

This Week's Diary

MONDAY	14th January
7.30 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
7.00 pm	Linedancing - Beginners
8.00 pm	Linedancing - Intermediate
8.00 pm	11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan Cremer-Evans)
TUESDAY	15th January
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	House Group in the Pastoral Centre – Doris Saunders
HOUSE GROUPS:	
8.00 pm	28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne (Elizabeth Ritchie)
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	16th January
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	17th January
9.15 AM	Stroke Club
7.00 pm	Choir Practice
7.30 pm	Handbells
FRIDAY	18th January
8.00 pm	Ecumenical Service
8.30 pm	Salsa
SATURDAY	19th January
9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in the Church



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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Ken, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen. For those on the prayer board.

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).

2nd Epiphany

13th January 2008

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SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42:1-9 (p 727), Acts 10:34-43 (p 1104),

Matthew 3:13-17 (p 967)



8.00 am Holy Communion
Service from page 287

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

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

6.30 pm No Service
Ecumenical Service
on Friday 18th January at 8pm

Sunday 20th January

Theme & Readings: Christian Unity

Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

7.00 pm Informal 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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NEW HOUSE GROUP

Rupert & Sheridan will be starting a new group at 8pm this Monday 14 January at 11 Sylvan Ridge, Little Sandhurst. If you have been considering joining a group why not come to this one, we'd love you to join us. Please phone 01344 777137 for more details or just turn up on the night. We will be studying Philippians along with the other house groups.

FLOWER ROTA

Many thanks to those people who kindly made donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas. We hope you enjoyed the floral decorations. The Flower Rota for the coming year is now in Church. We need only one volunteer to take us up to Pentecost but there are plenty of spaces in the following weeks! Please do consider volunteering. If you would like to know more or need help to get started contact Jennie on 01344 775881 or Gill on 01252 873926. Thank you

ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Put a note in your diary for Saturday, March 1st. There will be a Quiz, with a Fairtrade Supper and glass of wine. This is going to be even better this year, and the profits will go towards Church Funds. It falls in Fairtrade Fortnight (February 25th - March 9th).

URGENT – NEW CLEANER NEEDED

We need a cleaner to clean the choir pews. Many thanks to Doris Saunders who has done this for many years and has now stepped down.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We would love contributions for the Quiz night raffle. If you have any Christmas Gifts, which are surplus to requirements, please give them to Petra Johnson or Jill White.

MARATHONMUMMY

Louise Tooze will be running the London Flora Marathon this April and hopes to raise £2,000 for the Charity 'Get Kids Going', a charity that provides wheelchairs for disabled children. Louise will be holding a charity Ball on February 16th at the Downshire Golf Complex tickets are now on sell for £20, contact Louise on 01344 762353. Or to sponsor Louise visit www.justgiving/marathonmummy

Thank you to Doris Saunders and her House Group for their collection throughout the year. They raised £110 which is to go towards the Church Building Fund.

CHILDREN AND OUR CHURCH

After the 9.30 service TODAY there will be a short meeting (30 minutes) in the Seeby Hall for parents, Young Church leaders and helpers, and anyone who would like to discuss and make suggestions about the crèche, Young Church, Family Service or anything do do with children in our church. We will show a video for children while the meeting is taking place.

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

We are in a consultation period about a proposal to prepare children to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation. If you want to know more about the reasons for considering this, there are copies of papers from the Diocese at the back of church. After you have read these, please send your comments (whether for or against the idea) to the Office. A detailed proposal about how we might implement this will be prepared for consultation in April, with a decision by the PCC on whether to apply to the Bishop for permission being made in May.

POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Did you know that the post office at 74-76 High Street, Sandhurst, is on the list of post offices that are threatened with closure? The consultation period ends on 31 January, so if you want to object, you will need to be quick. Tim Nickolls, Network Development Manager, C/o National Consultation Team, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM Email: consultation@postoffice.co.uk Customer Helpline: 08457 22 33 44. The Rector has an electronic copy of the consultation paper which he can send you by e-mail

APPLE iMACs FOR SALE

We have 3 Bondi blue iMac computers for sale, £50 each.simpsons If you are interested please contact the office.

CHURCHYARD ORNAMENTS

In December the PCC advertised in this newsletter, its intention to contact relatives about graves in section E of the churchyard (adjoining the north side of the church) which infringe the Diocesan churchyard regulations due to ornaments, edgings etc. We expect to begin this process over the next couple of weeks, asking those concerned to comply with the regulations by 1st April. We are trying to balance sensitivity to personal loss with the need to respect the health and safety of churchyard volunteers and to preserve the churchyard as an attractive amenity for all, and ask for your understanding and patience. The Churchwardens and the Rector would be happy to discuss any matters privately with anyone concerned.