

This Week's Diary

MONDAY 24th March
7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice
7.00 pm Linedancing in hall - Beginners (all welcome)
8.00 pm 'Dancenergy' Linedancing in Hall - Intermediate

TUESDAY 25th March
9.00 am Morning Prayer
7.00 pm The Vibe @ the Coffee Spot

*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 26th March
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 in the Upper Room

THURSDAY 27th March
9.15 am Toddler Time in the Seeby Hall
7.00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 28th March
8.30 pm Salsa in Hall

Thank you

John and Jill White would like to thank everyone for their cards and flowers following the death of Jill's sister. We were very touched by your love and support.

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Sarah, Roger, Mark, Alison, Callum, Tony, Roger, Ken, Edith, Catherine, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen, John. For those on the prayer board. For those who mourn at this time, especially for family & friends of David Barnes 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).

Easter Sunday

23rd March 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: Jesus is Alive!

Acts 10:34-43 (p 1104), 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (p 1156),
John 20:1-18 (p 1089)

8.00 am Holy Communion
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion
(All Age Service)

Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service

11.30 am **Baptism**

6.45 for 7.00 pm **Alternative Worship**
in the Seeby Hall

Sunday 30th March - 2nd of Easter

Theme and Readings: A Living Faith

Acts 2:14a, 22-23, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20, 19-end

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Said Evening Prayer



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ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!

There is no day like Easter Day, and there is no Saviour like Jesus Christ! The letter to the Hebrews describes him as the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross” (Heb 12:2). Whatever you are struggling with, remember that Jesus has blazed a trail through suffering and out the other side into victory. If we keep our eyes on him, he will help us through.

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.
G.R. Woodward (1848-1937)

CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT AT OUR CHURCH!

On 12th March the PCC considered a draft policy on children and young people at St Michael's. Copies of the revised version of the draft are available at the back of the church – please take one and send any comments to the Rector. We would also like to hear your opinions and suggestions about how we cater for families and children. Pick up a questionnaire from the back of church and put it in the Black box or hand in to the office. Finally, the PCC agreed that the Family Service will now run twice per month from April, on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11.15. We are particularly hoping to attract new families, including those who have had children baptised and those whose children attend local schools. Do invite your friends who have primary school age children to come! And kids can invite their friends too!

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION – OPEN MEETING

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. The PCC will be considering whether to go ahead with this proposal on 14th May.

NEWS FROM MAGGIE CREWES

Maggie has written the latest news about her project with street children in Ethiopia. Pick up a copy from the back of church.

THINKING ABOUT FAITH OR CONFIRMATION?

The Emmaus course is an introduction to the basics of the Christian faith. It is suitable both 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). We are starting the course on **Sunday 30th March** at 7.30 pm at the Rectory. Please pick up a green leaflet at the back of the church, and return the form **as soon as possible** to register your interest.

YOUTH NEWS

Next youth social will be a trip to the Big Apple in Wokingham for Lazer Quest on Saturday 5th April. Cost will be £7.25 for 2 games. More information from Ben Askew (ben.askew@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk)

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – 27th APRIL

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 27th April at 11.00 am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch**. There will be provision for children during the meeting. This is an important meeting for all members of our church, which will include the **election of a churchwarden and members of the Deanery Synod and Church Council**. You need to be on the church membership roll in order to vote, or to stand for a post. Forms are available in church. Please put it in your diary and plan to come! Please also consider prayerfully whether you should stand, or nominate someone else.

100 CLUB

The winners for the March draw held on 16 March were: 1st Prize Mrs J Stevens No 38 £25, 2nd Prize Hugh Squire No 116 £15, 3rd Prize Mrs A Hutchins No 83 £5. £49 has been passed to Church Funds.

There are several reminder letters at the back of the church for renewal of 100 Club membership. Please see if there is one for you. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has worked hard over the last week to make our celebration of Holy Week and Easter special, including the Flower Team, the choir and those who helped with the Youth Vigil on Thursday night – plus the “usual suspects” of churchwardens, vergers and others whose behind-the-scenes work make our church life go smoothly.

CONTACTS THIS WEEK

The Rector is on holiday this week. Please contact Rev John White (01344 774349) for any pastoral emergencies, or the Office for any admin matters.