

## This Week's Diary

**MONDAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice  
7.00 pm Linedancing - Beginners  
8.00 pm Linedancing - Intermediate

**TUESDAY** 4<sup>th</sup> September  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.00 am Bible Group in the Creche – Doris Saunders

### HOUSE GROUPS:

8.00 pm 28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne (Elizabeth Ritchie)  
8.00 pm 11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan Cremer-Evans)  
8.00 pm 2 Primrose Way (Andy & Sue Dow)  
8.00 pm 2 School Hill (John & Sue Campbell)

**WEDNESDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> September  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
11.30 am Communion at Sandhurst Day Centre - All Welcome

**THURSDAY** 6<sup>th</sup> September  
9.15 am Morning Prayer  
7.00 pm Choir Practice

**FRIDAY** 7<sup>th</sup> September  
8.00 pm Salsa

**SATURDAY** 8<sup>th</sup> September  
12.00 pm Wedding of Catherine Holmes & Ken Wilkins

*This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month*

*Please Pray for:* Joanne Lorello, Ken, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen. For those on the prayer board. For those who mourn at this time. For Gabriel, Niamh and Dominick being baptised here today.

*Christ said "when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am with them"*

*Matthew 18 v.20*

*If you are new to this church please note there is a ministry team available to pray with you, at the back of the Church, after taking Communion (9.30 Service).*

13<sup>th</sup> After Trinity

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007

## Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

### SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** Humility and pride

Sirach 10:12-18 , Hebrews 13:1-8 (p 1211),  
15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14 (p 1047)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion with Baptism for Gabriel

White

(crèche available)

Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service

11.15 am Family Service with Baptism Service for  
Niamh Birch and Dominick Barrett

6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September

**Theme & Readings:** The Cost of Discipleship Deut 30:15-20,  
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
6.30 am Ecumenical Service

### THE PARISH OFFICE

Open 9.30 am – 12.15 pm weekdays for all enquiries regarding Churchyard, Baptisms, Hall bookings, Weddings, Counselling or Clergy appointments – Tel. 01252 873030

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## ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a new evening service, using modern worship songs and an informal, varied style. This will take place in the Seeby Hall at 7pm (time t.b.c.) and will last about an hour. This is for adults and young people who would like to meet with God in a more laid-back and contemporary setting. The intention is to run it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

We are keen to hear from everyone who would be interested in coming, or helping with practical arrangements (food, chairs, music, PA system, video and technical stuff, etc). There will be a Workshop on running contemporary worship **this Sunday** from 2.30-5.30pm, led by Chris Jones, who has a wide experience of running such services, both in the UK and the USA. Please fill in a response slip and put it in the collection plate or the chest at the back of church to indicate if you'd like to attend – or e-mail the office.

## 8.00am SERVICE READINGS

In consultation with the congregation on which version of the Bible to use, a small number of responses were received, fairly evenly balanced between preference for the NRSV (easier to understand and to read) or the AV/King James Bible (familiar, traditional and similar to language of the service). The clergy have assumed that those who did not offer an opinion have no strong feelings either way, and have decided to continue with the NRSV, subject to consultation with the PCC.

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September** is national Back to Church Sunday. It is also the Sunday nearest to St Michael's Day. We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival by inviting guests to come to church. Please start preparing for this by praying about which friends, neighbours and family members you could invite to come with you to church on that day.

## DUTIES OF SACRISTAN

We have 1 volunteer but still need another for this duty. Please speak to John White, or come to the office for details of the duties involved.

## CHILDREN TAKING COMMUNION

We are looking for those interested being part of a working party to develop a plan to prepare children to receive Communion before Confirmation. The plan would be presented, after consultation, to the PCC for decision in May 2008. Please speak to John White or John Castle if you're interested, or would like to discuss the proposal.

## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

As we approach the end of the growing season, a word of thanks to everyone involved in keeping the churchyard so tidy, despite the extremes in weather this year. We are having one more weekend churchyard working party to complete all the work undertaken last month. We want to trim more hedges, remove saplings and bushes growing amongst the graves, and shred all the greenery that we have cut down. The dates are: **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 9.30 am, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., from 9.00am, and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 2.00pm.**

Please let me, or the Church office know if you can make any of these dates, or if you would like to join our happy band of grass cutters. Many thanks, Peter Hulbert (01344 775881)

## 10% DISCOUNT AT CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

The manager of Triangle Christian Bookshop, Farnborough, has informed us that for 2 weeks they are giving a discount on all purchases. The bookshop is on the ground floor of Kingsmead shopping centre. [www.thetriangle.org.uk](http://www.thetriangle.org.uk).

## BISHOP'S APPEAL TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS

We are supporting Bishop John's appeal to help those affected by the recent floods in the Diocese, as reported in the new edition of The Door. There will be a retiring collection in aid of this today, and on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## ORDINATION OF MARION HARRISON

Marion will be ordained on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11.00am in Salisbury Cathedral. If you would like to go, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or ring the Office on 01252 873030.

## HARVEST

Harvest Thanksgiving this year will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The PCC has decided to combine this with Pledge Sunday. More details to follow.

## ST MICHAEL'S CONFIRMATION 2007

A report on this is in the new edition of the Diocesan newspaper, The Door (available at the back of church).

## SANDHURST HOW IT HAS CHANGED

New book available in the office by Mick Young, Price £5. Donation from proceeds to church funds.