

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 4th December, 7.30-10pm, tickets £6 from 029 2081 0800.

MORE SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS WANTED

We have vacancies for more people to take the role of crucifer and server at the 9.30 service, and servers at 8 am. No previous experience necessary, full training will be given, frequency to suit you. This is not reserved for the exceptionally holy! Please register your interest with one of the clergy or the office.

CAROLS AND MINCE PIES

The choir will be singing carols at Sandhurst Lodge on Tuesday 11th December. All welcome. Also the usual selection of Christmas Trees will be on sale, price £2 per foot to church funds. Please ring Trish on 01344 772739.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

We need volunteers to make the Christingles this year, on Saturday 15th 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.

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 10th December by 2pm. Bags2school will pay £200-£250 per tonne.

100 CLUB

Winners for November were Mike Sherren, Janet Menhinick and Colum Devine. £46 has been passed to church funds. Numbers still available, please ring Rosemary on 01344 779461.

SANDHURST SILVER BAND CONCERT

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

CHRISTIANS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Concerned about climate change and its effect 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 11th 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Do you enjoy seeing the Church decorated for Christmas? If so, would you consider making a donation towards the cost of the flowers? Any amount you feel able to give will be gratefully received. Please hand your contribution in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" to Jennie Hulbert or the Church Office.

TRAIDCRAFT

Out of date (just) Apricot Museli, Walnuts and Salted Peanuts. 1/2 price. Still a few Christmas Cards left.

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

OPEN MEETING OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

On 11th 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 *this week*.