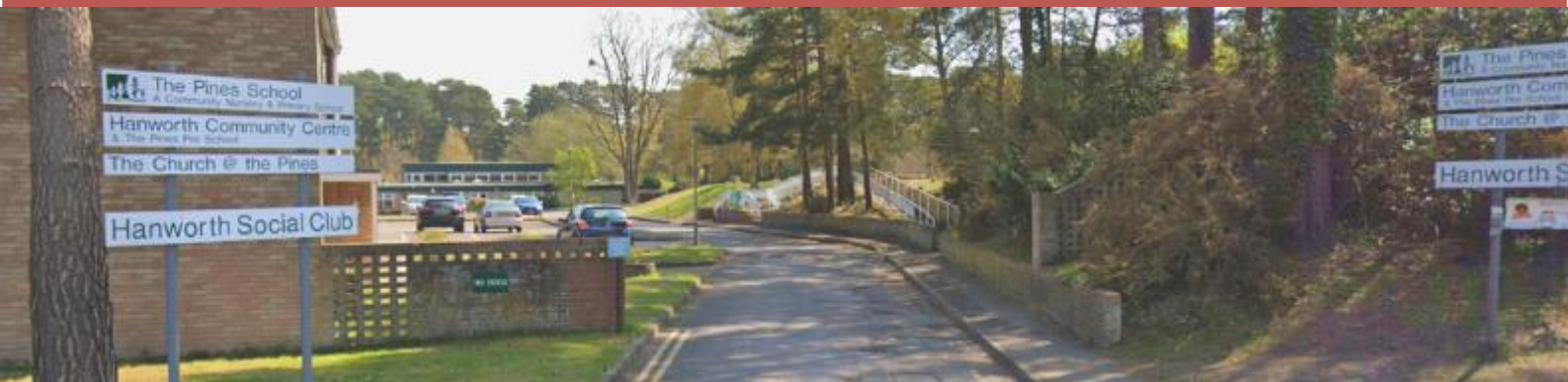
22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven 23 and said:

'Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. 24 You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today.

25 'Now Lord, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done." 26 And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

27 'But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! 28 Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. 29 May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. 30 Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

41 'As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – 42 for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm – when they come and pray towards this temple, 43 then hear from heaven, your dwelling-place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.



READINGS cont...

John 6: 56-69

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.' 59 He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many disciples desert Jesus

60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.'

66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

67 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve.

68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'