

## This Week's Diary

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>
7.30 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
7.00 pm	Linedancing - Beginners
8.00 pm	Linedancing - Intermediate
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	Bible Group in the Creche – Doris Saunders
7.00 pm	Vibe @ the Coffee Spot
<b>HOUSE GROUPS:</b>	
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)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.30 am	Communion at Sandhurst Day Centre - All Welcome
7.45 pm	Community Committee
8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>
7.00 pm	Choir Practice
7.30 pm	Handbells
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>
8.30 pm	Salsa

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

**Please Pray for:** Barry, Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Ken, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen. For those on the prayer board. For Ada and Megan 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).*

*Sunday Next Before Advent*

*25<sup>th</sup> November 2007*

## **Newsletter** **St Michael's Church, Sandhurst**

### SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** Christ the King: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (p 782), Col 1:11-20 (p 1183), Luke 23:33-43 (p 1060)

**8.00 am** Holy Communion  
Service from page 287

**9.30 am** Parish Communion  
Young Church in the Pastoral Centre  
Reach in the Upper Room

### **CRAFT STALL TODAY DURING COFFEE IN THE HALL**

Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service (crèche available)

**11.30 am** Baptism for Megan Stonestreet and Ada Thorne

**6.30 pm** Sung Evensong  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Theme & Readings:** Are you Ready?  
Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-end

**8.00 am** Holy Communion

**9.30 am** Parish Communion

**6.30 pm** Advent Celebration 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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Rev John A. Castle (Priest-in-charge)

## IT TAKES TWO

It Takes Two gives plenty of practical examples of simple things you can do to make married life better. You'll also discover the potential you have for **building the best marriage** you possibly can. Care for the Family evening event, Greyfriars Church, Reading, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30-10pm, tickets £6 from 029 2081 0800.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SANDHURST DAY CENTRE

Volunteers needed to assist at morning coffee and lunchtime, approximately 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. A free lunch can be provided. Please contact Diana Woodhead on 01344 771433, if you would like to help.

## CHRISTINGLE MAKING

We need volunteers to make the Christingles this year, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15am, in the hall. Please come and give a hand, we can't do it without you! Children are welcome to give a hand too.

## CHURCH FINANCES

Many thanks to all who have signed up to the Planned Giving Scheme in the last few weeks, to those who have increased their pledges, and to those who have made one-off donations. Due to these increases in giving, and to some other income and some cuts in expenditure, the church's finances are looking a lot more healthy than a couple of months ago. Thank you all for your prayers. However, due to the recent cuts in income tax, our income from Gift Aid is set to fall from April 2008. We are also starting a fund for repairs to our buildings, with the intention of putting a little aside every month.

## BAG2SCHOOL

Angela Harper is organizing this recycling appeal to raise funds for St Michael's Primary School and the church. Bag2school is a unique opportunity to raise funds, assist the environment and create employment both at home and abroad. Bag2School is interested in collecting quality second hand ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items are for **RE-USE**. No Bric a Brac Please. Simply fill the blue bags handed out this morning, or a black bin liner and return to St Michael's School on 10<sup>th</sup> December by 2pm. Bags2school will pay £200-£250 per tonne.

## OPEN MEETING OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

On 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm, the new Bishop of Oxford will be attending the meeting of the Deanery Synod. It will be at St John's Church in Crowthorne, a buffet supper will be available, but places are limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Rector.

## JUNIOR TAKE OVER SUNDAY

"Takeover Sunday" is a national initiative to enable our young people to have a "say" in the issues that affect their lives and celebrates the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the signing of the United Nations convention on the rights of the child. During the distribution of communion today, the junior choir will be performing the anthem ("God forgave my sin", HoN 167) that they have specially selected. Flute music will be provided by Katherine Walpole (one of our head choristers). Please take the opportunity to let our young people know how much we value their contribution to the worship and life of St Michael's.

## SANDHURST SILVER BAND CONCERT

Our local town band will be playing their Christmas concert on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Sandhurst Community Centre, featuring our Rector on Flugelhorn. Tickets on the door priced £7.50, children £3.00.

## SWITCHING ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Join the fun when the Mayor of Sandhurst and Father Christmas will switch on the Christmas Tree Lights, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6pm at Sandhurst Memorial Park. The Sandhurst Choir and Sandhurst Silver Band will lead the carol singing.



## YOUTH SOCIAL

The next Youth Group Social will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 7-9pm. This will be a chill-out session with games and food. Please let Ben know if you would like to come, on [ben.askew.sandhurst-youthworker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ben.askew.sandhurst-youthworker@hotmail.co.uk).

## CHURCHYARD SURVEY

You may remember that back in the summer we advised you we were auditing the churchyard to assess the extent of infringements of official regulations. This continues to be a massive undertaking but phase 1 is nearing completion. We expect to be able to be in a position to inform next of kin and/or publish notices requesting rectification of infringements in early January. If you are in any way unsure whether you may be affected please go to the following website address <http://www.oxford.anglican.org/page/1692/> and select "[Download the revised regulations](#) PDF". A copy of this document is on display on the notice board and can be obtained from the Parish Office. We do hope you will understand our desire to cause as little distress as possible whilst attempting to meet our diocesan, legal, and health and safety responsibilities. If you want to talk to someone then arrange an appointment via the office to speak to a churchwarden or the Rector. Colum Devine 21-11-2007