

# St Michael's News October 2012

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## Harvest poem

A can of beans, a bag of rice,  
some apples too. Isn't it nice  
to see the children bring their gifts?  
The organ plays, the worship lifts  
our spirits to the Lord above  
to thank him for his grace and love.

But if it's only once a year  
we bring our gifts, well then, I fear  
we need to ask if Harvest means  
much more than just a can of beans.

**John Castle**



*Please pray for those on the prayer board and for those married here recently: Amy Saunders and Clark Digby, Michelle Wonham and Colin Brady, Nanette Hoy and Daniel Higgins, Laura Hellewell and Karl Wharton.*

## Church Activities

### October Coffee Rota Reminder

7th October	David Bryant	Iris Bryant
14th October	Jenny Pigginn	Ruth Eve
21th October	Ann Clough	Peter Clough
28th October	Ann Weston	Jennie Hulbert

Prayer Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month (20th October) at 9.30–10.15 am in the church and the 4th Wednesday (24th October) at 8.00–8.45 pm.

House Groups meet each week at these homes:

Monday	8.00 pm	11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan)
Tuesday	10.15 am	6 Crowthorne Road (Doris Saunders)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne (Elizabeth Ritchie)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	2 School Hill (John & Sue Campbell)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	34 Albion Road (Linda Lemmon)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	25 Templar Close (John & Stephanie Martin)

If anyone would like to join a group, please speak to John White (01344 774349) for more details.

Young Church is part of the 9.30 am Parish Communion Service every Sunday for children aged 3–10. Please register your children at 9.20 am in the Pastoral Centre. The children join the adults towards the end of the church service. Parents interested in their children receiving Holy Communion are asked to speak to Rev. John Castle.

### Crèche.

A Crèche facility is now available for under threes in the Pastoral Centre lounge area. Please arrive prior to the 9.30 am service to settle your children, signing them in on arrival. Earlier collection can be arranged if you wish to be together to share Holy Communion as a family. Otherwise, collect your children after the service at coffee time. Initially, Angela Harper and Caroline Bowles (Ofsted Registered Childminders) shall be caring for your children, although we would like to get a Crèche Rota in place to share the load. If you are interested in helping out please contact Angela on 07932 333619 for further details. (CRB checks will be required.)

During school holidays please check with Lesley in the Pastoral Centre that the Crèche is running.

REACH runs parallel to the Parish Communion Service, at 9:30–10:45 am.

Toddler Time is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 9.30-11 am, except during school holidays.

### Blue envelopes

If you are a taxpayer, please use the gift-aid envelopes for all donations, even for small amounts of cash. The church receives any tax paid. It is free money from the government and worth doing. It all adds up!

### Church groups

Please book all planned events through the office (01252 873030) to ensure there are no double bookings. The office takes private bookings most weekends, so it is essential that dates are checked and then entered into the office diary. A booking form should also be completed giving times required. Please do not ask clergy to take on this responsibility.

### Volunteers for churchyard maintenance

We need to tackle the hedges, surroundings and any other wilderness areas needing attention. If you can help, please contact Peter Hulbert on 01344 775881 or leave a message in the Church Office. All necessary equipment will be provided.

### Family Service

Help is always required for the Family Service with regards to refreshments, sides persons and technicians. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at [kirsty@tcb-arrow.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@tcb-arrow.co.uk). Thank you, Kirsty Dunlop

## St Michael's has a new Youth Worker



'My name is Beth Lindon and I am the new trainee youth worker at St Michael's. I have just completed a gap year working for a small charity (River of Life Ministries) in Uganda. I am currently studying for a BA(hons) in Youth Work and Ministry with Oasis College, and am working as a part-time youth worker for St Michael's as part of my training. I look forward to getting to know you all and getting involved at St Michael's.'

### Children receiving Communion

Parents who would like their children to be prepared to receive Holy Communion are asked to contact the Rector ([rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk)). We are planning to start preparation after half-term.

### Verger needed

We urgently need a new verger one weekend per month for any weddings on the Saturday (paid) and for Sundays 8.00 and 9.30 services (unpaid). Please speak to Jenny Thorn on 01344 775805 if you would like to discuss what is involved. Thank you

Church flowers. Please ring Jennie 01344 775881 for information if you wish to help arrange the church flowers. Thank you.

### The Social Committee

The social committee consists of John Martin, David Hunt, Jan King and Jill and John White. We attend either the 8.00 am or the 9.30 am service and because of that the main social events tend to be organised around them. We desperately need to cater for the younger age group, those who attend the family service, for example. We are by definition a very social bunch of people and would be pleased to welcome new younger members to our team. We meet about six or seven times a year, usually over a cup of coffee, starting at 8.00 pm and invariably home by 10.00 pm. If you would like to join us please make yourself known to one of the committee.

Home-produce stall. Please bring all homemade goods to the Pastoral Centre *before* the service on Sunday 14th October as we don't want to get them mixed up with the harvest donations in church. I know some people have been jamming and pickling hard over the summer, so please also bring lots of money (and a big bag) to buy the produce. Thank you for your support with jam jars – I have enough now for this year. Jan King

### Harvest Sunday, 14th October

The Harvest Celebration at the 9.30 am Parish Communion will be an all-age service. All harvest goods donated this year will go to the Bracknell Food Bank, which supports families in short-term financial crisis. The goods they are requesting are as follows:

Pasta/rice (500g)\*, Tinned vegetables\*, Breakfast cereal\*, Fruit juice\* (long life), Tinned fruit\*, Sugar (500g)\*, Sponge pudding (tinned)\*, Tinned soup, Pasta sauces, Baked beans, Milk (UHT), Tomatoes (tinned), Tea bags, Instant mash/tinned potato, Tinned meat/fish, Biscuits and snack bars.

\* indicates items that are particularly needed at the moment.

## Living as a Christian in the Middle East

**The Winter Talks** this year will be based on the theme: *Building up our Christian Faith*. We are very lucky to have some very interesting and distinguished speakers. We are especially fortunate to have the first talk, on the 16th October, given by [Canon Andrew White](#). It will be entitled 'Living as a Christian in the Middle East'.

Reverend Canon Dr Andrew White has been the Chaplain of [St George's Anglican Church](#) in Baghdad, Iraq since 1998. Canon Andrew is also the President of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, which exists to support his unique work at St George's and give help in reconciliation. Canon Andrew divides his time between Iraq and the UK. When not in Baghdad or travelling, Andrew's home base is in Hampshire with his wife Caroline and his two sons Jacob and Josiah. He is rarely there as he has a packed speaking and preaching itinerary which takes him all over the UK as well as to North America.



Andrew has written several books, including *The Vicar of Baghdad*, copies of which will be available after the talk and which he will be happy to sign.

You can read a recent newspaper article about him by searching on [Robert Fisk: Vicar of Baghdad](#) in Google.

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### St Michael's Winter Talks – the complete list

**Tuesday 16th October 2012.** Canon Andrew White: 'Living as a Christian in the Middle East'

**Tuesday 20th November 2012.** Canon David Holt: 'A personal look at a personal Trinitarian God'

**Tuesday 15th January 2013.** Right Rev Bishop Andrew: 'Fully Alive – in the Image of God'

**Tuesday 19th February 2013.** Rev Keith Lowder (Methodist Minister): 'New Testament – is it a reliable witness?'

**Tuesday 19th March 2013.** Canon David Hodgson, Area Dean: 'Living the Gospel of peace'

**Tuesday 16th April 2013.** To be announced

## Letter from Sabrina and Gautam Money

*In February we reported that Sabrina and Gautam were expecting a baby. They now have a little daughter, Tryphaena. Sabrina writes of their joy on Tryphaena's arrival and her experience of giving birth in India.*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Most Holy Name!  
We give thanks to God for you all as you continue to uphold us in prayer.

'For this child I prayed...' 1 Samuel 1:27. Tryphaena Anastasia Money was born on 9th June at 3:41 am, weighing 3.46 kilos, in Fernandez Hospital, Hyderabad. We were in the hospital for a week and were very well cared for during that time. This was a blessing, as we were not happy with the hospitals in Delhi. We had visits from many family members to see the baby and were prayed over.



The first six hours after the delivery, I was admitted to the Post Operation Ward while the baby was with Gautam – he hardly moved for all that time because he was holding her! While I was there, I asked Gautam to send me my morning devotional material and as soon as the Bible arrived all the nurses came to chat with me, one by one! Most of them were Catholic and were very excited to see me reading the Bible.

We had our first few training sessions in new-born baby care by Dayas, easily recognized by their blue sarees and caring smiles. ['[Daya](#)' means compassion and is a fundamental quality of the Sikh religion.] They gave Tryphaena her first massages and sponge baths. Tryphaena is now almost three months old and growing well. I am still in Hyderabad with Tryphaena.

We have finally moved out of Delhi. We made this decision for a number of reasons. First of all, we have stopped working with Delhi Brotherhood Society. Gautam recently met up with Tofiq, a colleague at the St. John's

Vocational Technical Training Centre – and he was very happy for us on hearing of Tryphaena, as he himself has daughters. It is rare to find such people in Delhi really happy to have daughters!

The house rent had once again gone up and it was becoming too costly for Gautam to stay in Delhi, myself and Tryphaena still being in Hyderabad. Gautam has left the flat in Rani Bagh [north west Delhi] and moved our luggage to Chennai [formerly Madras]. He has had to deal with this move all on his own and found it quite stressful. Praise God for good relations with our neighbours and landlord. When he left the flat, the landlord asked him if he knew of others like us, who would like to come as the next tenants.

Gautam has had a few meetings with a Christian organization working in Industrial Vocational Training and Development in Chennai. We are looking out for future work for us to get involved with on our return.

Our friend Kalpit is reading *The Screwtape Letters*, by C. S. Lewis, among other Christian literature. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in his heart. Pray against the bondage of fear! A Dargah, or mosque, near our house in Hyderabad is well known for miracles and healings. People flock to this mosque and spend many days paying their penance, quite often walking barefoot with chains around their ankles! However, people in the surrounding areas live in fear. '...Fear becomes easier to master when the patient's mind is diverted from the thing feared to the fear itself...' *The Screwtape Letters*.

There have been a few opportunities to share about Jesus – the God who frees us from the bondage of fear and is the Great Physician who heals broken bodies and suffering minds too! Please pray for our witness as we spend time with family and friends, and get involved with various prayer groups and fellowships in Hyderabad and Chennai.

With our love and prayers,  
Sabrina, Gautam and Tryphaena Money

### Church fundraising

If you would like to organise a fundraising event for the church or make a suggestion, please contact John White (01344 774349) or Jan King (01344 750285).

### Harvest Supper

We are arranging a Harvest Supper on Saturday 13th October 2012 at 7.30 pm. We need some help to plan it, and give us ideas. Would anyone like to make a Cottage Pie? We would also like offers from people to cook various parts of the meal. Janet Pilbeam has offered to organise the meals but we need someone to organise some games for adults and children. It must be at least 15 years since we last had a Harvest supper and it will be great to get it going again.

Please speak to John or Jill White if you would like to help. There will be a list at the back of the church in September.

### Host Families

London 2012 brought talented people to Britain. But did you know this happens every year? Thousands of bright young men and women come to study at our universities. Sadly, most have no contact with British people outside the campus. Some miss their families; many are curious about the real life of Britain. That's why HOST arranges for them to spend a day, weekend or three days at Christmas as guests in hospitable homes. This is a great opportunity to get to know someone from another country, and help them to feel welcome. As a volunteer host, you could enjoy introducing a student of your choice to your way of life and perhaps to their very first Christmas. Please call Regional Organiser Paul Ryall on 01692 630710 or see [www.hostuk.org.uk](http://www.hostuk.org.uk).

### Family Service Open Meeting, Tuesday 23rd October

Got any ideas about the Family Service? We're having a meeting, open to everyone, at 8.00 pm in the Rectory on 23rd October to discuss any



### Finance

For the year to July our monthly giving was £7,816 compared to our budget of £8,106 – so, behind budget. At end July we had £24,347 in the general fund bank account, which represents 1.8 months of our budgeted annual expenses. This is worse than the previous month, when we had 2.3 months and behind our target of 3 months.

## Newsletter

**Deadline.** Please email any notices or requests to William Lee at [stmichaelschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelschurch@hotmail.co.uk) or leave them with the Pastoral Centre office. Deadline for November's edition: 15th October 2012.

**By email.** To help the environment and save paper, you can now receive future editions of this newsletter by email? These are in colour and are normally sent out a few days before the paper copy is available. To opt into this scheme please contact PCC member David Hunt [david.hunt@bcs.org.uk](mailto:david.hunt@bcs.org.uk).

suggestions. We could still do with more volunteers to do refreshments, welcome people and set up the AV equipment. If you would like to volunteer, please email Kirsty Dunlop at [kirsty@tcb-arrow.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@tcb-arrow.co.uk).

## Pastoral Centre

The Pastoral Centre facilities are available to hire at reasonable cost, special rates available for church members. Please ring the office on 01252 873030.

## Food Bank

Thank you for the food donations so far. Please keep them coming. Collection boxes are located in the church and in the Pastoral Centre.

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## Regular Activities at the Pastoral Centre

Little Sandhurst Nursery. Daily! Phone Marian for details 07732 409095.

Line Dancing Every Monday evening in the hall from 7.00 pm, £5 includes raffle. Just come along and have fun. Tea and coffee available or bring your own drinks. Ring Sue or Arron on 01344 485097 for information.

Karate Club for Children. Fridays 5.45–6.45 pm. Phone Neil on 07816 163845

Rainbows meet on Tuesdays: 5.00–6.00 pm (5–7 year olds).

Guides meet on Tuesdays: 6.30–8.30 pm (10–14 year olds).

Pilates takes place in the large upper room, most days and evenings. For more information ring Carl on 01344 762712.

Zumbatomic after-school classes, 4.00 pm on Thursdays – the crazy-cool dance fitness workout for kids aged 4–12 yrs. Packed with choreographed routines to music like hip-hop, reggaeton and cumbia, Zumbatomic classes increase focus and self-confidence, boost metabolism and improve coordination. For more information contact Beth on 07976 231896 or go to [www.zumbawithbeth.co.uk](http://www.zumbawithbeth.co.uk).

## Men's Conference – Man-sized Issues

London • Saturday 3rd November • 9.30am to 4.30pm • Free



I have seven tickets for this one-day conference for Christian men about being a man of God in modern times. Speakers include Pete and Stuart Briscoe, Krish Kandiah, Eric Delve, and Premier Radio's Justin Brierley. The day will cover man sized issues such as who wears the trousers round your house!

Contact me on 01252 872168 or [rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk)

John Castle

## Church Calendar

Date & Time	Venue	Event	Contact
Sat 13 Oct 7.00pm	Pastoral Centre	Harvest Supper	Social Committee
Sun 14 Oct 8.30–11.00am	Pastoral Centre	Home produce stall	Jan King
Sun 14 Oct	Church	Autumn quiz launch (Deadline: 11th Nov)	Jan King
Tue 16 Oct 8.00 pm	Pastoral Centre	1st winter talk, by Canon Andrew White <b>see page 5</b>	Church Office
Tue 20 Nov 8.00 pm	Pastoral Centre	2nd winter talk, by Canon David Holt	Church Office

# October Church Services

### Sunday 7th October – 18th after Trinity – Topic: Teaching on marriage

Job 1:1 (p509), 2:1–10 (p510); Hebrews 1:1–4 (p1201), 2:5–12 (p1202);  
Mark 10:2–16 (p1014)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service and Baptism of Joe, Ben & George Wilson
- 6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

### Saturday 13th October – Wedding

2.00 pm Caroline White & Simon Farrell

### Sunday 14th October – 19th after Trinity (Harvest) – Topic: Teaching on wealth

Job 23:1–9, 16–17 (p527); Hebrews 4:12–16 (p1203); Mark 10:17–31 (p1014–5)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Parish Communion – all age
- 11.30 am Baptism of Benjamin Catlin, Alfie Allen and Samuel & Lewis Dale
- 6.30 pm Ecumenical Service

### Saturday 20th October – Wedding blessing

2.00 pm Corinna & David Walker

### Sunday 21st October – 20th after Trinity– Topic: Teaching on leadership

Job 38:1–7 (p538-), 34–41 (p539); Hebrews 5:1–10 (p1204); Mark 10:35–45 (p1015)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service
- 6.30 pm No service

### Saturday 27th October – Wedding

4.00 pm Donna Wiggett & Kristian Covill

### Sunday 28th October – 21st after Trinity– Topic: Bartimaeus' story

Job 42:1–6, 10–17 (p542); Hebrews 7:23–28 (p1205–6); Mark 10:46–52 (p1015–6)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.30 am Baptism of Oliver Dowling & Louisa Gammell
- 6.30 pm Memorial Service

### Sandhurst Day Centre

Communion 11.30 am on the 1st Wednesday, and Songs of Praise 11.30 am on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

**Early morning services.** You may find it useful to come to the 8.00 am service if you are going out for the rest of the day!



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