

St Michael's News *October 2018*

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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH

*Knowing God for ourselves. Growing as individuals and as a church.
Showing God's love in the world.*

A Time and Place to Remember

In August, I visited for the first time the National Memorial Arboretum, near Litchfield in Staffordshire. Covering 150 acres and containing at least 330 memorials, it raised in me a range of emotions, including anger when I visited the Far East Prisoners of War Memorial, and extreme sadness when I found the name of a former pupil on the Basra Wall, which has been brought back from Iraq and rebuilt at the arboretum.

Since then I have been thinking about our need to remember and share our memories. Remembering is an active thing; it is living, changing and part of everyday life. It comforts those left behind and pays respect to what is past. It can be personal or shared.

Our churchyard, like the arboretum, is a shared active place, a visible connection between past and present which can comfort those who visit. My thanks goes out to Peter Hulbert and his team who keep it such a lovely place in which to spend time.

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' Isaiah 42:10

Sue Campbell



Please pray for those on the prayer board, for those being baptised here in October and for James Sharman and Anu Rai, whose funerals took place in September.

Welcoming new residents at the Bloor Homes development

Over the past few months a new housing development has been taking shape to the south of Sandhurst High Street. 108 new homes are up for sale, and we understand that the new residents may start to move in this winter – we're not sure yet when.

Together with our sister churches in Sandhurst Churches Together we would like to contact all of these new residents when they move in. The intention is to knock on doors and offer them the gift of a pot plant and a friendly welcome to Sandhurst on behalf of the churches. A leaflet about the churches will be also included in the welcome pack distributed by others on behalf of Sandhurst Town Council.

We will need some volunteers to make the visits, and would also be interested in help co-ordinating the visits so we cover all the houses and don't duplicate.

Please start thinking and praying about how as a church we can welcome these newcomers to Sandhurst and what your involvement in this might be.

John Castle

Calling all regular givers

Your giving to the church is hugely important – thank you for 'living your faith' and giving to the church from what God has given you!

As mentioned last month, we are in the process of moving regular givers on to the Parish Giving Scheme, which means your giving will be by Direct Debit rather than by Standing Order.

I am writing to people in batches (for ease of administration) enclosing the necessary forms, so please look out for envelopes from Harvest onwards. If, however, you want to be an 'early adopter', or if you want to become a regular giver but haven't yet signed up, then do please speak to me and I will gladly give you a pack.

Of course, the real sign of commitment is that you fill out the form and return it... and yes, I will be following up!!

Dave Percival, Stewardship Officer

Harvest Thanksgiving, Sunday 7th October

Please note that instead of separate 9.30 Parish Communion and 11.15 Family Service there will be a joint All-age Service with communion at 10.00 am. Please bring donations for the Crowthorne Foodbank: a list of what is needed is available at the back of church and at <http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/news.html>.

Tearfund in Burundi

According to the World Bank, Burundi is the world's poorest country. In the bank's 2017 table of gross national income per head, Burundi's gross national income is given as 290 US dollars per head. By comparison the UK's income per head is 40,530 US dollars. The BBC's country profile of Burundi acknowledges that Burundi is among the world's poorest nations and is 'struggling to emerge from an ethnic-based civil war'. This plus the poor condition of the soil due to poor agricultural practices has led to lack of food being a massive problem in Burundi, with one in every six children suffering from malnutrition. As many as 7.3 million people (65% of the population) live below the poverty line and one in four people are food insecure,

Tearfund is heavily involved in Burundi. Its church partners, and the Diocese of Matana, are doing everything possible to keep the people free from starvation. They are running repeated eight-week feeding programmes in the most vulnerable communities.

The desperation that people feel is apparent in the number of people making long and difficult journeys on foot to receive food. Violette, for instance, who is eight-months pregnant, walked for between two and three hours with her young son Eduard (pictured) to arrive at a Tearfund partner's emergency feeding centre. She and her son received porridge and a bag of meal to take away and make porridge at home. It seems a long way to walk for some porridge, but the alternative is nothing!



To contribute to Tearfund's Burundi crisis appeal go to https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/burundi_crisis_appeal/

toddler time is for everyone under school age and their carers. It's on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Pastoral Centre (not school holidays). Come and join us for songs, craft activities, drinks and toast, a Bible story and prayers, and an opportunity for play (children) and chat (parents). NB – Dads also welcome!

Parish Communion (9.30 am). During term time, including half-term breaks, there are age-related activities in the Pastoral Centre for children aged three up to school year 5 every week, and for Year 6+ on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. They should come to the Pastoral Centre by 9.25 am to be registered, except on the 2nd Sunday of the month, when we all meet in church to take part in the beginning of the service. The group leaders bring the children into the church for the last part of the service every week. Our crèche is not currently running, but arrangements can be made at short notice to care for children under three years. Please ask one of the welcome team.

During the main school holidays children should come into the church with their parents at the beginning of the service, and will be invited to join a leader after a few minutes of the service to watch a Christian story based DVD in the Pastoral Centre. The group leaders bring the children into the church for the last part of the service. For young children staying in the service there are play-bags for them to enjoy – please ask one of the welcome team.

The Family Service is held on the first and third Sundays of the month, including school holidays. It is informal and child friendly, with action songs and an interactive talk, and is a place you really can come to with small children and not worry how they will behave! Refreshments are served in the church from 11.00am; worship begins at 11.15am and lasts about 45 minutes. Come and meet other families and make friends. We need help with refreshments and welcoming, so please email Kirsty Dunlop at kirsty@tcb-arrow.co.uk if you'd like to volunteer!



Weekday Youth Activities.

Youth group on Monday evenings from 7.30–8.30 at the Pastoral Centre. Separate activities for Years 7–9 and Years 10–13. Contact Liz at dave.percival@btinternet.com for more information.

Cecilia Singers' Concert

On Friday October 5th The Cecilia Singers will present a concert of music by Chilcott, Rutter, Lloyd Webber and other favourites in St Michael's Church at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be available, admission is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the local charity Chemogiftbags, which provides support to those suffering from Breast Cancer.

CECILIA SINGERS

A CONCERT OF CHORAL MUSIC

Including works by
Chilcott, Rutter,
Lloyd Webber,
& Caccini
on
Friday October 5, 2018
St Michael's Church
Sandhurst
at 7.30 pm



Chemogiftbags
from People
Who Care

Admission is **FREE** but there will be a retiring collection in aid of **Chemogiftbags**, a local registered charity who provide gift bags for those people undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Visit to Slough Mosque, Wednesday 24th October

Over the years we've become more and more aware of the presence of Muslims in our country. Have you ever wondered what actually goes on inside a mosque? Would you like to accept the invitation of some friendly Muslims to visit their mosque, hear a presentation, observe prayers and learn more?

Bracknell Forest Faith and Belief Forum, of which I am a member, have organised a visit to Slough Mosque on the evening of Wednesday 24th October. We will need to get there by 7.00 pm, and the visit will finish around 9.00 pm. I am planning to co-ordinate transport, so if you're interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, indicating whether you would like a lift or can offer one. John Castle

WinSpire Greeting Cards.

There is now a selection of individual and packs of cards suitable as invitations or thank you messages or for special occasions such as weddings and baptism. Different selections are available for Christmas. All cards are blank inside for individual messages. The cards feature different photographs of the church. Packs can be made up according to choice, either all of one photograph or a selection. The cards are £1 each or pack of eight for £4.00. Order forms for bespoke packs are available at the back of church, in the



**Join in the fun at
ST MICHAEL'S
HARVEST SUPPER**

with entertainment

at 7pm

Saturday 13th October

in

St Michael's Pastoral Centre

Bring your own drinks

Tickets : adult £12.50
 child £6.00
 family £35.00 (2 adult/3children)

**Available from Pastoral Centre Office and Social
Committee members**

Pastoral Centre or by contacting Val Goodwin-Higson (07557 965747).

Payment is required at the time of ordering.

Thank you for all your support, which has helped towards the current total of over £79,000. Work has now started on repairing the St Michael Window.

WinSpire Co-ordination Team.

100 Club Draw August 2018

1st Prize: Mrs Rosemary Steele No 82 £20

2nd Prize: Mrs Hilary Smith No 91 £10

£34 has been passed to church funds.

On the Social Side

Judging from the comments on the day, the Heritage afternoon Tea Party held last month was much enjoyed. So 'thank you' to everybody who helped and particularly to Steph for overseeing the whole event. Thanks also go to Waitrose, the Co-op, M&S and Tesco, who all supported the event.

There is still time to get tickets for our Harvest Supper, which will be held on Saturday 13th October in the Pastoral Centre from 7.00 pm. With a meal, entertainment from the Belles and our choir, and a few silly games, it should be an enjoyable evening. Tickets are available from the social committee or the office, and cost £12.50 adult, £6 child, £35 family (max 2A + 3C). Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Parking is at the school.

Our next Parish Lunch will be on Sunday November 4th at the Bird-in-Hand. Meet from 12.15 to be seated by 12.30. Spaces are limited so if you would like to come along please let me know asap.

Our pre-Advent Fair will be held on Sunday 18th November from 8.30 to noon in the Pastoral Centre. A chance to do a bit of early Christmas shopping in (relative) peace! If you would like to run a stall that day please let me know.

Finally, as ever, we would welcome donations of raffle prizes suitable for adults or children. Chris Harris, Social Committee

St Michael's School needs more Governors!

Our church school urgently needs three Foundation Governors to join the team of 16 Governors. There are 2-3 evening meetings per term, plus a few training and other events. Attendance at other school events, where possible, is also appreciated. We are particularly looking for someone with financial skills, but other skills and experience are also valued.

If you are interested in exploring the idea of becoming a governor, please do speak to Sue Campbell, John Castle, Sam Wilkins or Nicki Ray. You could also visit www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/governance/.

Becoming a more Pastoral Church

Following the teaching in September from the letter of James, we are keen to put our faith into practice by showing care and compassion in practical ways. Giving someone a listening ear can make a huge difference, whether in your family, with a neighbour or friend or at work, but there is an art to doing this in a way that is really helpful. We will therefore be putting on some evenings on listening skills, which will help us all to really listen to a person's feelings as well as their words. Look out for info. in the next newsletter! We would also be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to help with visiting, giving lifts to church or with the running of social events. Please contact Steph Martin or Rev. John Castle (via the office).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Rota

7 Oct	Ann H -Davies	Joy Alexander
14 Oct	Dorothy Hill	Ruth Eve
21 Oct	Sheridan C-Evans	Jennie Rolfe
28 Oct	Ann Harris	Chris Harris

House Groups meet each week at these houses.

2nd and 4th Mondays	1.00 pm	Sara Kaufman & Karen Carter	138 College Road 01276 31389
Monday	8.00 pm	Rupert & Sheridan Cremer-Evans	11 Sylvan Ridge 01344 777137
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Elizabeth Ritchie	28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne 01344 762147
Tuesday	8.00 pm	John & Sue Campbell	2 School Hill 01344 776655
Tuesday	8.00 pm	Rebecca Brown	Arcum Lodge, 130 High St 01252 878747
Tuesday	7.30 pm	John & Steph Martin	25 Templar Close 01252 873316

ACTIVITIES AT THE PASTORAL CENTRE

Little Sandhurst Nursery Group. Daily! Contact Karen on 07730 340734 or email: enquiries@LSNG.co.uk for details.

Line Dancing. Every Monday evening in the hall from 7.00 pm, £5.50 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.

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

3rd 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.

The Rock and Pop Foundation

Guitar tuition sessions are on Thursdays. For further information please call 0844 879 3305 or visit www.rockandpopfoundation.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Date & Time	Venue	Event	Contact
Fri 5th Oct 7.30pm	Pastoral Centre	Cecilia Singers Concert	See p5
Sat 13th Oct 7.00 pm	Pastoral Centre	Harvest Supper	See p6 for ticket prices etc.
Fri 19th Oct	Pastoral Centre	Ladies' Poppy Evening	Emma Hodge & Catherine Wilkins
Wed 24th Oct	Slough Mosque	Visit	See p5
Sun 4th Nov 12.30 pm	Bird-in-Hand	Parish Lunch	Chris Harris
Sun 18th Nov 8.30 am–12.00 noon	Pastoral Centre	Pre-Advent fair	

Tea at the Pastoral Centre – 9th September



Photos: Mike Arthy

OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES

Charity: Foodbank

Sunday 7th Oct – 19th after Trinity – Theme: All Good Gifts Around Us

Genesis 1:20–2:3 (p4)

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Reading: Matthew 6:25–34 (p971)
- 10.00am Joint Parish Communion and Family Service
- 6.30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer – Theme: Creation

Sunday 14th Oct – 20th after Trinity – Theme: Jesus teaches on marriage and family

Genesis 2:18–24 (p5); Psalm 8 (p546); Mark 10:2–16 (p1014)

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion (Informal)
- 6.30pm Ecumenical Service at St George's

Sun 21st Oct – 21st after Trinity – Theme: The request of James and John

Isaiah 53:4–12 (p740); Mark 10:35–45 (p1015)

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

Sun 28th Oct – 22nd after Trinity – Theme: The story of Bartimaeus

Jeremiah 31:7–9 (p791); Mark 10:46–52 (p1015)

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion (Community)
- 11.30am Baptism of Rafferty Foulds, Reilley Allen and Isabelle Whipp
- 6.30pm Memorial Service

Newsletter. Please send emails to newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk or leave written requests with the church office. The deadline for the November edition is **22nd October**.

You will normally be able to view or download a colour copy of the newsletter on the website. If you would like to receive that version as an email attachment, please contact David Hunt at david.hunt@bcs.org.uk.

Removal of west window for restoration



Photos: Chris Harris



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