

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On Thursday 17th January we interviewed 2 candidates for the post of Director of Music at our church. They both conducted the junior choir and the full choir, and both demonstrated that they had a lot to offer. After long deliberation the selection panel of 5 decided by majority vote to offer the post to Miss Rebecca Taylor, and she has accepted. Rebecca works full-time as Assistant Director of Music at Hall Grove school, Bagshot, and was formerly Organ Scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford. We wish her every success and hope that she will settle in quickly at St Michael's and find a warm welcome. She will start work with us at the Choir Practice on Thursday 31st January.

PARISH AWAY DAY

We are sorry to announce that we have had to cancel the Parish Awayday which was scheduled for 8th March, and apologise for the disappointment and any inconvenience caused.

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO CLEAN CHOIR PEWS

We need another volunteer to help Di Pullar clean the choir pews. It would only need to be once a month. Please contact the office if you can help out with this.

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.



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 practicing 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

YOUTH NEWS

Firstly there is the next youth social which will be on Saturday the 2nd of Feb. It will be a chill out evening in the Baptist Church Hall.

Secondly there is going to be a youth led service at 9:30am on Sunday the 24th of Feb. We thought it would be a good idea to let people know about this asap because it is at the tail end of half term and we want to avoid a situation where lots of people are away.

THINKING OF A CHILDREN'S PARTY?

The Pastoral Centre is now available for hire from 4-6pm, an ideal time for a children's party. The hall is large and spacious, just right for traditional party games or a bouncy castle if you prefer. Hire includes full use of the kitchen facilities. Special rate for this (weekdays only) is £15 per hour. Please ring the office if you would like to book.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Just a date for your diary, Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, 6th February at 7.30 pm.

