

Church @ The Pines

THE CHURCH @ THE PINES NEWSLETTER



ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Maggy Garton

Welcome/Notices followed by Quiet Time

Call to Worship

Hymn: Jesus is Lord (StF 353)

Prayer of confession

Talk

Young people leave for Sunday School

Hymn: Christ Triumphant (StF 319)

Reading from John 18:33-37

Hymn: Majesty, worship His Majesty (StF 333)

Talk

Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8

Activity

Prayer of adoration

Hymn: How sweet the name of Jesus (StF 322)

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Young people return

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

Final prayer

The Grace

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

https://youtube.com/live/_NhS44tGjUA?feature=share



PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

God of grace and hope, where the warmth of a smile eclipses the sinister sneer – Let hope stand triumphant. Where an act of kindness undermines an evil deed – Let hope stand triumphant. Where a word of peace silences the terrorist's threat – Let hope stand triumphant. Where difference is diversity in place of disunity – Let hope stand triumphant. Where youth is innocent and age is wisdom – Let hope stand triumphant. Where love is real and faith is kindled – Let hope stand triumphant. Praying that praise and protest would be partners in our living and in our praying, that your kingdom may come among us. Amen. – Andy Fyall, District Chair, Nottingham and Derby District

We pray for all those that have died recently because the world as it is felt too much for them to bear. May they rest in peace.

This week we pray for all those living in Silwood.

NOTICES

30th Anniversary Service – 8th December

We are really looking forward to celebrating 30 wonderful years of worship at Church @ the Pines.

The special service on Sunday 8th December will start at the usual time of 11am.

If you have let Brian know you are attending, please make sure to attend! We are looking forward to having a large congregation on the day, with members of our church and other churches in the circuit and beyond!

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

Christmas Choir!

We are really hoping to bring together a small choir for our Carol Service on 22nd December. If you enjoy singing, please do consider joining us so we can truly raise the roof on the 22nd !

This year, we are having rehearsals on Sunday mornings before our service hoping this will be more convenient for people than weeknight rehearsals.

We will have a short rehearsal starting at 10.30am on the following dates:

1st December

15th December

22nd December (before the Carol service itself)

Please do chat with Sarah or Indira about joining us.

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

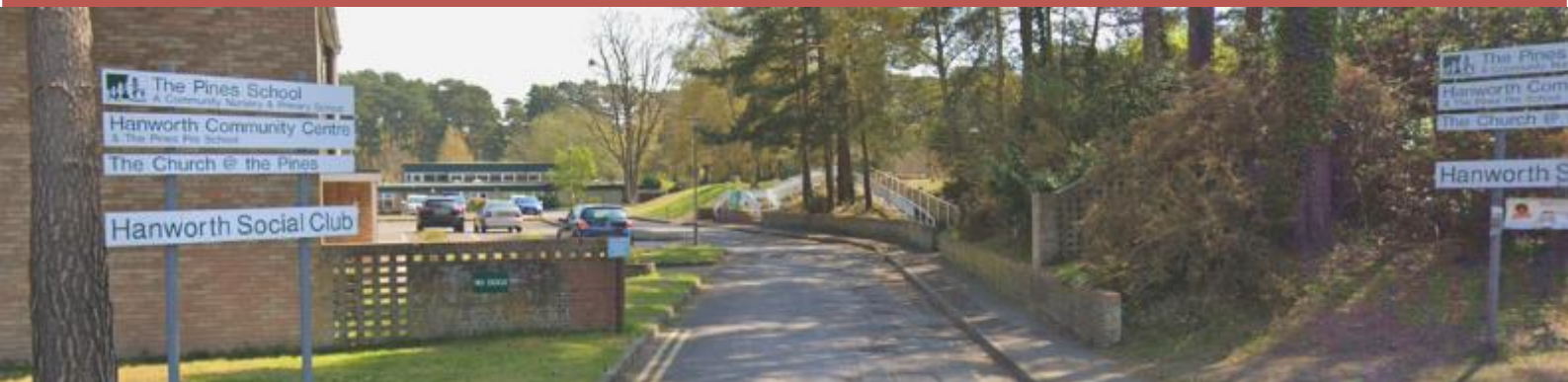
To make the system fair and transparent, those wishing to apply to St Michael's or Ranelagh church schools on church attendance criteria will be asked to sign a register at the back of church each time they attend (even if they have a sibling at the school). To make sure that all new signees understand 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](#)

Please see attached newsletter from St Michael's with various notices of interest.



READINGS

John 18: 33-37

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

34 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

35 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

36 Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

37 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits[a] before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7 'Look, he is coming with the clouds,'[b]
and 'every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him';
and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.'[c]
So shall it be! Amen.

8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'