

This Week's Diary

MONDAY 7th April
 7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice
 7.00 pm Linedancing in hall - Beginners (all welcome)
 8.00 pm 'Dancenergy' Linedancing in Hall - Intermediate

TUESDAY 8th April
 9.00 am Morning Prayer
 10.15 am Bible Study in Creche
 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 9th April
 9.00 am Morning Prayer
 11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre
 7.30 pm Band Practice in hall

THURSDAY 10th April
 9.15 am Stroke Club
 7.00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 11th April
 8.30 pm Salsa in Hall

SATURDAY 12th April

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

6th April 2008

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SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings:

New Life, New Lifestyle.

Acts 2:14a, 26-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

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

11.15 pm Family Service

6.30 pm Said Evening Prayer
Sunday 13th April

Theme & Readings: The example of Christ
 Acts 2:42-end, 1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Ecumenical Service

THE PARISH OFFICE

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LENT APPEAL

Have you returned your Lent Box or Gift Aid envelope yet? If not, please bring them to the church or the Parish Office ASAP.

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. **Please use the enclosed sheet, or the clipboard in church, to indicate that you will be coming and what you can contribute towards the lunch.**

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.

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.



OOH LA LA!

A visiting French Wind Band is playing a concert of light popular music on Saturday 19th April at 7.30 pm in Sandhurst Methodist Church, Scotland Hill. Free admission, with a retiring collection. Contact Jenny Thorn for more details, 01344 775805.

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)

CHANGES AT THE VIBE

The Vibe: V1 – an opportunity for young people to come and relax, hang out with friends, no pressure. The Vibe: V2 – an opportunity for young people to come and explore Christianity and their own faith in a bit more depth.

These events will rotate from week to week. It will still be in the Coffee Spot from 7pm and the subs will still be 50p. People can contact me if they would like some more info! - Ben Askew (ben.askew@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk)

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

On Wednesday 26th March Colum, Peter, Rebecca, Linda and John came round to my house and showed me the wonderful Carol Books that have been bought with the money that you so kindly donated on my retirement from Choir Taming and Training. The books are really great, and I know that Rebecca and the choir will get lots of use and pleasure from them – thank you so much! There is a touching inscription in the front of every one of them. Aw! I really appreciate that, and the card that was signed by so many of you. We go back a long way! I hope to see you all soon – I know that you will give Rebecca the same fantastic support that you all gave to me and the choir – keep singing those hymns and psalms and raise the roof of St Michael's! Love from **Karen Phillips**

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

Last week we asked people to complete a simple questionnaire to indicate their opinions of the proposal to admit children to communion before confirmation. If you missed this, we would ask you to fill in a paper and put it in the Black Box at the back of church. Copies of John White's sermon of last week are available at the back of church, and you can also listen to it on audio CD. A separate paper from the Rector on Confirmation is enclosed with this newsletter. The PCC will be making a decision on this matter on 14th May, so please read, think, pray and make your thoughts known to the clergy, churchwardens or PCC members.

FAMILY SERVICE NOW TWICE A MONTH!

In response to demand, the Family Service will now run on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 11.15 am – 12.00pm. Invite your friends!

YOUNG CHURCH

Young Church will take a break on 13th and 20th April, as it's school holidays, and will start again on Sunday 27th. But don't miss the Family Service on 20th!