

## This Week's Diary

- MONDAY** 29<sup>th</sup> October  
 7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice  
 7.00 pm Linedancing - Beginners  
 8.00 pm Linedancing - Intermediate
- TUESDAY** 30<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** 31<sup>st</sup> October  
 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 11.30 am Communion at Sandhurst Day Centre - All Welcome  
 8.00 pm Youth Group Meeting – Upper Room
- THURSDAY** 1<sup>st</sup> November  
 9.15 am Stroke Club  
 7.00 pm Choir Practise  
 7.30 pm Handbells
- FRIDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 8.30 pm Salsa



*Congratulations to Olive Bromley who celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday this week!*

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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 Benjamin and Joshua 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).

Last After Trinity

28<sup>th</sup> October 2007

# Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

## SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** The Rich Man & Lazarus:  
 2 Tim 4:6-8 (p 1197), 16-18, Luke 16:19-31 (p 1050)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion  
 Welcome to John Eames  
 Reach in the Upper Rooms  
 (crèche available)

Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service



11.30 am Baptism for Benjamin Cook  
 and Joshua Kast



6.30 pm Requiem Service

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Theme & Readings:** All Saints:  
 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 9.30 am Parish Communion  
 11.15 am Family Service with Baptism  
 6.30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

## 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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## SPEAKER FROM TEAR FUND

Today, John Eames from the relief agency TEAR Fund will be speaking at the 9.30 service. TEAR Fund is a major relief agency that works through local churches and Christian organisations in developing countries, and is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee. They also seek to promote awareness and prayer for development issues, including climate change, in churches in the UK.

## REQUIEM SERVICE TODAY

Our annual Requiem Service will be today, at 6.30 pm. 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.

## MAGGIE CREWES – PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

Maggie has written to us thanking us for the donation of £694.40 we sent at the beginning of the year to help street children in Addis Ababa. She says 25 children have now been re-united with their families. The PCC considers it part of the work of our church to support those less fortunate than ourselves, both at home and abroad, and our donation came out of the 10% of Planned Giving income which is set aside for such donations. Maggie's letter is on the notice board at the back of church. More info at [www.retrak.org](http://www.retrak.org).

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**SOCIALS** – We are planning to go Ten Pin Bowling in Wokingham on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. It begins at 5pm at the Big Apple in Wokingham. I will be meeting people outside at 4:45pm. **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.

## INFORMAL SERVICE

Many thanks to Ben and the youth band for their contribution to last Sunday's informal service. In addition to band members, we are looking for others to help run this service, by serving refreshments, leading prayers or reading. Also,

if you have a particular subject you would like us to consider, or you'd like to make a presentation at this service, John Castle would like to hear from you!

## A DIFFICULT SUBJECT

The past week saw the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. There is a wide range of views about this subject, and the way we think and feel about it will be influenced by our experiences of life and the experiences of people we know or have dealt with. It is also true that people's views of this and related subjects are influenced by other moral currents in our society.

In last Sunday's Observer the Archbishop of Canterbury entered the debate, placing the issue of abortion within the context of the wider moral climate. There is a danger, he argues, that without realising it we can move from a reluctant acceptance of something we see as a very difficult moral choice to a situation where we forget why we had a problem in the first place. (I recommend you read his article – see under [www.archbishopofcanterbury.org](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org)).

As Christians it is easy to “opt out” of issues that are difficult and don't immediately involve us, leaving them to the “experts” and the politicians. But God calls us to be salt and light in our society. On the one hand, we need to look within the teaching of the Bible and the Church for the moral principles that can guide us in facing these issues, while listening to those with relevant professional and personal experience, and bear witness to these in the public arena. On the other hand, we need to go beyond words, by helping to mend broken lives and bring hope, reconciliation and forgiveness. Where we are unable as individuals to make a practical contribution, we can support those who can, especially Christian agencies. Above all, we need to pray about issues such as abortion and for those who make the laws and who implement them, and for those who are affected by it.

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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Do find time to visit the RISC Centre in Reading for your Fairtrade gifts for Christmas. It has a vast array of gifts and food to choose from. If you don't know where that is, ask me.



## HARVEST CAKES

The coffee and cake event after the harvest service raised a magnificent £110 for Christian Aid, far more than I would ever have expected. A big thank you to all St Michaels' generous givers, cake makers and washer uppers. Jo Arthy