

This Week's Diary

MONDAY 21st April
 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 Housegroup at 11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan)

TUESDAY 22nd April
 9.00 am Morning Prayer
 10.15 am Bible Study in Creche

***HOUSE GROUPS:**

Discussions this term will follow the weekly sermon themes.
 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 23rd April
 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 Upper Room

THURSDAY 24th April
 9.15 am Toddler Time
 7.00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 25th April
 8.30 pm Salsa in Hall



This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Barry, Annabelle, Keith, Sarah, Roger, Mark, Alison, Tony, Roger, Ken, Lillian, 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).

5th Sunday of Easter

20th April 2008



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SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: A Holy Priesthood

Acts 7:55-end (p 1099), 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p 1217), John 14:1-14 (p 1082)

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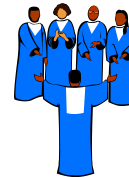
9.30 am Parish Communion
 Reach in the Upper Room
 Please join us for coffee in the hall after the service

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Alternative Worship

Sunday 27th April: Theme & Readings: A Clear Conscience
 Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end, John 14:15-21

8.00 am Holy Communion
 9.30 am Parish Communion
 11.30 am Baptism
 6.30 pm Choral Evensong



THE PARISH OFFICE

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held **NEXT 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.** Please fill in a yellow form to say you're coming, and also consider prayerfully whether you should stand, or nominate someone else. The meeting will include discussion of the proposal to admit children to communion before confirmation.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ON THE PCC?

Do you care about the success of your church? Do you want to see ideas turned into action? Being on the PCC means sharing in the responsibility for developing vision, strategy and policies, and making sure they are carried out. In practice, this means attending a PCC meeting every other month, and being willing to serve on a working party or project taskforce as required. We need people who are willing to look at the "big picture", and who will set aside some time to help make things happen, and will draw others in. The new PCC will start the year with an Awayday, which this year is on Saturday 17th May, when Janet Russell, the Parish Development Adviser, will be facilitating us as we plan for the coming year. Please pray and consider whether God might want to use you in this way. Nomination forms are available in the church.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTS 2007

Members of the Church Electoral Roll, please collect your envelope, which contains your copy of the Annual Review, from the back of church. If you can deliver envelopes to others who live near you, that will help save postage. Copies of the separate Annual Report and Accounts are available at the back of church.

YOUNG CHURCH AND FAMILY SERVICE

Young Church is still on a break, as it's school holidays, and will start again on Sunday 27th. But don't miss today's Family Service, which will be on the subject of Prayer, with Angie Harper speaking. The Family Service will now run on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

HELP! CHURCHYARD BINS NEED EMPTYING!

Flowers, wreaths etc deposited in bins in six locations around the churchyard need transferring on a regular basis to the wheely bin in the Pastoral Centre car park. This should be done sometime before the Tuesday refuse collection and take no more than one hour each week. For more details please contact the Church Office.
Peter Hulbert

TRAINING DAY ON PRAYER THIS SATURDAY

Phillip Dixon has organised a session entitled Pray All Ways on Sat 26th April at St James' Parish Centre, Finchampstead. Further details of this and other courses are available at the back of the church or contact Phillip on: 01420 511 242 or email: sonningdeanerytraining@eml.cc.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

The new year for BRF notes commences 1st May. If you are interested in subscribing to the notes, please sign the list at the back of the church or contact Mike Blackman 01344 771406
Cost is £3.60 per issue or £10.80 per annum.



MAGGIE CREWES IN ETHIOPIA

Sarah Percival visited Maggie and the street children project during her recent visit to Ethiopia and will be making a short presentation at the 9.30 service today. More photos of her visit will be shown during coffee afterwards. Many thanks to Sarah for visiting Maggie on our behalf.

THE CHURCHYARD

Following complaints from members of the public and the Chancellor of the Diocese, the PCC decided to carry out a survey of infringements of the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations in Section E (nearest to the church). Notices have been posted on graves asking relatives to remove ornaments, edging, lights etc. by the end of May. The regulations are intended to preserve the traditional appearance and beauty of the churchyard for the benefit of all, and to minimise risk of injury to the volunteers who cut the grass. Understandably, some relatives are upset at having to remove these items, and a petition has been launched. We also expect to see reports in the local press shortly. We would urge all church members to be fair-minded and understanding, both of the distress that some are experiencing and of the reasons why the action has been taken. The Rector and Churchwardens are very happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss this.

We would also like to hear from those who support the action.

BELLRINGERS RING A QUARTER PEAL

To celebrate the birth of India Hazel Steele, daughter of Lt Colonel Timothy Steele and Dr Sarah Steele, and granddaughter of Graham & Rosemary Steele. If you'd like to have a quarter peal rung to celebrate a special occasion, please contact the bellringers or the office.



URGENT – CLEANING THE BRASS

Volunteers needed to clean the brass in the South Aisle. Please ring the office if you can help in this way.