

# St Michael's News May 2020

St Michael and All Angels, Lower Church Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire, GU47 8HN

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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.

## Christ is Risen! He is risen!

The sun is shining, the lilac tree outside my study window is in full bloom. People are sending me photographs of the most incredible blossom on the trees and when I take my daily walk round (and round) my garden I see that the shrubs have green shoots and yellow buds bursting forth. Despite lockdown, nature is bursting forth with new life.

I found Holy Week and Good Friday intensely moving; walking with Christ and sharing in the isolation and abandonment of those last days of his earthly life. Living those dark moments of 2000 years ago as I experienced the dark times of today. Then came Easter. I knew that it was going to feel different.

But on Easter morning as I was joined by my son in his flat in London and we watched a streamed service on our computers, the acclamation, Christ is Risen! He is risen! became a very meaningful

expression of joy and hope. Christ has conquered death; God's love is steadfast whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in.

On the first Easter evening Jesus came to his frightened disciples and greeted them with words of peace and concern for their wellbeing.

He comes to each of us today and calls us by name, as he once called grieving Mary at the tomb, doubting Thomas in the upper room and ashamed Peter by the Sea of Galilee and brought to them his forgiveness and restoration, his joy and His assurance of new life in Him.

Peace be with you.

**Rev Jane Kraft**





Last month I made a lighthearted comment about writing a ‘make do and mend’ article for this month’s newsletter. I wasn’t intending to take this seriously, but then I thought ‘why not?’. As we are well into lockdown and getting more or less used to our new way of life, I wonder how many of us have been reassessing our attitudes to sustainability and a more eco-friendly lifestyle in various areas of life?

At a time when we can’t get out to buy new things, what do we do? I’ve recently given a makeover to a couple of items of clothing by swapping plastic buttons to vintage ones from the button box, and have been mending things which I’ve been meaning to do for ages. I’ve found myself looking at *YouTube* videos on making rag rugs, and have been sorting out my fabric stash to make gift bags rather than using wrapping paper for presents. There is also a movement for the decorative mending of clothes, honouring the service they have given by making colourful repairs, which I’ve seen on *Pinterest*.

The *Eco-Church* article on ‘Making do and mending’ is nothing new, and highlights an area of the church that has been in practice for years – especially with the textiles; the burse and veils that we use at the 8:00am service have had the cords that go around the edges of each of them re-attached in several places.

The green nave altar frontal had a replacement fringe in 2018 and several other repairs have been made to them. In addition in the 1980s, the white and red nave altar frontals were re-worked by Maria Bunch.

With so many of us facing financially difficult times over the next few months, perhaps adopting a repair, reuse, and recycle mentality is a starting point to a more sustainable future?

**Catherine Wilkins, Churchwarden**



Cross-Stitched kneelers are repaired by Jenny Thorn as needed. The white altar table-cloths have been darned, they are also starched which helps the fabric to last longer as the fibres are strengthened. Making do and mending is not new, it is economical and it is also satisfying, knowing that you have given something old, new life.

**Emma Hodge, Churchwarden**

## ON THE CRAFTY SIDE

We may have had to cancel all our next few social events because of the Covid-19 outbreak, but that hasn't stopped us thinking ahead in the hope that the Flower Festival/ Autumn Fair will take place in September... and a feature of our Autumn/Advent Fairs is always the craft stall.

So, with time on our hands, some of the more 'crafty' members of our congregation have been making items for that stall and I thought you might like to see some of what they have produced. In the next few newsletters, I will be doing just that.

If you would like any of the items put aside for you we will be happy to assist, just contact Ann on 01252-871881.

Let me introduce you first to our 'heavenly angels bright'. More next month.

**Chris Harris, Social Committee**

PS – on a topical note, the knitted rainbows pictured (right) come courtesy of Jenny Thorn. If you would like one, or would like the pattern, just let us know.



*Have you ever been interested in doing aid work in Africa?* 

Sandhurst School regularly takes students to work with street children and genocide survivors in Rwanda. The school is now offering to run a similar visit, for adults only, in April 2021. Participants will have a life-changing experience and will leave a lasting legacy in this amazing country.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sam Hunt at: [shunt@sandhurst.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:shunt@sandhurst.bracknell-forest.sch.uk)



## HYMNS OF THE MONTH

These two hymns were both written by German authors in the seventeenth century, a century that saw war in several countries, as well as a pandemic in several countries.

### *Now Thank we All Our God*

'*Now Thank we all our God*' was written by Martin Rinkart who served in the walled town of Eilenburg, Germany during the 30 years war of 1618 – 1648.

Eilenburg was a refuge city and people fled there from famine and in the start of 1637 the Plague came, however Rinkart still served God by ministering to those in the city especially to the poor and needy.

At the end of the war, the Swedish army surrounded the city demanding a large ransom from the impoverished and starving town. Rinkart knew the situation and tried to negotiate a lower amount, only to be rejected. When this happened, Rinkart returned to the city saying "*Come, my children, we can find no hearing, no mercy with men, let us take refuge with God.*"

As a result of the prayers, the Swedish general was moved to lower his price to less than five percent of the original sum. After almost thirty years of war, peace was in sight and Rinkart wrote this hymn – a reminder to be grateful to God for all things, at all times.

In this present situation, in the midst of an outbreak of disease, being under restrictions about our movement to protect both the lives of others as well as our own, this hymn is particularly important, it is a reminder that prayer can achieve miracles and that God's love has been with us '*from our mother's arms*' and '*still is ours today*'.

<https://youtu.be/ItfKjxkXhMk>

### *All My Hope on God is Founded*

This hymn was written by Joachim Neander who wrote 60 hymns (including '*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation*') but he died at the age of 30 in 1680. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and was strongly influenced by Philip Spener, the founder of Pietism (a branch of Lutheranism). Pietism places an emphasis on Christian living.

This hymn encourages us to trust God rather than placing our trust in earthly matters, including pride and glory.

God's goodness lasts a lifetime and does not pass away, which is one of the reasons why we should trust Him compared to earthly rulers and secular aspects. God is with us at all times but more importantly, he is the person we turn to when things are confusing, or as the hymn puts it '*me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true*'.

An interesting side note: Joachim Neander enjoyed the outdoors, and used to spend much time in the lovely Dussel River Valley. After his death, grateful people honored Neander by naming the valley after him. In German, 'thal' means valley, so the name of the valley became Neanderthal. Nearly two centuries later in 1856, an ancient skeleton was discovered in that valley. It became known as the Neanderthal Man because of the name of the valley in which the skeleton was discovered. So, the Neanderthal Man was named after the valley that was earlier named after the writer of this hymn.

<https://youtu.be/W3LCGh02Vew>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Sandhurst Youth

If you are looking for different ways to stay in touch during this unprecedented time, we currently have 3 online meetings, using **Zoom**:

**Wednesday's, 4pm** : a fun social for any young people connected with St Michael's

**Thursday's, 4pm** : an open youth chat for any young people

**Sunday's, 4pm** : a chat with a more spiritual focus

Also, our mentors still follow up by phone chats. So even though we can't meet as we do normally, we still offer support, fun and chat.

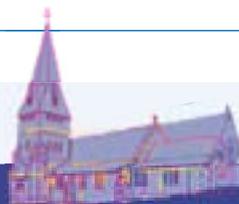
If you know someone who wants to be on the chats then please let me, or Liz Percival, know. We appreciate your support in prayer and chat.

**Mike Gower, Youth Worker**

<http://sandhurstyouth.org.uk>



## CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF WORSHIP



Date	Time	Event	Details
Sun 28 Jun	Afternoon 6:30pm	West Gallery Workshop & Evensong	Postponed due to current circumstances, and provisionally re-booked for Saturday 2 August.
Fri 25 Sept	7pm	Flower Festival Preview Evening	'800 years of...' Flower festival containing entries from several different groups within Sandhurst.
Sat 26 & Mon 28 Sept	All day	Flower Festival	On the Monday, the flower festival will be open only to groups/special needs.

Our 800th Anniversary year has taken an unforeseen turn, and I would like to create a record of how it has affected and changed us as a church and as individuals. I think it needs pictures, thoughts, memories, and written records of how we responded. The last time churches in this country closed their doors was in 1208, so we are living in exceptional times. Would anyone like to take this on as a project? Or can anyone improve on the idea?

I would want to include as many people as possible of all ages, so we would need to be able to accept items for inclusion in hand written as well as electronic formats. It would probably require some scrapbook compiling expertise, but eventually could be transcribed into a different format (online/booklet?)

If you are interested in taking part or coordinating this project, please get in touch

**Catherine Wilkins, Churchwarden**

*Puzzles and fun activities for children to do, with or without adult help!*

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p	i	n	n	i	y	e	q	s	x	h	b	g	t	r
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*Prayer  
word  
search*

- Amen
- Anywhere
- Church
- Father
- Forgiveness
- God
- Hands
- Help
- Humble
- Jesus
- Kneel
- Listen
- Lord
- Prayer
- Quiet
- Sin
- Talk
- Thanks

*Secret code!*

This month use the alphabet backwards so that 1 = Z and 26 = A  
When you solve the message, shout it out loud!

11 9 26 18 8 22

7 19 22      15 12 9 23!

## Lord's Prayer bracelet



You will need:

- A length of string or thread
- Coloured beads.

Thread the beads on in the order below.

Say the Lord's prayer as you are threading.

● **Blue** is the colour of fathers  
*Our Father*

○ **White** represents holiness  
*In heaven*

● **Purple** is a majestic colour  
*Hallowed be your name*  
*Your kingdom come,*  
*Your will be done,*

● **Green** is the colour of the Earth  
*On earth as in heaven*

● **Yellow** reminds us of wheat  
*Give us today our daily bread*

● **Red** reminds us of Jesus' blood,  
shed to take away our sin.

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive*  
*those who sin against us*

● **Orange** is the colour for the  
darkness of evil and temptation.

*Lead us not into temptation*  
*but deliver us from evil*

● **Gold** reminds us of God's  
heavenly kingdom.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the*  
*glory are yours now and forever.*

*Amen*

If you don't want to make a bracelet  
then how about incorporating all these  
colours into one picture to represent  
God's love for us all.



## Five point prayer

It's very easy to use your hand to help  
you remember 5 points of prayer as you  
are praying.

This time, take the five points and turn  
it into a competition with whoever is  
in your house.

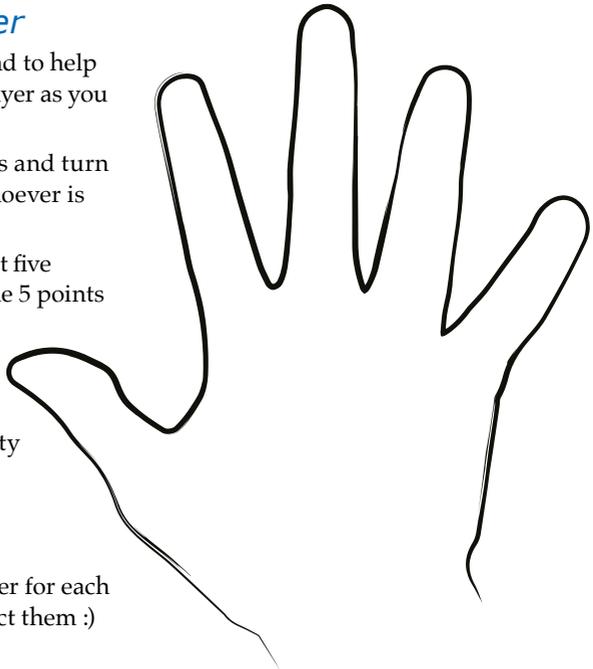
See who is the fastest to collect five  
items together to represent the 5 points  
of prayer listed below:

-  Family and friends
-  Leaders and teachers
-  Government and authority
-  Weak or sick
-  Myself (yourself)

GO!

PS. Don't forget to say a prayer for each  
of these 5 points as you collect them :)

**Karen Allen, Kidz Church**



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# THE HOLY TRINITY

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*Colour in this stained glass window*

1. Which of the circles shows:  
God the Father? \_\_\_\_\_  
God the Son? \_\_\_\_\_  
God the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does the Lamb with the flag represent? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What about the dove with the flames? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the meaning of the letters YHWH and ABBA? \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANXIETY AND THE CORONAVIRUS

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### *5 things that may help you support your child:*

**1** Talk to them about what's going on. Find out how they are feeling and what they are thinking about, let them know it is okay to feel scared or unsure, and try to answer their questions and reassure them in an age appropriate manner.

Remember, you do not need to know all the answers, but talking things through can help them feel calmer.

**2** Help them to reflect on how they are feeling and encourage them to think about the things they can do to make them feel safer and less worried.

**3** Reassure them that this will pass, you are there for them, and you will get through this together.

**4** Spend time doing a positive activity with your child (such as reading, play, painting or cooking) to help reassure them and reduce their anxiety.

This is also a great way of providing a space for them to talk through their concerns, without having a 'big chat'

**5** Keep as many regular routines as possible, so that your child feels safe and that things are stable in their environment.

Some links with further advice :

<https://childmind.org/article/anxiety-and-coping-with-coronavirus/>

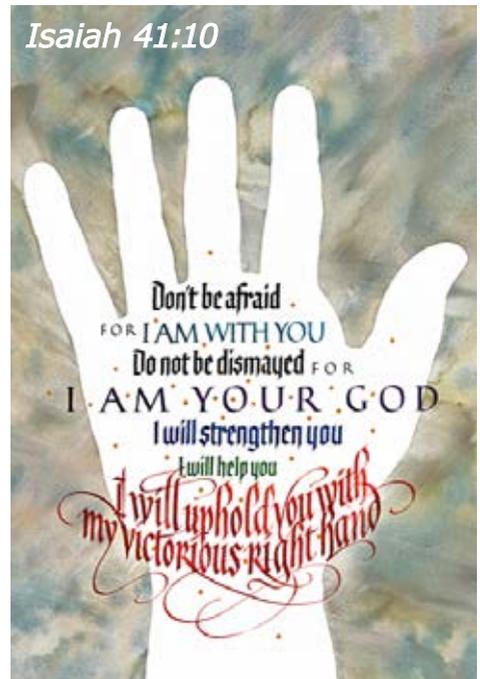
<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-anxiety/>

It is normal for children and young people to feel worried or anxious at the moment.

We are all experiencing sudden changes in our lives and routines and we're living with lots of uncertainty about the coming weeks. It's important we take care of each other.

For some young people, the coronavirus pandemic may also worsen or trigger anxieties they were already struggling with.

Remember to be kind to yourself as we are all experiencing this together and we all deal with our emotions in different ways. You cannot fill up others tanks if you too are empty!



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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can offer any additional support to you and your family on 07456 190201 or [familyworker@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:familyworker@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk)

**Angela Harper, Family Worker**

Which of these do you think we could do with at the moment?

- *Hope for the future*
- *A secure sense of who we are*
- *Guidance for maintaining healthy relationships*
- *A framework for making sense of suffering*

If, like me, you would put a tick in all 4 boxes, then I have good news for you: the first letter of Peter in the New Testament addresses all of these issues. The basis of Peter's letter is a belief that we can all enjoy the things listed above as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and through responding to God's calling to follow and belong to him.

### *Background*

It is often difficult to give precise dates and context to biblical books, but we know from the opening and closing verses of the letter that it was written to churches scattered throughout what we now call Turkey, and probably written by the Apostle Peter from Rome (code-named Babylon in 5:13), most likely in the 60's AD. There is evidence that Christians in various places are either undergoing persecution (5:9), or are simply treated with suspicion as adherents of a new religion whose values are at odds with public standards of behaviour. There is certainly a threat of a 'fiery ordeal' (4:12) looming.

### *Content of the letter*

Peter uses language normally used for the Jewish Diaspora to identify Christians as 'exiles' in the world. Our true identity, he

argues, is as the new People of God (2:10). We've been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ (1:18), whose sacrifice has brought us back to God (2:24-25). Moreover, his resurrection has guaranteed us an inheritance in heaven (1:3-4), which is secure and gives us hope for the future (1:21).

So we're called to live holy lives, in other words, to honour God in everything we do (1:15-16). This will show itself in love for one another (1:22), and in respect for others that is shown in working relationships, respect for public institutions and family life (2:11-3:7). Our true identity will show in the way we respond to being treated unjustly or challenged about our faith, and in our virtuous lifestyles (3:8-17).

Peter acknowledges that suffering of one kind or another is inevitable. But if we remember how Jesus responded under suffering, and the benefits he won through that suffering (2:24, 3:18), we will be inspired to follow his example in handling our own trials (3:21, 4:1-2).

Here's an outline of the series:

- 19 April** A living hope  
(1 Peter 1:1-12)
- 26 April** A call to holy living  
(1 Peter 1:13-25)
- 3 May** A matter of identity  
(1 Peter 2:1-10)
- 10 May** Living in the world  
(1 Peter 2:11-3:7)
- 17 May** Witnessing for Christ  
(1 Peter 3:8-22)
- 24 May** Sharing Christ's sufferings  
(1 Peter 4:12-5:14)
- 31 May** Living as disciples  
(1 Peter 4:1-11)

## FAMILY SERVICE THEMES

During the lock-down we'll be running the Family Service every week. From 3 May, we'll be looking at parts of Jesus teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount', which has a lot in common with the *1 Peter* series in our Parish Communion service.

Jesus' teaching is all about looking a life the way God sees it and how that could revolutionise our values and way of living. Here's what's coming up:

- 3 May** True happiness (*Matthew 5:1-10*)
- 10 May** Dealing with anger (*Matthew 5:21-24, 43-48*)
- 17 May** The joy of giving (*Matthew 6:1-4*)
- 24 May** How to pray (*Matthew 6:5-13*)
- 31 May** Pentecost (*Acts 2*)
- 7 June** Judging others (*Matthew (7:1-5)*)



29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Friends,

When I wrote my first Covid-19 pastoral letter 5 weeks ago, we were all (I suspect) experiencing the stress caused by sudden changes to our lifestyles, as church buildings, schools and other facilities were closed, and panic buying was leaving the shops' shelves empty.

As a church we had to respond rapidly, firstly to ensure that we could contact all of our church members and provide any practical or pastoral support needed, and secondly to enable our pattern of worship to continue. It's at such times that the church is well placed to offer both practical help and hope for the future, based on our faith in God who is '*our strength and refuge, a very present help in trouble*' (*Psalms 46:1*).

In the past 5 weeks life has, for the most part, stabilised. Many of us have learned new IT skills in order that services, meetings and social gatherings can continue by electronic means. We've all been cheered by acts of kindness, and inspired by the courage and determination of those working 'on the frontline' in various areas of public life. Our online worship services have sustained the faithful and reached people who'd dropped out of our church life, as well as reaching new people.

At the same time, our prayers are needed for those for whom the lock-down has meant a variety of challenges: loss of income, with a corresponding increase in anxiety; the challenges of looking after children and working from home; loneliness caused by enforced isolation; or, for some, the death of family members and the massive restrictions on how funerals can be conducted.

The Bible and Christian tradition offer rich resources to help us on our journey. In addition to our sermon series on *1 Peter* (Parish Communion services) and the *Sermon on the Mount* (Family services from 3 May), there are prayer resources on our website and lots of activities and advice for families (see the respective Prayer and Families pages).

I pray that we will take the opportunities of this situation to get to know God better, grow in our faith and show his love in practical ways.

### **Practical matters**

*Crowthorne Foodbank* continues to operate, so please support it (you can give money online), or use it as a resource if you need to (that's what it's there for!).

*Bracknell Forest HEALTHWATCH* can provide advice, support or practical help. Contact them on: 01344 266911, or email: [community@healthwatchbracknellforest.co.uk](mailto:community@healthwatchbracknellforest.co.uk)

*Bracknell Forest Library Service* is also running a free home delivery service for those isolated and living in the borough. Phone: 01252 870161 or 01344 423149.

*Steph Martin* (01252 873316) is co-ordinating our church pastoral response

*Angela Harper* is providing support to families (07456 190201) I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who has been part of our joint effort to extend pastoral care, and maintain communication and the continuation of worship.

None of us knows when the lock-down will end, but it will eventually, and I hope and pray that what we have learned during this unusual time will help us to live more sustainably, give more generously, and cherish and nurture our relationships with families, friends and within our church.

May God's peace be with you.

**John**

**Rev John Castle (Rector)**

**Tel: 01252 872168**



## *Please keep in touch!*

We'd love it if you could send us photos of you and/or your home activities to appear in the June newsletter. This will help to give us all the feeling of being together whilst apart. Below are some photos of my puppy, Mia, enjoying seeing some of her friends at the Family Service on Sunday morning... (She's much easier to keep still than my restless 6yr old)!

Please send emails to: [newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk).

The deadline for entries in the June edition is **Monday 25 May**, thank you.

### **Alison Wren, Newsletter Editor**

*Please note: if your children appear in the photo, you will need to give express permission for us to use it.*



Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line, which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



## *Contact us*

Do you have something else you'd like to appear in the newsletter?

Please send emails to: [newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk). The deadline for entries in the June edition is **Monday 25 May**.

You can view or download a colour copy of the newsletter on the website. If you would like to receive that version via email, please contact David Hunt at: [david.hunt@bcs.org.uk](mailto:david.hunt@bcs.org.uk).

## HOPE PRAYER TREE

This tree is still available in the graveyard and now has many ribbons flying in the wind. If you haven't yet done so, please visit on your daily walk if you can. Write a prayer of hope on a ribbon, and tie it on the tree, or take the time to read some of the wonderful messages left by people already – a few of which are below, for those unable to visit the tree in person.

Angela Harper, Family Worker

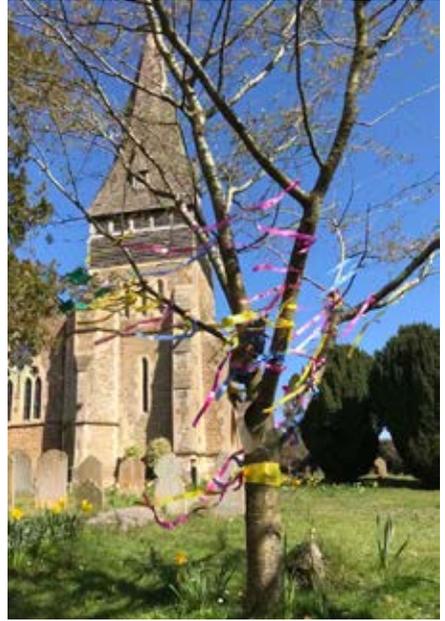
*“Health & peace to all  
in this difficult time”*

*“Please watch over my family, and  
reunite us when we join them. Amen”*

*“Prayer for wisdom for world leaders  
& decision makers : pray for peace  
and generosity in these difficult times”*

*“Dear God, please help save the ones we love,  
and please help this be over soon, Amen”*

*“I pray the sick are healed and the  
heroes of the NHS are/stay safe”*



(Photo taken at the beginning of April)

Please also pray for all  
those on the prayer board



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annual-review.html](http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/annual-review.html)



## 100 CLUB DRAW

Due to current  
Covid-19 restrictions,  
the 100 Club draw  
is postponed till  
further notice.

I will let you know  
as soon as the draw  
is able to resume.

Thank you  
**Rosemary Dobson**

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# CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

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## Charity : Church Mission Society

Services are currently live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSandhurst](http://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSandhurst). This is our public *Facebook* page, and you can access it without having a *Facebook* account. You can also continue to watch it after the event.

The Family Service is live-streamed on *Zoom* at <https://us04web.zoom.us>

The meeting ID is: 172 324 765. If prompted for a password, type 371121. You shouldn't need to join *Zoom* to take part.

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### Sunday 03 May – 4th of Easter

- 9:30am Parish Communion (Traditional)  
**Theme: A matter of identity**  
Readings: *Acts 2:42–47 (p1094);*  
*1 Peter 2:1–10 (p1218);*  
*John 10:1–10 (p1076)*
- 11:15am Family Service  
**Theme: True happiness (the Beatitudes)**  
Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12 (p968)*
- 6:30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer
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### Sunday 10 May – 5th of Easter

- 9:30am Parish Communion (Informal)  
**Theme: Living in the world**  
Readings: *Acts 7:55–60 (p1100);*  
*1 Peter 2:11–3:7 (p1218);*  
*John 15:18–27 (p1083)*
- 11:15am Family Service  
**Theme: Anger**  
Reading: *Matthew 5:21-24 (p969),*  
*and 5:43-48 (p970)*
- 6:30pm Ecumenical Service
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### Sunday 17 May – 6th of Easter

- 9:30am Parish Communion (Reflective)  
**Theme: Witnessing for Christ**  
Readings: *1 Peter 3:8–22 (p1219);*  
*John 14: 15–21 (p1082);*
- 11:15am Family Service  
**Theme: Giving**  
Reading: *Matthew 6:1-4 (p970)*
- 6:30pm Memorial Service
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### Thursday 21 May – Ascension

- 8:00pm Parish Communion  
**Theme: Risen, ascended, glorified**  
Readings: *Acts 1:1–11 (p1092);*  
*Luke 24:44–53 (p1062)*
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### Sunday 24 May – 7th of Easter

- 9:30am Parish Communion (Community)  
**Theme: Sharing Christ's sufferings**  
Readings: *1 Peter 4:12–5:14 (p1220);*  
*John 17:1–11 (p1085)*
- 11:15am Family Service  
**Theme: Praying**  
Reading: *Matthew 6:5-13 (p970)*
- 6:30pm Sung Evensong  
**Theme: A new creation**  
Readings: *Isaiah 65:17–25 (p752);*  
*Revelation 21:1–8 (p1249)*
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### Sunday 31 May – Pentecost

- 9:30am Parish Communion (Traditional)  
**Theme: Living as disciples**  
Readings: *Acts 2:1–21 (p1093);*  
*1 Peter 4:1–11 (p1220);*  
*John 7:37–39 (p1072)*
- 11:15am Family Service  
**Theme: Judging**  
Reading: *Matthew 7:1-5 (p971)*
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