

This Week's Diary

MONDAY	25 th February
7.30 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
7.00 pm	Linedancing in hall - Beginners (all welcome)
8.00 pm	'Dancenergy' Linedancing in Hall - Intermediate
8.00 pm	House Group at 11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan Cremer-Evans)
TUESDAY	26 th February
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	House Group in the Pastoral Centre – Doris Saunders
6.30 pm	3 rd Sandhurst Guides in Hall (Karen: 01276 33601)
*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	27 th February
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.30 am	Communion at the Day Centre
7.30 pm	Band Practice in hall
8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THURSDAY	28 th February
9.15 am	Toddler Time
7.00 pm	Choir Practice
7.30 pm	Handbell practice in hall
FRIDAY	29 th February
1.00 pm	Funeral Service for Stanley Douglas-Cook
8.30 pm	Salsa in hall



"Do I look like I want a Fairtrade coffee?!"

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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 those who mourn at this time, especially for friends and relatives of Stanley Douglas-Cook

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).

Lent 3

24th February 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: The Woman at the Well.
Exodus 17: 1-7 (p 75), Romans 5: 1-11 (p 1132)
John 4: 5-42 (p 1067)

8.00 am **Holy Communion**
Service from page 287

9.30 am **Parish Communion**
Reach in the Upper Room
Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service

6.30 am **Sung Evensong**
Joshua 1:1-9 (p 216),
Ephesians 6:10-20 (p 1177)

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Sunday 2nd March (Mothering Sunday)

Theme and Readings: The Blind Man. 1 Sam 16:1-3,
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9
8.00 am **Holy Communion**
9.30 am **Parish Communion**
11.15 am **Family Service**
6.30 pm **Contemplative Evening Prayer**

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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THIS MORNING AT 9.30

We thank the young people and Ben Askew for taking part in our worship at the Parish Communion service today through music, drama and prayers. The Youth Band has been running for nearly 6 months, and plays at our evening Alternative Worship Services, the next of which is on Easter Sunday.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd March

Next Sunday we will be giving out posies to mothers at the 9.30 Parish Communion and at the 11.15 Family Service. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE** – (many hands make light work!) on Sat 1st March at 9.45 am, to make Mothering Sunday posies for 2nd March. (Approx. only 1 hr of your time). Please ring the office on 01252 873030.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, FEBRUARY 25th – MARCH 9th

Have a go at the Word Game this week and win some chocolate! See the display in the Library! and join us for the Quiz Night this Saturday. You might even see something in the local newspapers!

WOKING THEATRE TICKETS

We have reserved tickets for Sleuth, a thriller, starring Simon MacCorkindale for Monday 3rd March, 8pm, price £9 and also for Zorro, a major new musical prior to the West End on Wednesday 12th March, 8pm price £9 (these will be in the upper circle) – names to the office pls.

YOUNG CHURCH AND CRECHE

We still need more people to help with the creche, which will be in the Seeby Hall from Sunday 24th February alongside Young Church. We could also do with more people to lead or help with Young Church. Please contact the office or the Rector, Jan Herd or Liz Lord.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Every year we give away 10% of our income from planned giving and tax recovered to a variety of charities. Please pick up the leaflet on the charities which the PCC has chosen for 2007 and 2008.



THANK YOU KAREN

Thank you to Karen Phillips. In connection with the presentation shortly to be made to mark Karen's thirty years as Director of Music, there is a card for well-wishers to sign, at the back of church, or in the Parish Office during the week.

EMMAUS COURSE AND CONFIRMATION

The Emmaus course is an introduction to the basics of the Christian faith: what Christians believe, how Christians grow spiritually, and how Christians live. It is suitable for those who are unsure what they believe and for those who would like to look afresh at things they have taken on trust for some time. It also counts as preparation for Confirmation (there will be a service of Confirmation here on Sunday 8th June). Please pick up a green leaflet at the back of the church, and return the form to register your interest.

EASTER BONNETS

Does anyone have any hats they could donate to the Day Centre for decorating as Easter Bonnets? Please ring the Day Centre on 01252 877601. Thank you.

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

As part of our exploration of the subject of children being admitted to Holy Communion before Confirmation, there will be a sermon on the subject on Sunday 30th March at the 8.00 and 9.30 services, followed by an open discussion after the 9.30 service. Bishop Stephen's paper on the theological basis for this is available at the back of church.

THANK YOU to those who have written to express their opinion on this subject. So far all letters received are against the idea! If you are in favour, please will you also write to say so, and why. The PCC will be considering whether to go ahead with this proposal on 14th May.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

'How to bring your kids up in church. without them ending up hating God!' takes place in Guildford Baptist Church on Wednesday 27 February from 7.30 to 10.00pm. For everyone who wants to bridge the gap between parents, children, church and God. Rob Parsons of Care for the Family will be speaking at this event. For tickets (029) 2048 3344 or contact <http://www.goingpublic.org.uk>

PALM SUNDAY MUSIC AND MEDITATION 16th MARCH

There will be a service of music sung by the choir, hymns and readings from biblical and non-biblical sources for the beginning of Holy Week at 6.30 pm.