

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Sharon Gardner

Welcome and Notices

Time of quiet

Call to worship & opening prayer

1st hymn: STF 353 Jesus is Lord!

Prayer of adoration

Talk for the young at heart: Who is the greatest

Young people leave for Sunday School

Reading: Mark 9: 30 – 37

2nd hymn: STF 611 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Address: What has a child or young person taught me?

The Lost Generation Poem by Jonathan Reed*

3rd hymn: STF 272 From heaven you came

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's Prayer

4th hymn: STF 422 Father we have sinned

Young people return and share

Holy Communion

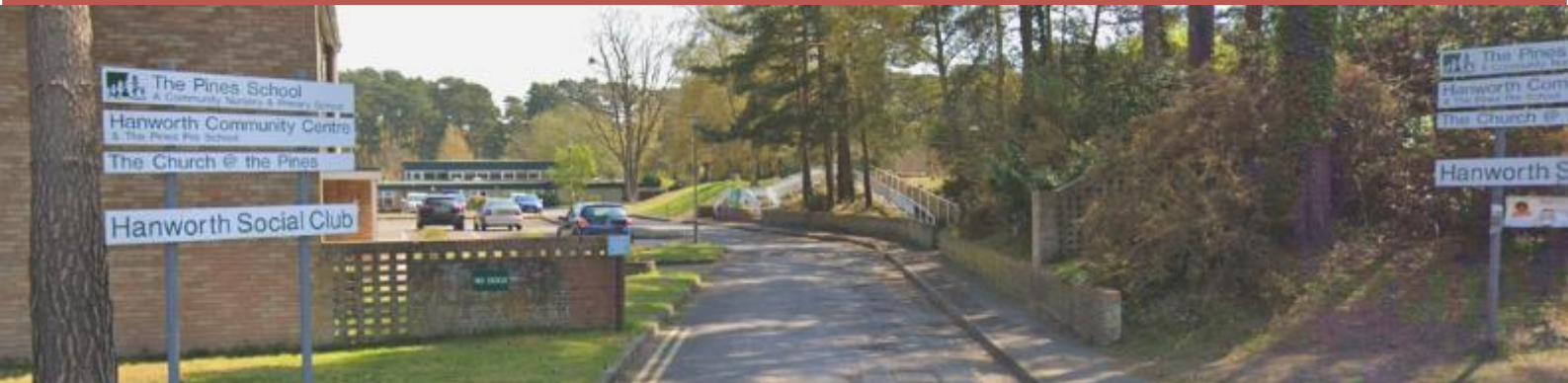
5th hymn: STF 483 We are marching in the light of God

Blessing

Grace

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

https://youtube.com/live/F-cgKkT_zm8?feature=share



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Almighty God, we thank you for the richness and diversity of each unique person. Your church across the whole world is a body made up of many different parts, with different ways of praising and worshipping you. May we respect each other's differences and help us to unite together in one faith. We pray for those Christians who don't have the privilege of worshipping in freedom; for those persecuted for their faith. We pray for their safety and for organisations who support them.

This week, we pray for all those living in Oakengates. May they know God's love, wisdom and peace in their lives.

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 Picnic – Tomorrow!! 21st September – 4-6pm

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.

Dates for your diary

- 4th – 6th October – 3Generate Weekend
- Sunday 13th October – Harvest Festival
- Sunday 20th October – Church Meeting (after 11am service)
- Sunday 8th December – 30 years of C@P Celebration Service

3Generate Prayers

Please do pray for the young people and their leaders, heading to 3Generate at the beginning of October. Please pray for the preparation, anticipation and any nerves. Please pray that the weekend will be an enriching experience for all and will bring our young people closer to God and build a greater understanding of their own relationship with God.

NOTICES FROM ST MICHAEL'S

Ranelagh School Admissions for September 2025

If you have a child entering year 6 in September 2024 and you wish to apply to Ranelagh School, you will need to attend one of their open days on Thursday 19th September or Monday 23rd September 2024. You will be able to collect your SIF which will then require a clergy signature. This is in addition to the CAF you will need to submit to the local authority, naming Ranelagh.

To obtain a clergy signature you will need to bring your completed SIF to Church on Sunday 29th September, where they will be collected in and then delivered to Rev'd Gareth for signing. You will be able to collect your completed form at our service on Sunday 6th October.

It is the parent/carers responsibility to deliver this form to the school by the deadline (see school website).

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](#)



READING

Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”