

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



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Leader: Mary Elms

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STF 51 Great is thy faithfulness

Prayers

Young people leave for Sunday School

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STF 323 I will sing the wondrous story

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Reading: Mark 9: 38-50

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Young people return and share

STF 469 I watch the sunrise

Closing Prayer

The Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/-fVBGGK1S5Y?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Peace is a rose.
So lovely, so delicate, so
fragrant,
so easily crushed.
Holy God, let peace flower
in our damaged world.
In parched places, let peace
take root,
in broken places, let peace
send forth strong shoots,
in barren places, let peace
bud and bloom,
that all may see her beauty,
feel her softness,
be overcome by her gentle
perfume,
and tend her.
Amen.

A prayer by Sally Jones,
presbyter, South
Warwickshire Circuit

We pray for the young
people and their leaders
preparing for 3Generate.

This week, we pray for all
those living in Ollerton.
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.

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

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting food and toiletry items for the school's foodbank. We will also be collecting cash/card donations for the Bracknell FoodBank, with all cash/card donations on the day being donated to them to buy fresh food.

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).

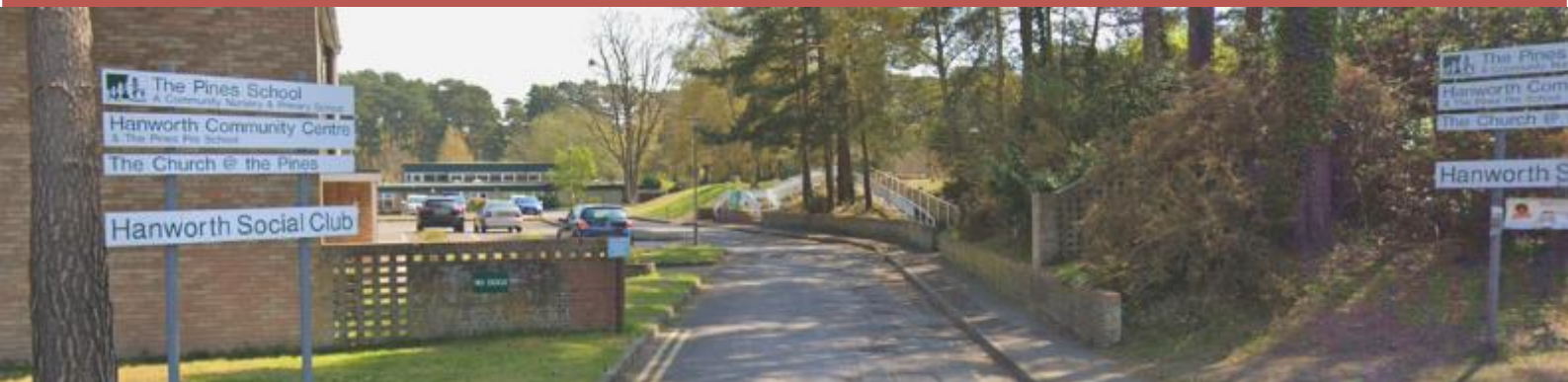
School Admissions

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](#)

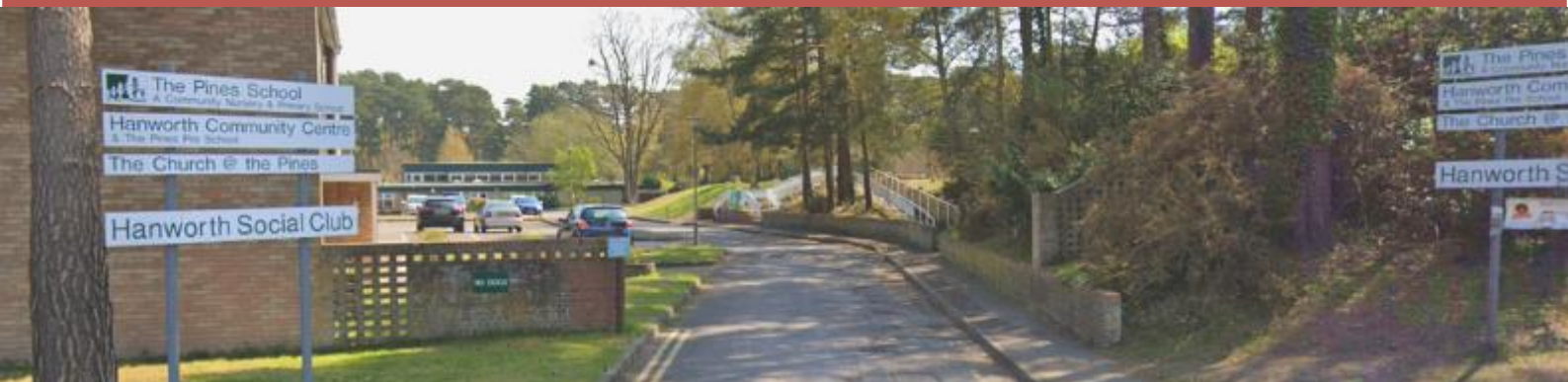


READINGS

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
- In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
- The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
- The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.
- The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
- 10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

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13 Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Quail From the Lord

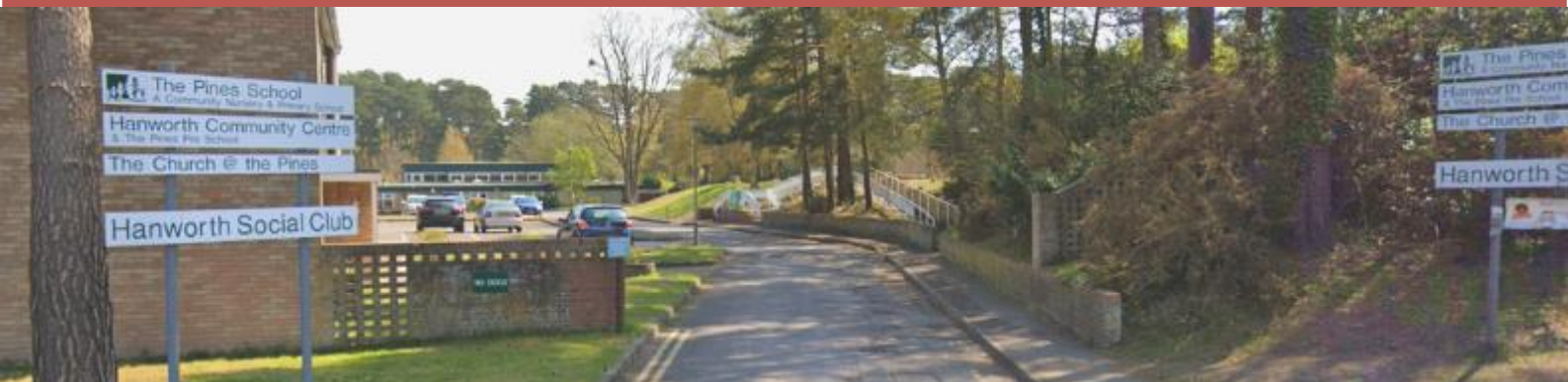
4 The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. 11 He asked the Lord, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? 13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' 14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.

15 If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

16 The Lord said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

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24 So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.

25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

29 But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Mark 9: 38-50

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

38 “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

39 “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us. 41 Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

42 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. [44]

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45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [46] 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

48 where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

49 Everyone will be salted with fire.

50 “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”