

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Sharon Wright

Welcome and Notices

Quiet time for worship

Opening

Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love

Prayer

Hymn: Take my life and let it be

Reading - Hebrews 9: 11-14

Message – part 1

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

Reading – Mark 12: 28-34

Message – part 2

Hymn: A new commandment (2 times through)

Prayer

Hymn: In Christ alone my hope is found

Blessing

Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/GoSid46IXQ8?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

A prayer for the 21st anniversary of An Anglican-Methodist Covenant

Gracious God, Your Son Jesus has called us to be his friends and in friendship to love one another. We pray that we might recognise and grasp all opportunities to grow closer to one another in your name. In this anniversary year, we thank you for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant in which we have committed ourselves to realise more deeply our common life and mission. We pray that maturity and familiarity will not engender complacency but renewed enthusiasm to grow in Christ, together seeking the transformation of the world. In penitence for our continued division and in hope for the future together. We pray in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This week we pray for all those living in *Qualitas*.

NOTICES

30 Years Celebration – responses needed – a notice from Brian

Please fill in the form for the 30th Anniversary Service on the 8th December and return it to me in person or by email (bagqual@aol.com) by the 11th November. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you will not be attending that service. You will NOT be able to turn up on the day and join the service if you have not booked your place as we can only have 100 people in the hall and I will be offering spare places to other churches in the circuit after the 11th November. Brian.

Donations for School Foodbank – this Sunday

As always, we take a collection for the school's Foodbank at our services on the first Sunday of the month. This month we will be collecting Advent Calendars and Christmas treats. Please bring them to Sunday's service.

Remembrance Sunday – 10th November

Please arrive by at least 10.55am on Sunday 10th November, as we will mark the 2 minutes silence before the service starts.

Dates for your diary – Christmas services

- 1st December – Christingle Service
- 8th December – 30 years service
- 15th December – Nativity service
- 22nd December – Carol Service
- 25th December – **9.30am** Christmas Day service
- 29th December – no service at Church @ the Pines – circuit service at Woosehill and streamed online, further details to follow
- 5th January 2025 – 11am service as usual at Church @ the Pines

More about The Anglican-Methodist Covenant

The Covenant, which recognises how much the two churches - which separated in the 1790s, after the death of John Wesley - have in common and commits them to removing further obstacles towards unity, was signed by leaders of The Church of England and the Methodist Church in Great Britain in front of Queen Elizabeth II on 1 November, 2003.

Learn more about the Covenant and this historic moment at

<http://methodist.org.uk/.../church-of-england-and.../>

Let us also pray for the partnership at Church @ the Pines, between the Methodist circuit and the Anglican church of St Michael's and for all of our congregation.

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.

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](#)



Winder Lecture 2024



Richard Harvey

A Jewish disciple of Jesus

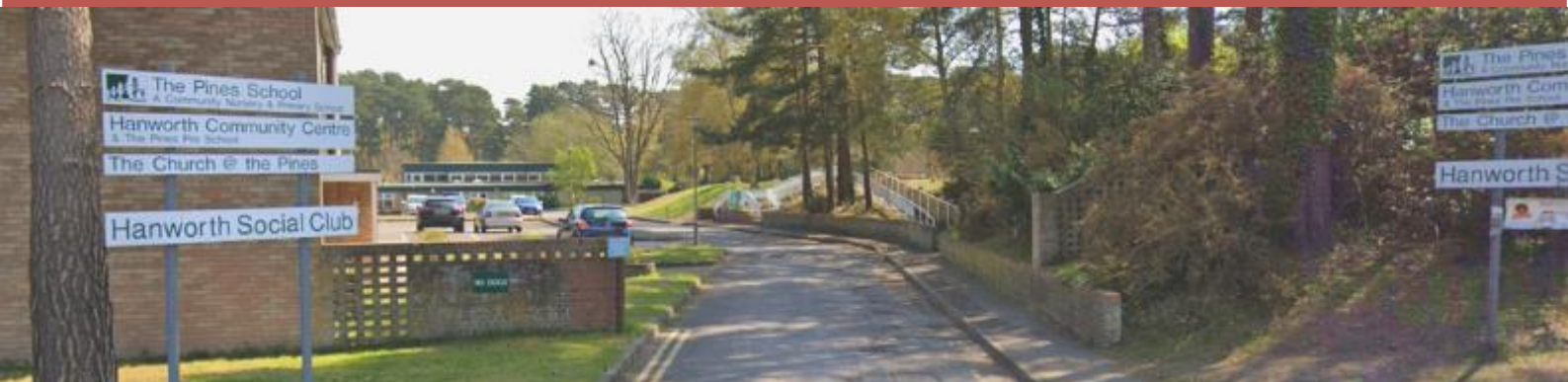
who has been involved in reconciliation initiatives with Palestinian Christians
will be speaking on

A Christian response to conflict in the Middle East

Sunday 3rd November

7pm at St Michael's, Warfield, RG42 6EE

Refreshments served from 6:30pm



READINGS

Hebrews 9: 11-14

The blood of Christ

11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here,[a] he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, so obtaining[b] eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,[c] so that we may serve the living God!

Mark 12: 28-34

The greatest commandment

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'

29 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." [b] 31 The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." [c] There is no commandment greater than these.'

32 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.'

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.