

## This Week's Diary

MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October  
9.15 am St Michael's School Harvest Service  
7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice  
7.45 pm Emmaus Course @ Yvonne Gambling's House  
7.00 pm Linedancing - Beginners  
8.00 pm Linedancing - Intermediate

TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> October  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.00 am Bible Group in the Creche – Doris Saunders  
7.00 pm Vibe @ the Coffee Spot

### 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)  
8.00 pm 34 Albion Road (Linda Lemmon)

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
11.30 am Communion at Sandhurst Day Centre - All Welcome

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October  
9.15 am Stroke Club  
7.00 pm Choir Practice in Church  
7.30 pm Handbells

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October  
8.00 pm Strictly Salsa £7 – All Levels Pay for your first session and get the next one free!

SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30 pm Prayer Meeting in church

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

**Please Pray for:** Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Joanne Lorello, Ken, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen. For those on the prayer board. For those who mourn at this time. For Marion Harrison who was ordained yesterday.

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).*

19<sup>th</sup> After Trinity

14<sup>th</sup> October 2007

# Newsletter

## St Michael's Church, Sandhurst



### SERVICES TODAY

Pledge Sunday

Theme & Readings: Harvest:

Deut 26:1-11 (p 203), Luke 17:11-19 (p 1051)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion – All Age Service  
Reach in the Upper Rooms  
(crêche available)

Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service

6.30 pm Ecumenical Service @ the Coffee Spot

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Theme & Readings: The Widow and the Judge

Genesis 32:22-31, 11 Tim 3:14-4:52.

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

7.00 pm Informal Service in the Pastoral Centre

### 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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## TODAY IS HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY !

Many thanks to all who have brought a donation of food today for the benefit of others. Please see below for details of where your donations are going.

Harvest is traditionally the time when we thank God for all his material provision for us, which so often we take for granted. This year we have combined our Harvest Thanksgiving with Pledge Sunday, our annual opportunity to review our financial giving to the work of mission and relief across the world, and especially through our parish church. Our local church receives no subsidy from the Diocese or the Government. Although we receive some income from hall lettings and fees, we rely on our church members as the backbone of our financial support. I have written to everyone who is a member of this church or already gives to it – if you've not already received this, it will be at the back of the church. If you can't give regularly, a one-off gift to St Michael's would be very welcome! Please use a blue Gift Aid envelope if you're a taxpayer. A leaflet, *Christian Giving Explained*, is available at the back of church.

As we focus on God's provision for us in the harvest, let us take some time to consider how we can express our appreciation and make a difference to others through our giving, both through the church and through other charities who bring help to those in need. Rev John Castle, *Priest-in-charge*

## HARVEST DONATIONS

This year, we are supporting "Feed the Children", and would like to send donations including: Rice, pulses, pasta, tinned food, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, flannels, nailbrushes. Please no items with milk or dairy products. We are not having a harvest lunch this year, but any fresh items will be distributed to Broadway House and the Day Centre. Alternatively, if you would like to make a cash donation for Harvest, it will go towards the Water For Harvest, Water For Life initiative organised by Feed the Children. For more info on this go to [www.feedthechildren.org.uk](http://www.feedthechildren.org.uk).

## COFFEE IN THE SEEBY HALL

Fairtrade of course - after our harvest service at 9.30am on Sunday 14th October, will include homemade biscuits and cakes. Please come and enjoy. All donations will go towards Christian Aid. Thank you, Jo Arthy

## HELP NEEDED

Daily help needed (Mon-Fri, between 4 and 6pm, excluding school holidays) with the after school care of a 12yr old girl. Help would involve driving, cooking and light housework. £8 per hour. If you are interested please ring for further details on 07990536710. References will be required.

## CHOIR NEWS

Firstly, congratulations to James Devine who was formally made one of our Head choristers in the service last week. Also, thanks to all who are stepping in to run the choir in the absence of DoM. We are especially grateful to Alun Grafton who devoted significant time last term and over the summer (And who continues to help out when he can e.g. this morning!). Adverts for a new DoM are currently circulating. Please pass on names of any possible leads you may have to Rebecca Brown or John Castle.

The choir have produced a colourful recruitment/information leaflet, which is available at the back of the church, from one of the choir or on the church website. Please pass this onto anyone who you know might like to join us.

And finally but very importantly we appreciate your continuing support for the choir – we would especially like to see you at the Requiem Service (see below).

## REQUIEM SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS' TIDE

Our annual Requiem Service will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30. This is for everyone who would like to remember a loved one who has died, whether recently or some time ago. You can light a candle to remember someone, and their name can be read out in the prayers. The choir will be singing music by Walford Davies and Casciolini, and the service will be Holy Communion. Please come, and invite friends and family and anyone you know who has lost someone.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**SOCIALS** – We are planning to go Ten Pin Bowling in Wokingham on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**NEW FEMALE YOUTH VOLUNTEER WANTED** to join our youth team at St Michaels. If this is something that you think you could do or would like to know more, or for more information on any events please contact **Ben Askew** [Ben.Askew@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:Ben.Askew@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk) or any member of the youth team.

## CHRISTIANS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Concerned about climate change and its on the Third World? Wonder what a Christian perspective on it might look like? Then don't miss the meeting at St Michael's Warfield, chaired by Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30. Speakers: Rev Prof Ian James (Diocesan Environmental Adviser), Sandeep Sengupta (Oxford University) and Paul Valentine (Christian Aid). Sign up on list at the back of church to join others going to this meeting. Or contact the Parish Office.

## **LISTENING**

Do you really know how to listen? We are considering running a Christian listening course in conjunction with St George's and other churches in Sandhurst. If you would really like to learn how to listen to your family, friends and people around you, please let the office know. More details to follow, depending on the number of interested people.