

# This Week's Diary

**MONDAY** 10<sup>th</sup> March  
 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** 11<sup>th</sup> March  
 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Guides in Hall (Karen: 01276 33601)  
 7.00 pm The Vibe at the Coffee Spot  
 8.35 pm Bible Study Groups Meeting in the Hall

**\*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** 12<sup>th</sup> March  
 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre  
 7.30 pm Band Practice in hall  
 8.00 pm PCC Meeting in the large Upper Room

**THURSDAY** 13<sup>th</sup> March  
 9.15 am Toddler time  
 7.00 pm Choir Practice  
 7.30 pm Handbell practice in hall

**FRIDAY** 14<sup>th</sup> March  
 8.30 pm Salsa in hall



**SATURDAY** 15<sup>th</sup> March  
 9.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church

*This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month*

*Please Pray for:* Petra, 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 John & Jill White, whose sister died unexpectedly 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).*

5<sup>th</sup> of Lent

9<sup>th</sup> March 2008

# Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

## SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** The Raising of Lazarus  
 Ezekiel 37:1-4 (p 831), Romans 8:6-11 (p 1134),  
 John 11:1-45 (p 1077)



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 am Ecumenical Service @ the Coffee Spot

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday  
 Theme and Readings: What kind of King?  
 Matthew 21:1-11, John 18:12-19:30

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 9.30 am Parish Communion with Palms:  
 NB Service starts in the Seeby Hall  
 6.30 pm Music and Meditation

## 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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## THE LENT APPEAL

Today is Passion Sunday – two weeks before Easter. We hope your Lent boxes are filling rapidly! Please remember to bring your boxes and Gift Aid envelopes to church, or to the Parish Office, before Easter. If you are a taxpayer, you could count up the contents of your box and put a cheque for that amount in a Gift Aid envelope, thereby increasing the value of your contribution to charity.

## PALM SUNDAY MUSIC AND MEDITATION

Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Plan to come!

## HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK?

The festivals of the Church are there both for the worship of God and for our spiritual benefit. Many Christians miss out on opportunities for blessing through missing these special occasions. Holy Week, in which we remember Christ's suffering for us all, provides such an opportunity to come face to face with the most profound events of human history, and in doing so find healing for the wounds in our own lives and relationships. Plan to make some time for God and come to one or more of the special services on the enclosed sheet.

## YOUNG CHURCH AND CRECHE

Young Church will be starting again today during the 9.30 a.m. service. We are trying a different format whereby children will go straight to Young Church at the Pastoral Centre at 9.25 a.m. and will be brought by the leaders into the church for the final part of the service. The crèche will now run in the Seeby Hall alongside Young Church. We are consulting on how to make St Michael's better for children and families, so please pick up a questionnaire and return it with your comments.

## EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Your donations for Easter Lilies are now invited. The suggested amount this year is £3.50. Please sign the form at the back of Church and take an envelope for your donation. This should be returned to the Parish Office or a Church Warden, thank you.

## THE BLACK BOX

The black metal chest beside the hymnbook shelves near the North Door is one means of communicating with the clergy, Churchwardens and the Office. Please use it for completed Membership Forms, Pledge Forms and as a Suggestion Box – there are sheets for your suggestions or comments about anything at St Michael's.

## EMMAUS COURSE – LAST ORDERS, PLEASE!

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 8<sup>th</sup> June). Please pick up a green leaflet at the back of the church, and return the form to register your interest.

## YOUTH NEWS

Good Friday Youth Vigil, begins Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9pm and ends at 7am Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost will be £5, for more info, speak to Ben Askew or George Castle. Next youth social will be a trip to the Big Apple in Wokingham for Lazer Quest on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Cost will be £7.25 for 2 games. Watch this space for more information. The next Alternative Worship is on Easter Sunday at 6.45 for 7pm.

## CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

There will be a sermon on this topic on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. So far most of the 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 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## MARRIED AND WILLING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The local charity *Explore* is looking for married couples who would be willing to give a few hours once a year during the day to help in a project in schools. Couples are asked to share their experience of married life by answering the questions of a group of students with the support of a trained facilitator. No training necessary, just a willingness to be open and honest with the young people. You will not be asked to go into local schools where you might be known. Please speak to Liz Percival, 01344 779658.

## CAN'T MAKE A CUP OF TEA?

What's your excuse for not helping at the Coffee Spot? We still desperately need volunteers to make teas and coffees, wipe tables etc. Anyone aged 16 or over and willing to give a couple of hours of their time would be most welcome.

## FAIRTRADE COMPETITION

The results of the Fairtrade Word Competition were 1st Brandon Ashton, 2nd Rosemary Steele, and 3rd Val Holmes. Please collect your prizes next week (16th) Come and have a look at the new stock and catalogues.