

## This Week's Diary

**SUNDAY** 4<sup>th</sup> May  
7.30 pm Emmaus Course at the Rectory

**MONDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Bank Holiday

**TUESDAY** 6<sup>th</sup> May  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.15 am Bible Study in Creche – Doris Saunders  
6.30 pm Guides

### \*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** 7<sup>th</sup> May  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre  
7.30 pm Band Practice in hall

**THURSDAY** 8<sup>th</sup> May  
9.15 am Toddler Time  
7.00 pm Choir Practice  
7.30 pm Handbells in the Seeby Hall

**FRIDAY** 9<sup>th</sup> May  
8.30 pm Salsa in Hall



*Sunday after Ascension*

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

## Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

### SERVICES TODAY

**Theme & Readings:** Final Instructions

Acts 1:6-14 (p 1092), 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (p 1220), 5:6-11,  
John 17:1-11 (p 1085)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
Service from page 287

9.30 am Parish Communion  
Reach in the Upper Room

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost: Theme & Readings:

Power and Purpose Acts 2:1-21,  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Ecumenical Service

### THE PARISH OFFICE

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

*Please Pray for:* Edith, Barry, Annabelle, Keith, 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).*

## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE APCM? (Part 1)

Full draft minutes of this year's annual meeting, held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, will be available shortly. For now, here's a summary of some of the main points (more in next week's newsletter):

**Churchwarden elections:** There was only one candidate, Rupert Cremer-Evans, and we need 2 churchwardens. Colum Devine has stepped down after finishing his 3-year term. Colum has fulfilled the role with great diligence and skill, and was warmly thanked by the meeting. Suggestions were made about spreading the burden of the job by having 2 deputy churchwardens in addition, and this will be considered. Colum will continue as CW in the short term while we find a solution.

**PCC & Deanery Synod elections:** The meeting decided to reduce the number of PCC members elected each year from 5 to 4, and to change the rule that prevents people from standing for a second term at the conclusion of one three-year term, so that a person is eligible to stand for a 2nd consecutive 3-year term. Both decisions are effective from the APCM 2009.

The following members of the PCC have completed their term of office, and we thank them for their work: Peter Holmes, Fay Kidd, John Martin, Sue Baker and Yvonne Gambling. Those elected to the PCC are: Linda Lemmon, Dave Percival, Jim Somerville, Colum Devine (who will continue as Treasurer), and Cliff Hales. Emma Hodge, Doug Mathews and Kathryn Barton were re-elected to the Deanery Synod, leaving one vacancy.

## TRAIDCRAFT

During the past year we have sold £4,020 worth of Traidcraft! Well done to all of you. That works out at £77.30 each week. Thanks for all your support, and please continue. Their total sales were £16.4 million.

## PREACHING THEMES – YOU CHOOSE

Is there a subject you would like to hear a sermon on – social, political, ethical, theological? Like to find out what the Bible says about it? We are planning to take a break from the lectionary from time to time to address an issue suggested by members of the congregation. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office with your suggestion.

## CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 lad 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 Churches Together in Sandhurst.

## RECTOR'S TRAVELS

John Castle is preaching this morning at St Nicholas, Farnborough (L.B. Bromley), where he grew up. Next weekend ( 9-11 May) he is leading a church weekend for Christ Church Southborough, where he was served his curacy. He will be available during the week as normal.

## 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.**