

This Week's Diary



MONDAY 21st 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)*
8.30 pm Bell Ringers Social in the Lounge

TUESDAY 22nd 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 25 Templar Close (John & Stephanie Martin)
8.00 pm 2 School Hill (John & Sue Campbell)
8.00 pm 34 Albion Road (Linda Lemmon)

WEDNESDAY 23rd January
9.00 am Morning Prayer
8.00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room

THURSDAY 24th January
9.15 am Toddler Time
7.00 pm Choir Practice
7.30 pm Handbells

FRIDAY 25th January
8.30 pm Salsa

We raised a total of £1,118.14 for the children's Society from collections made during Christingle services, carol singing, handbells, and other fund raising.

Thank you to everyone.



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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Stanley, Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Ken, Edith, 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).

3rd Epiphany

20th January 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: Christian Unity
Acts 10:44-48 (p 1105), 1 John 5:1-6, (p 1228)
John 15:9-17, (p 1083)

8.00 am Holy Communion
Service from page 287

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

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

7.00 pm **Informal Service**

Sunday 27th January

Theme & Readings: The Calling of the Fishermen
Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23
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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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On Thursday we interviewed 2 candidates for the Director of Music post, and they also demonstrated their skills in conducting the choir practice. We will be announcing the result this morning. Many thanks to the Working Party, Janet Rogers, Rebecca Brown and everyone who has worked on the recruitment.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING

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). Tickets available today at Coffee £7.50; 12 years and under £5.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We'd love contributions for the Quiz night raffle. If you've any Christmas Gifts that 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

CHILDREN AND OUR CHURCH

Thanks to those who came last week to the open meeting to discuss how we cater for children at St Michael's. Several useful ideas were discussed, but we would love to hear more views about what is working well and about suggestions for improvement. Please hand them in to the office or e-mail them to rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk, or talk to one of the Churchwardens.

COULD YOU BE A CRECHE HELPER?

We need more volunteers to help in the crèche – if you've looked after your own children or grandchildren, you are probably ideally qualified. We also need someone to run the crèche rota – not an onerous task, but necessary!

APPLE iMACs FOR SALE

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



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.

COFFEE ROTA

New coffee rotas are ready at the back of the church. If you can't do a duty, please swap with someone as recently several people have not turned up, making extra work for others. Particular thanks to all who never fail. Jenny Thorn 01344 775805

LOUNGE CHAIRS

Our lounge chairs are in need of new covers. We would really like to hear from anyone with some sewing skills who would like the challenge of this task! Please let the office know if you could help with this.

LEPROSY MISSION CONCERT

Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church are holding another of their successful musical concerts in aid of the Leprosy Mission on Saturday 2nd February, starting at 7pm. Their musicians have been hard at work practising and would be very pleased to play their pieces to a full church. Entry is free, but we hope for a donation as you leave! To reserve tickets or for further details, please contact Robert Godden 01252 872503

Home-Start Bracknell Forest - Volunteers Wanted!

Home-Start is a charity that offers support and friendship to families with young children under 5 who are facing difficulties, and we are looking for volunteers who can give them encouragement and breathing space to deal with the problems of everyday life. If you are a parent or grandparent who can spare 2 hours per week to chat to a mum, play with the children while mum gets on with things, help take the children to the park or simply provide a listening ear, we'd love to hear from you. No qualifications are needed, just a love of children and the ability to listen. ***Full support and training is provided and expenses reimbursed. Our next preparation course (very informal and friendly) will begin in March. The course is one morning a week (9.30am to 12.30pm) over 9 weeks, term time only, held at Coopers Hill Community Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell.*** If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer please ring Pauline or Laura for a chat on 01344 860025.