

This Week's Diary

SUNDAY 18th May
12 noon St Michael's School Fair
7.30 pm Emmaus Course at the Rectory

MONDAY 19th May
1.15 pm Funeral Service of Barry Marsh – All welcome
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 20th May
9.00 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Guides in Hall (6.30-8.30)

*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 21st May
9.00 am Morning Prayer
11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre
7.30 pm Band Practice in hall

THURSDAY 22nd May
9.15 am Toddler Time
7.00 pm Choir Practice
7.30 pm Handbells in the Seeby Hall

FRIDAY 23rd May

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Edith, Annabelle, Sarah, Mark, Alison, Tony, Ken, Lilian, Rosalind, Eileen, John.
*For those on the prayer board. For those who mourn at this time, especially for family and friends of
Barry Marsh who died last 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).*

Trinity Sunday



18th May 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: Theme & Readings: A New Commission
Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end (p 724),
2 Corinthians 13:11-end (p 1166), Matthew 28:16-20 (p 1001)

8.00 am Holy Communion
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion – Welcome to Canon Ken
Humphreys
Reach in the Upper Room

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Alternative Worship in the Seeby Hall

Sunday 25th May – Loving your enemies
Leviticus 19:1,2, 9-18, 1 Cor 3:10,11,16-end, Matthew 5:38-end
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.30 am Baptism
6.30 pm Sung Evensong

THE PARISH OFFICE

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St MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FETE

Earlier than usual, but today is St Michael's School Summer Fete, 12-4 pm. Lots of fun and entertainment, all welcome.



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

CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR ON 15th JUNE?

We need a few people to help at a service at Frimley Park hospital on Sunday 15th 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.

100 CLUB

The winners for the April Draw held on 4 May 2008 were: 1st Prize Mr E Berridge No 90 £25, 2nd Prize Mr & Mrs J White No 32 £15, 3rd Prize Mrs J Hulbert No 63 £5. £45 has been passed to Church Funds. Rosemary Dobson 01344 779461

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.

FUNERAL REQUEST

In memory of Barry Marsh, his family have requested no floral tributes but a donation to 'CRY' would be much appreciated. Further information about this charity will be available at the back of the church.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS WANTED FOR St MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

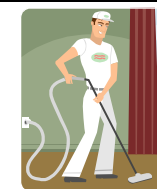
We will be seeking to appoint three foundation governors over the next few months. Apart from being involved in the general work of the governing body we hope to find somebody with financial skills to work within the finance committee and somebody with good administrative skills who can play a major role within the admissions committee. Experience in personnel would be another skill we would value. But please don't be put off by this list! Primarily, we need people who are interested in the school and have the enthusiasm and, most importantly, the time to play a full part. Parents of children in the school are welcome to apply, though it is likely that only one of those appointed will be a parent. If you would like more information please do have a chat with John Castle or Chris Harris. The appointments will be made in either June or November.

St MARY'S SITE CLEARANCE – SATURDAY 24th MAY 9.30

We are keen to show that we care for our image locally, and so would welcome your help to clear both the dropped litter and the weeds, on the St Mary's site in Wellington Road as the situation has been raised by neighbours. Please come and help; it should be only an hour maximum. Once the litter is cleared, we can then trim the weeds which unfortunately have grown due to the delay in getting the building work started. Rubbish bags will be provided, and please wear appropriate clothes, and particularly gloves. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are able to help, but if not please turn up anyway. Rupert Cremer-Evans 01344 777137

CHURCH CLEANERS

If you can spare approximately half an hour a week to help clean the church, please contact the office on 01252 873030. We have quite a few areas not being cleaned at the moment.



DONKEY DERBY – ST MICHAEL'S STALL

We are going to have a stall to promote St Michael's at the Donkey Derby on Bank Holiday Monday 26 May (weather permitting!). We need ideas to attract people to the stall, and people to man it (for an hour each). Please volunteer your time and suggestions to George Castle, 01252 872168 or george@castlefamily.org.uk