

This Week's Diary

MONDAY 31st 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 1st April
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 2nd April
9.00 am Morning Prayer
11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre
7.30 pm Band Practice in hall
8.15 pm Baptism Preparation Meeting

THURSDAY 3rd April
9.15 am Stroke Club
7.00 pm Choir Practice
8.00 pm Social for Young Church Leaders & Helpers @ The Rectory

FRIDAY 4th April
8.30 pm Salsa in Hall

SATURDAY 5th April
2 pm Wedding of Georgina Ashley & David Tomkins

SUNDAY 6th April – The choir will be singing at Dorchester Abbey

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Keith, 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.

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).



2nd Sunday of Easter

30th March 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: A Living Faith:
Acts 11:1-18 (p 1105), 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p 1217),
John 20, 19-end (p 1089)

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

6.30 pm Said Evening Prayer

New Emmaus course starts today, at the Rectory, 7.30 pm

Sunday 6th April

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service with Baptism

6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

THE PARISH OFFICE

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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 today at, 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.

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.

CRECHE HELP NEEDED

We urgently need more helpers to help run the crèche on Sunday mornings during the 9.30 service. This is such a useful facility for parents of very young children. If you feel you could help out in this way, please ring the office, or speak to John Castle.

DISPLAY OF PHOTOS

There is a display of photos from various Fairtrade events on show today, including the Quiz on March 1st. See if you can spot yourself in any of the pictures.
Jill White



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!

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.



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)