

This Week's Diary



MONDAY	4th 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	5th 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	6th February
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.30 am	Communion Service at the Day Centre – All Welcome
8.30 pm	Youth Team Meeting in Upper Lounge
THURSDAY	7th February
9.15 am	Stroke Club
7.00 pm	Choir Practice
7.00 pm	Choir Prayer Group in Upper Room 1
7.30 pm	Handbells
FRIDAY	8th February
8.30 pm	Salsa

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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. 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).

Candlemas

3rd February 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: The Presentation of Christ
Malachi 3:1-5 (p 961), Hebrews 2:14-18 (p 1202),
Luke 2:22-40 (p 1028),

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 (crèche available)

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

Ash Wednesday Service on 6th Feb at 7.30 pm

Sunday 10th February

Theme & Readings: Temptation: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7,
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Ecumenical Service @ the Coffee Spot

THE PARISH OFFICE

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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!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Today we welcome our new Director of Music, Rebecca Taylor. 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.

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. Any donations for the raffle would be appreciated.



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.

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.

NEW HOME

Electric hotplate fitted with 4 pyrex dishes and space for plates seeks new owner. No charge but new owner must fetch. Small contribution to church funds might be appropriate. Ring 01252 873323.

LENT APPEAL

This year's Lent appeal will be to pay for the provision of a water supply in an underdeveloped community overseas. It will be arranged through the auspices of the charity CAFOD. Lent boxes will be available at the back of the church for home collections, as well as Gift Aid envelopes for those who would like to augment the value of their donations by recovering tax.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR LENT?

Here are some suggestions to kick off:

1. Start Lent by attending our service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes, this Wednesday at 7.30 pm
2. Find a time each day when you can have a short time of prayer – pick up a green card to tell you how!
3. Make Sunday worship a priority to help you make more space for God in your life.
4. Give to our Lent Appeal (details on separate sheet)

PRESENTATION TO KAREN PHILLIPS

Before Christmas, members of the congregation contributed to a fund to mark the thirty years of Karen's stewardship of St Michael's choir. She has asked that the money be used to pay for a new set of carol books to replace the set which has become worn and battered over many years of service, both in church and on carol-singing occasions in and around Sandhurst and Crowthorne. The books are on order, and will be presented to Karen in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS

Four members of St Michael's Church received certificates for community service last Sunday, after the annual Civic Service at St George's, from the Mayor of Sandhurst, Cllr Nick Allen, who is a member of our choir. They were Pam and Phil Walkden, for their work at Sandhurst Police Post, Chris Harris for his long and faithful service as Chair of



Governors at St Michael's School, and Victoria Walpole (15) (pictured) for services to children's uniformed organisations and St Michael's choir. We are very proud of them all, and of many other unsung heroes from our church who serve in our community. Well done to them all!