

This Week's Diary

MONDAY 11th February
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 12th February
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 13th February
9.00 am Morning Prayer
11.30 am Communion Service at the Day Centre – All Welcome

THURSDAY 14th February
9.15 am Toddler Time
7.00 pm Choir Practice
7.30 pm Handbells

FRIDAY 15th February
8.30 pm Salsa

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Petra, Stanley, Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Ken, Edith, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen. For those on the prayer board. For family and friends of Mair Warner, whose funeral took place this week.

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).

1st of Lent

10th February 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: Temptation:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p 4), Romans 5:12-19 (p 1132),
Matthew 4:1-11 (p 967)

8.00 am Holy Communion
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion
Reach in the Upper Room

Young Church in the Pastoral Centre

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

6.30 pm **Ecumenical Service @ the Coffee Spot**

Sunday 17th February

Theme & Readings: Nicodemus

Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

9.30 am **Parish Communion**

6.45 for 7.00 pm Informal Service – why not try it?

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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YOUR CHURCH, YOUR MEETING, YOUR PCC

Advance warning: the PCC has decided that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be held on Sunday 27th April after church at 11 am. Please write it in your diary and plan to come. We will need to elect new PCC members, Deanery Synod members and a Churchwarden – please think and pray about suitable and willing people to take on these roles. It could be you!

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.



RAFFLE PRIZES

Thank you so much for your very generous donations to the Raffle. We now have enough for 2 raffles! So I think we have enough. We will save some things for another event when there is a raffle. Jill White

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 a paper by Bishop Stephen at the back of church. After you have read this, 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.

YOUTH NEWS

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 as soon as possible, because it is at the tail end of half term, when hopefully people will have returned from their half term break and will be able to join us.

100 CLUB

The winners for the January Draw held on 27 January were:
1st Prize - Rev'd F Wood No 66 £25, 2nd Prize - Mrs R Steele No 86 £15,
3rd Prize - Mrs J Stevens No 38 £5. £51 has been passed to Church Funds. I still have about 30 numbers I would like to re-sell - if you are interested in buying one and helping the Church Repair Fund please contact me.

TOOLS WITH A MISSION

Over the years TWAM has witnessed a number of 'miracles' as people of God have been used to locate unused tools and to put them into the hands of those who have been able to restore them to very useful service and, at the same time, make a living. If you have any of the following: computers and printers, sewing machines, carpentry tools, building and plumbing tools, please call David Ragan on 01344 779176.

COFFEE SPOT VOLUNTEERS

The Coffee spot is desperate for volunteers to help out at weekends. If you are aged 15 or over, and can give perhaps 2hrs a month of your time, please contact Pam Edwards on 0144 7507114.

ST MICHAEL'S CHARITABLE GIVING

As a church, we give away 10% of our income from the planned giving scheme (including the tax recovered) as our tithe. For 2007, this comes to approx £10,400. The PCC has decided to allocate the tithe for 2007 and 2008 as follows:

RETRAK (formerly Tigers Club) - Project for street children in Ethiopia run by Maggie Crewes www.retrak.org	15%
Church Mission Society – evangelistic mission worldwide www.cms-uk.org	15%
Tearfund – Christian relief and development agency www.tearfund.org.uk	15%
Youth for Christ - Christian outreach to young people in the UK www.yfc.co.uk	5%
St Michael's Counselling Service – helping people in our area	22%
Berkshire Churches Trust – preserving historic churches	6%
Howard Stilliard Trust – helping young people locally	6%
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice www.phyllistuckwellhospice.org	6%
Sandhurst Day Centre	10%

More information about these charities will be available on a separate sheet soon. If anyone would like to take on the role of being our church rep for any of these charities, would they please contact the Office or the Rector.

COFFEE MORNING

St. Michael's School Coffee Morning on 14 February, from 9.00am in the School hall. Further information from Angela 07932 333619.