

This Week's Diary

SUNDAY 1st June
7.30 pm Emmaus Course at the Rectory

MONDAY 2nd June
7.30 pm Bell Ringers Practice
7.00 pm Linedancing in hall - Beginners (all welcome)
8.00 pm 'Dancenergy' Linedancing in Hall - Intermediate

TUESDAY 3rd June

*HOUSE GROUPS:

Discussions this term will follow the weekly sermon themes.

10.15 am 12 Crowthorne Rd (Doris Saunders)
8.00 pm 28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne (Elizabeth Ritchie)
8.00 pm 2 School Hill (John & Sue Campbell)
8.00 pm 34 Albion Road (Linda Lemmon)
8.00 pm 25 Templar Close (John & Stephanie Martin)

WEDNESDAY 4th June
11.30 am Communion at the Day Centre
7.30 pm Band Practice in hall
7.45 pm Community Committee in the Lounge
8.00 pm Youth Group Meeting in the small upper room

THURSDAY 5th June
7.00 pm Choir Practice
7.30 pm Handbells in the Seeby Hall

FRIDAY 6th June

SATURDAY 7th June
12 noon Wedding of Sarah Shepherd & Neil Newman
2.00 pm Wedding of Michelle Taylor & Ian Harrison

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This list is updated on 1st Sunday of each month

Please Pray for: Edith, Annabelle, Mark, Alison, Tony, 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).

2nd after Trinity

1st June 2008

Newsletter

St Michael's Church, Sandhurst

SERVICES TODAY

Theme & Readings: Building your House

Genesis 6:11-22, 7:24, 8:14-19 (p 8)

Romans 1:16,17 (p 1129); 3:22b-28, Matthew 7:21-end (p 9)

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 8th June

Theme & Readings: Confirmation Service

Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:13-end, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Ecumenical Service

Please note the later start to next week's service

THE PARISH OFFICE

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PLANNED GIVING LETTERS

Please collect your letter from the back of Church if you are in the Planned Giving Scheme and Gift Aid your donations. These letters provide you with the information you may need for completing your Tax Return.



ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

Christians are called to follow Christ – in other words, be and act as Jesus did. “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve”. St Michael’s depends heavily on people taking this seriously and offering to serve in different ways in the church. In fact, we can only function as a church if ordinary people are willing to do things. Some tasks are short-term – giving an hour to man a stall at the Donkey Derby, for example. Some need a longer commitment, like being a server at Communion or cutting the grass in the churchyard. At our PCC Awayday (more details on a separate sheet), we talked about getting more people involved in serving. *Could you undertake one of the challenges mentioned in today’s newsletter?* Don’t leave everything to others – see how you could help your church in a practical way, and show yourself to be a disciple of Christ.

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.

LEWIS MARSH FUND 10TH ANNIVERSARY

In the 10 years since Lewis Marsh tragically died at the age of 13 whilst playing tennis, the charity set up in his name has raised £100,000 in support of CRY, **C**ardiac **R**isk in the **Y**oung. The charity tests people aged between 14 & 35 to see if they have any genetic heart problems, which might otherwise go undetected, with possible fatal results.

Testing will take place on July 12th & 13th at Sandhurst Town Boys & Girls Football Club changing rooms, and costs £15 for those under 21. If you would like anyone in your family aged between 14 & 35 tested, please contact Sally Reid on 07718 340071 or email Sally.reid77@yahoo.co.uk.

NEW ROTAS

Please collect your reading rota or shuffle sheet from the notice board in the pastoral centre. Thank you.

Also the coffee rotas are now available at the back of the church.

PCC AWAYDAY

The PCC awayday was a time away from the parish, where we could get to know one another and set our priorities for the coming year.

Rupert took us through the responsibilities of the PCC, and then the next priority of the day was to appoint a Treasurer and Secretary. Colum had bravely volunteered to continue as Treasurer and was unanimously elected. Someone has since volunteered for the position of Secretary, which will be finalised at the next PCC meeting. Since no new Churchwarden was elected at the APCM, Colum continues in his post of Church Warden until the end of July.

The next part of our programme was to decide on our priorities for the coming year. Our facilitator was Rev. Janet Russell, formerly an architect, incumbent and now a facilitator for the Oxford Diocese, a very gifted person indeed.

Janet asked us to pair up and think of St Michael’s as a garden, which we were to draw and explain to each other and then to everybody what our drawings meant. From this, we went on into groups of 3 or 4 and each group drew a “Garden” as we saw St Michael’s now. Halfway through this exercise, we were asked to tear out items from magazines and paste them on top of our picture, portraying St Michael’s as we want it to become. These pictures were placed alongside each other and a member of each group explained their contents. From this, Janet helped us to draw out a list of 8 priorities we need to accomplish, which were then narrowed down to a more manageable number of 3 through a point system.

We re-assembled into groups according to the priority we felt most desire about and then set about the task of listing the things that needed to be done and making a note of how it could be accomplished.

We all had a good time working together and hope the impetus gained from the day will keep us going until we accomplish our goals.

Please pray for us to gel together as a team, especially as, through difference circumstances, not everyone could attend. Also please pray for someone willing to be a Church Warden or possibly two people to job-share the position. Our drawings etc will be on display at the pastoral centre during coffee after church.

Linda Lemmon