

## This Week's Diary

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
7.30 pm	Emmaus Course at the Rectory
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>
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)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
10.15 am	Bible Study in Creche – Doris Saunders
6.30 pm	Guides
<b>*HOUSE GROUPS:</b>	
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)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>
9.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.30 am	Communion at the Day Centre
7.30 pm	Band Practice in hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
9.15 am	Stroke Club
7.00 pm	Choir Practice
7.30 pm	Handbells in the Seeby Hall

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

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

*Pentecost*

*11<sup>th</sup> May 2008*

# Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

## SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** Power and Purpose

Acts 2:1-21 (p 1093),

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (p 1144), John 20:19-23 (p 1089)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion  
Reach in the Upper Room

6.30 pm Ecumenical Service @ the Coffee Spot

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May Trinity : Theme & Readings: A new commission  
Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end, 2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-20

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

9.30 am **Parish Communion**

11.15 am **Family Service**

6.30 pm **Alternative Worship**  
in the Seeby Hall

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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## CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

At the APCM there was discussion about the pros and cons of admitting children to communion before confirmation. At the end of this, a secret ballot was held to ascertain what support the proposal might have, to inform the PCC when it meets to decide whether to apply to the Bishop for permission. Votes for: 27; Against: 15; Abstentions: 10.

## CHARITY BALL AT WENTWORTH GOLF CLUB



Frogmore Community College would like to invite you to attend their annual charity ball at the exclusive Wentworth Golf Club on Friday 13th June. This year the charities are Maggie's Cancer Care ([www.maggiescentres.org](http://www.maggiescentres.org)) & the Brian Randall Trust Fund - a small local trust supporting a young 1 ad with Cerebral Palsy. Tickets are £52 each and for this you get a champagne reception, 3 Course meal, Dancing 'till 1am and there will be an Auction, Raffle and Gaming Tables. It is a fantastic night in wonderful surroundings and for a good cause too. Come on your own, with a partner or organise a whole table. More details available from Sarah & Brandon Ashton (01252 861307).

## CHRISTIAN AID CELEBRATION SERVICE

Will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, at the Sandhurst Methodist Church, at 7.30 pm. This is being organised by Sandhurst Churches Together.

## CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

Will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May between 12 noon and 2pm at 2 Maybrick Close, Sandhurst. Suggested donation is £5, concessions and children £2.50. there will also be a cake stall to help raise funds.



## A BIG THANK YOU!

The APCM was the last time that Kevin Izod wielded his pen as Secretary to the PCC. Kevin has been doing the minutes of the PCC and Rector's Council for 6 years, first as a PCC member and then as a member of the Deanery Synod. We are very grateful to him for his work over this time.

## COFFEE ROTA

I shall no longer be responsible for scheduling future Coffee Rotas. Many thanks to all who have helped. If anyone feels inclined to take on this task, please contact the Parish Office. Jenny Thorn

## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE APCM? (part 2)

**Elections:** A reminder of who was elected at the APCM: Linda Lemmon, Dave Percival, Jim Somerville, Colum Devine (who will continue as Treasurer), and Cliff Hales were elected to the PCC for 3 years. Emma Hodge, Doug Mathews and Kathryn Barton were re-elected to the Deanery Synod, leaving one vacancy. Only one churchwarden (Rupert Cremer-Evans) was elected. Colum Devine, who has served his 3-year term, will continue as CW in the short term while we find a solution – your prayers would be much appreciated. Thanks to Colum for all he has done, and to others who have stepped down: Peter Holmes, Fay Kidd, John Martin, Sue Baker and Yvonne Gambling (PCC), Georgina Castle and Kevin Izod (Deanery Synod).

**Churchyard:** There was discussion about the current project to enforce the churchyard regulations. Several people expressed their support for the PCC's decision, but others talked about the distress caused to those who have placed ornaments on graves of their loved ones by being asked to remove them. A number of people have commented on the respect and sensitivity shown during discussion of this sensitive topic.

## RECTOR'S ROAMINGS

John is leading a church weekend for Christ Church Southborough, where he was served his curacy. He will be available during the week as normal.

## CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR ON 15<sup>th</sup>JUNE?

We need a few people to help at a service at Frimley Park hospital on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. St Michael's choir sing for this 15-minute service, which is broadcast on the hospital radio. The hospital would like help bringing patients from the wards to the hospital chapel. You will be re-imbursed the cost of your parking in the hospital car park. You'll need to be at the hospital chapel at 4.15, and you'll be finished by 5.15pm. Please contact the church office if you can help.

## EMBRYOLOGY BILL – BIG ETHICAL ISSUES

You may be aware of proposals in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill before Parliament which would allow the creation of mixed human-animal embryos. Other proposals in the Bill include: removing references to a child's need for a father in order to allow lesbian partners to be named on the birth certificate; the creation of “saviour siblings”; and changes to abortion law. **These are issues which should concern us as Christians** – whichever side we agree with. Please see articles in The Door and poster on the church notice board.

Congratulations to Mrs Crow who was 97 yrs on 13<sup>th</sup> May.