

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Opening Worship

- **Lord, the light of your love is shining [StF 59]**
- **There is a Redeemer [StF 338]**
- **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**
- **Give thanks [StF 78]**
- **Junior Church Leaves**

Bible Readings

1. **1 Samuel 1:4-20**
2. **Mark 13:1-8**

Sermon

Hymn: Give me the faith which can remove [Stf 661]

Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

Junior Church Returns

Communion

Hymn: Blessed assurance [StF 548]

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee

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

<https://youtube.com/live/mwCJ23Ew5go?feature=share>



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Lord, send us out. Send us out from our buildings, full of history and comfort and meaning, and lead us into your world as your disciples where the story is still being written. Send us out with our hearts full of love and concern and fear and hope, and lead us into your heart for this blessed and beautiful world where the story is still being written. Continue to bless places for lonely people to gather; soup lunches and warm spaces; moves and renovations; missions and prayer gatherings; and all the ways we seek to move from where we are to where you want us to be. Lord, send us out. And remind us – remind me – that the story is still being written. Amen.

Sean Turner, MOCC, Isle of Man

This week we pray for all those living in Sarum May they know your peace, love and presence in their lives.

NOTICES

Church Leadership Team – we need you!

We really need more people to join our leadership team to ensure Church @ the Pines is able to continue running smoothly into the future.

We are looking for people who:

- Worship here regularly
- Have at least a couple of hours to spare each month to carry out tasks as needed (some of which may fall within the usual working day)
- Can attend meetings every other month on Sunday afternoons
- Wants to contribute to leadership decisions about our wonderful church

Would you like a role on our rota?

Sarah is just about to do the next rota, for December-February. We always welcome new people to join our volunteers team, for roles such as welcoming, readings and prayers of intercession, tech desk, Sunday school and coffee. Please let Sarah know if you're interested.

Or, do you have a skill/talent we don't know about?! New ideas always welcome.

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

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

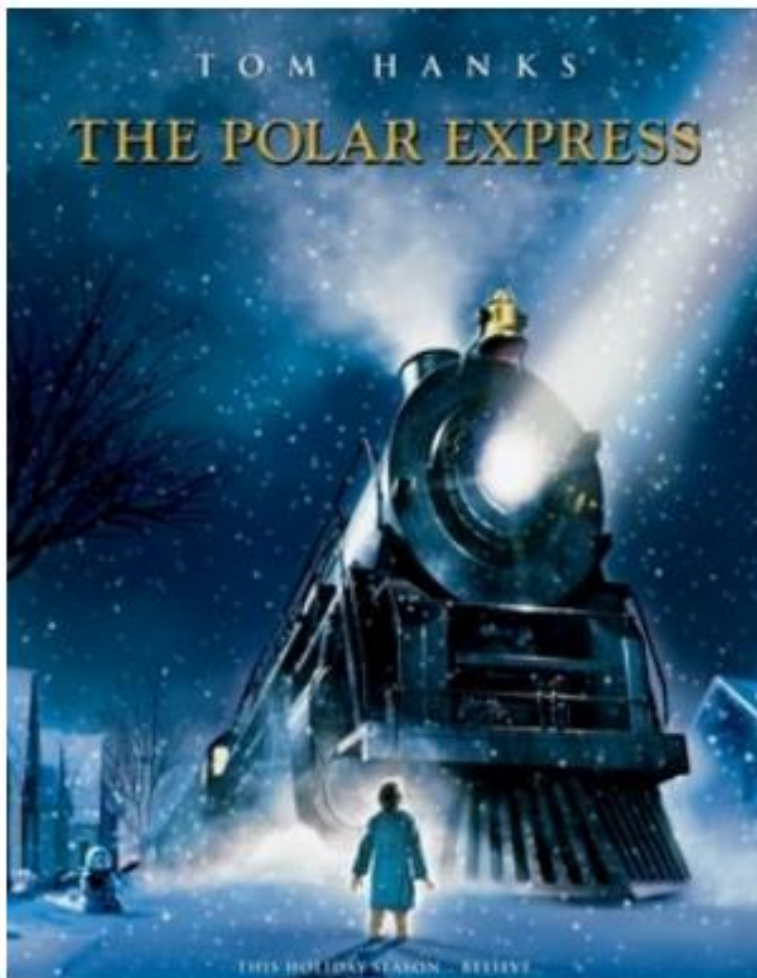
School Admissions

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](#)



FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Friday 29th November

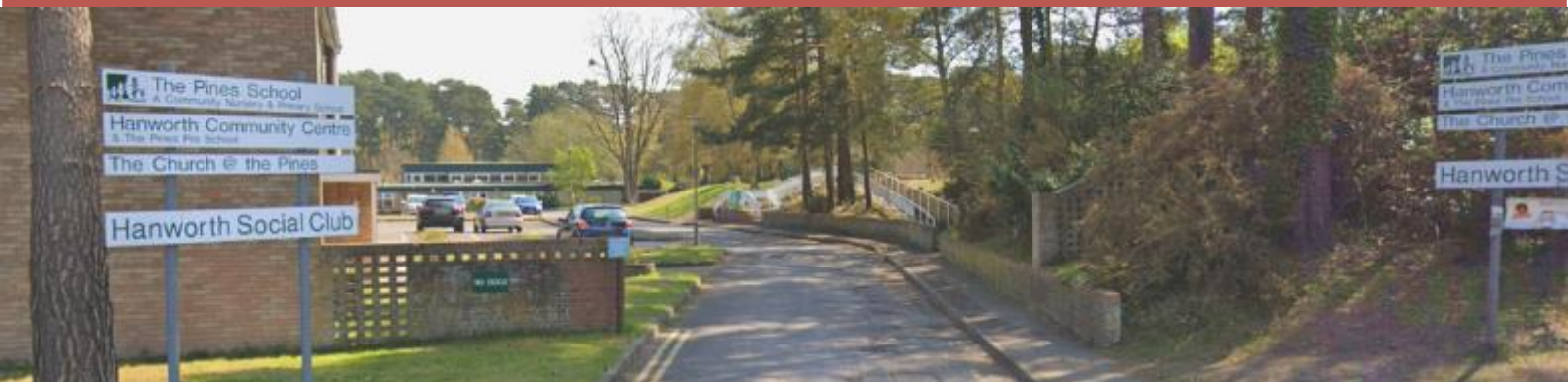
at 5pm

Hot Chocolate & Popcorn

All Welcome



A young boy boards a train and embarks on an extraordinary journey to the North Pole to meet Santa Claus. His life takes a turn after he encounters special people that make his journey memorable.



READINGS

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. 6 Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. 7 This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. 8 Her husband Elkanah would say to her, 'Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?'

9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. 10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'

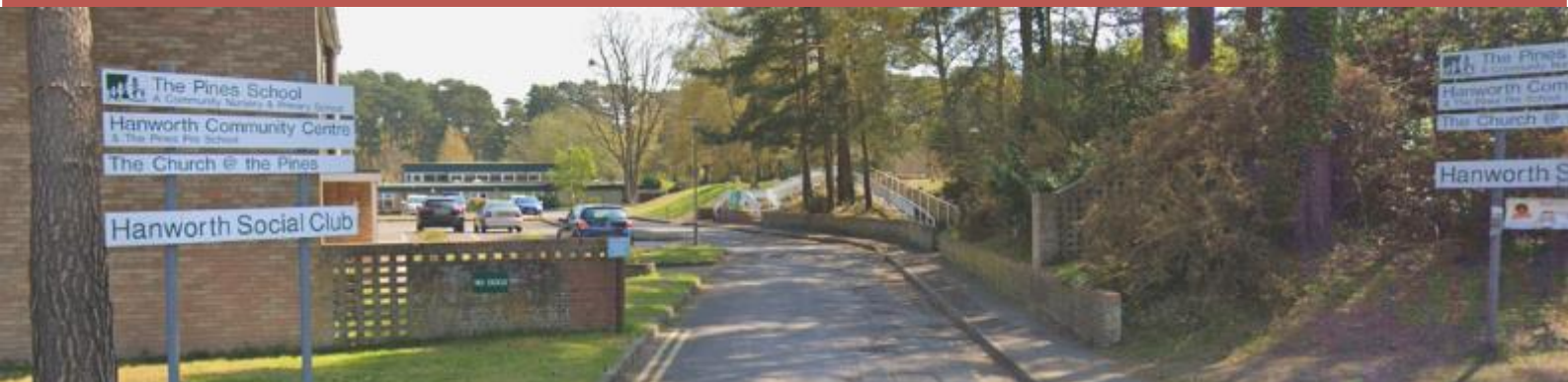
12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.'

15 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.'

17 Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.'

18 She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

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READINGS cont...

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

Mark 13: 1-8

The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!'

2 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?'

5 Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains.'