#### St Michael's News November 2023

St Michael and All Angels, Lower Church Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire, GU47 8HN The church building is only open at certain times, please visit our website: www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk for up-to-date information.

#### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Friday: 10:00am-1:30pm

For enquires about hall bookings, baptisms, weddings, funerals, the best way to contact us is by phone on a Monday or Thursday.

If you wish to visit the office in person, please contact us in advance to agree a suitable time.

T: 01252 873030 / E: office@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk

For pastoral matters you can phone the Rector, Rev John Castle on:

T: 01252 872168 or email him at: rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk

#### Remember, Remember...

As fireworks night approaches and we commemorate the successful stopping of the attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605 by Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and others; we might like to think that we have moved on from the use of violence for Religious and political ends but the events in Israel (as well as other countries) show that this continues to this day and whatever political views you have on the situation in Israel; we can all reflect on how quickly situations can change as well as how fragile human life is.

This month we also see Remembrance Sunday where we remember those who died in the service of the country often in wars long ago.

As we recall these people it can be a very reflective time as we recount how people have lived their lives and the influence that they have had on our lives by shaping, forming, encouraging us, given us skills and taught us and as we remember them it can also be a good time to reflect on what we pass on to others through our daily actions.

Emma Hodge

#### OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH

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



Please pray for all those on the Prayer Board and for Stuart Harrison, his family and friends, as they come to terms with his diagnosis of a terminal brain tumour. Please also pray for the family and friends of Gladys Robertson, whose funeral was held here last month.

#### BARNABUS FUND

#### Charity of the month

### "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail" Lamentations 3:22

Sunday 5 November is the beginning of *Barnabas Fund*'s Suffering Church Action and Awareness Week. It is an opportunity for us to stand alongside our suffering Church family, to make known their situation and demonstrate Christ's love to them in prayer and practical action.

Within our church family at St Michael's, we see many instances of people coming alongside each other at times of need, but do we ever consider that believers across the world are also our family too? They may seem far away, but we must remember them in their suffering. As we read their stories it's hard to imagine what it must be like for them. One day we could face similar challenges, but in the meantime they need our love and support right now.

"I smeared the blood of my dead colleagues on my mouth, ears and on my head so that the attackers would think I was dead."

This was how one school pupil, Julius, survived the massacre of nearly 40 school children by Islamists in a school in western Uganda earlier this year. They were targeted because they were Christians.

Almost the entire population of Nagorno-Karabakh – which is 120,000 people – have fled from the Armenian Christian region following an invasion by Azerbaijani soldiers on 19 September. An estimated 30,000 Christian children are among the refugees who have sought safety in Armenia itself from what church leaders have described as 'a scene of war crimes'. Karabakh has been an Armenian land for more than 2,000 years.

Ask the Lord to comfort his traumatised people who have lost their homes and land. Pray that He will provide for those forced to leave everything behind.



Hia, with her grandchild and friend, thank God that they arrived safely at one of the jungle camps run by our project partners in Myanmar.

In Myanmar, churches and Christian villages are regularly and ruthlessly bombed by the national army. Many believers have been displaced to live in the jungle or try to cross the border into neighbouring countries.

In Nigeria, Fulani militants target Christian villages, pastors and churches. The local security forces have failed to protect them. Twenty-three pastors have been killed and more than 200 churches forcibly shut down because of anti-Christian violence within the past four years in Nigeria's Kaduna State alone.

In Iran churches or prayer meetings are regularly targeted, with pastors and whole congregations arrested and imprisoned on what we would consider trumped up charges and in Pakistan the blasphemy laws are used

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to settle disputes against Christians or to stir up hatred leading to violent rampages like that carried out in the city of Jaranwala.



"Thanks be to God, whose hand was on us today. Though we've lost our possessions, we still have our lives thanks to Him" Fayaz, Pakistan.

Less reported are the ways in which Christians are often ignored when aid is handed out in certain countries when disaster strikes.

Did you know that among the Rohinja people at Cox's Bazaar refugee camp are around 60 Christian families. Having fled Myanmar, they now have to face violent attacks from extremist elements among the Muslim refugees as they eke out their precarious existence.

This is just a sample of what Christians are facing across the world right now. Barnabas Fund provides food, training, healthcare, escape from bonded servitude, support for martyrs widows and so much more. Working through local partners on the ground.

If you would like to pray for persecuted Christians or donate money to help them, vou can find out more at Barnabas Aid: www.barnabasaid.org

Liz Percival, Charity Champion





#### ♥ ECO-CHURCH ♥



On the first Sunday in October, Rev Jane Kraft challenged us all about being more environmentally friendly.

About 5/6 years ago, as a PCC we decided to start working on being more environmentally friendly and using the Eco-Church questions and resources to help us to become more eco-conscious.

The Eco-Church scheme has three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and all levels look at the following areas:

- Worship & Teaching Community & Global Engagement
- ♥ Buildings ♥ Land Lifestyle

At the October PCC meeting, we reviewed the progress so far and agreed to apply for a Bronze award as we had achieved at least this criteria in all of the above areas.

We also agreed that to continue this work we need a new team and if you are interested in this critical area then please speak to George Castle, Clare Hardy or Catherine Wilkins.

#### THE FUTURE OF ST MICHAEL'S

An urgent message from the Rector

Do you consider St Michael's to be your church? I do hope so! As a church we see ourselves as a community of faith, rather than a religious institution. We have an important mission, to offer a place of worship and a message of hope to our local community, reinforced by practical acts of service.

Some of the distinctive features of our church include our excellent musical tradition, our investment in work with families and young people, our support of Sandhurst Counselling service, and our beautiful church building.

But at the moment we are having to dig deep into our financial reserves in order just to keep day-to-day operations running, never mind repairing the spire. We ended 2022 with a deficit of £16,000.

We are doing everything we can to keep expenditure down. The problem is that our income doesn't cover our costs.

I don't think enough people understand that our main source of income is giving by our members. At the moment, half of this comes from only 15 givers.

We have a great church, run with the help of some fantastic volunteers, but to secure our future and enable us to fulfil our mission we also need a more secure income.



Would you please pray about this situation and about your own contribution? Many thanks!

Rev John Castle



St Michael's Church Sandhurst is registered with *easyfundraising*, which means you can raise FREE donations for our *Spire* funds every time you shop online.

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use *easyfundraising* to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and will make a BIG difference to us, so please take a minute to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at: <a href="www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschurchsandhurst">www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschurchsandhurst</a>



This Parish is registered with the Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to give to this Parish securely and safely online. The below QR code will take you to the Parish Giving Scheme website:

https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/sandhurst-st-michael-berkshire



All things come from you, and of your own have we given you (1 Chronicles 29 v14)

At St Michael's, we give thanks to God for all his gifts so freely given.

Members of St Michael's are encouraged to give generously and regularly in the context of KNOWING God better, GROWING in faith, and SHOWING our love in action.

Every gift given to St Michael's will be used to further the work of the church:

- in our community, including our Family Worker and Youth Worker;
- in the church nationally through our 'parish share';
- and more widely as 10% of each gift goes to support our nominated charities every year.

Regular gifts through Parish Giving Scheme help us plan confidently for the future. They can even be index-linked to the cost of living if you wish.

Thank you for giving through the Parish Giving Scheme.

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#### SERMON SERIES: 22 OCTOBER - 19 NOVEMBER

#### Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians

The year is 51 AD, two years after the Emperor Claudius had banned Jews from Rome. The setting is Thessalonica, in northern Greece. A small band of Jewish missionaries arrives and causes a stir in the local synagogue, resulting in a riot which forces the missionaries, Paul and Silas, to leave town. So what will happen to their new converts? Will they keep the faith, or give up under persecution?

1 Thessalonians is probably the earliest surviving letter of Paul, and shows his concern about the new Christian believers he has had to leave behind. It reveals the remarkable story of their eagerness to follow Christ and their resilience under pressure, as well as their need for encouragement, straight talk about lifestyle and instruction about death and the hope of Christ's Return. There is much here to inspire, encourage and challenge us.

SUNDAY	THEME	BIBLE READINGS
22 October	The witness of the Thessalonians	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
29 October	Pleasing God, not mortals	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
5 November	The example of Paul	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 5:1-12
12 November	A life pleasing to God	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Matthew 25:1-13
19 November	A thief in the night	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30



#### 🕅 **5@5** on Thursday 9 November



Churches Together

If you can, please pause and pray for 5 minutes at 5pm on Thursday 9 November. Our focus this month is on care for our older residents:

- those in need of support those who provide support Care homes
- Sandhurst Day Centre

We might consider a promise of God to His people recorded in *Isaiah 46:4*: "Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

And we might share this prayer:

Gracious God.

Bless those who, because of increasing years are struggling with daily tasks that would, not long ago, have been easily accomplished and without pain.

Bring healing and comfort. Ease frustration. Grant peace. Use their gifts, knowledge and wisdom that younger lives might be touched and blessed by these, your older children. Amen



Visit Sandhurst Pride at www.sandhurstpride.co.uk for more information about local services and amenities.

# Bracknell Forest Interfaith Forum celebrate Interfaith Week



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm at the Honeysuckle Room, Open Learning Centre, Rectory Ln, Bracknell RG12 7GR and via *Zoom*.

Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm

#### "How do we learn about faith?"

how faith is taught, learned and nurtured

Speakers from different faith groups:

Baha'l, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh

To receive the Zoom link for the event please reply to:

by 12<sup>th</sup> November

More information from Rev John Castle: rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk



#### **Redwood Early Years Little Sandhurst**

# ENROLLING NOW

Explore, Believe and Achieve with Redwood Early Years, Little Sandhurst, Opening 1st November 2023.



#### YOUR CHURCH NEEDS





Catherine Wilkins has now stood down as Churchwarden - and it would be great to have someone appointed to assist Karen Allen. Please do speak to Catherine Wilkins, Karen Allen, or Rev John Castle if you'd like to know more about the role and its responsibilities.



#### We are always looking for volunteers!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer at St Michael's. Please do speak the Parish Office, Karen Allen, or Rev John Castle if you'd like to know more.

St. Michael & All Angels, Sandhurst

Don't miss our

# (pre)ADVENT FAIR

Sunday 19th November 8.30 to 12.30 in

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre Lower Church Rd GU47 8HN

Lots of beautiful craft items

Home made produce

Stamps at special prices

#### Stir Up Sunday, 26 November 2023

With Autumn upon us, and winter around the corner we start to turn thoughts to the preparations for Christmas. Of course as Christians the major part of our preparations are done in Advent, but on a practical level in modern society our preparations start much earlier!

One of the early preparations many of us plan for is the making of the Christmas pudding. In Victorian times in many families everyone would gather around to take a turn to stir the homemade Christmas pudding. This practice became tradition on the last Sunday before Advent. There are many theories as to why this Sunday became 'The' day for making the pudding. But as Christians we turn to the Collect for the last Sunday before Advent.

# "Stir up, we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of thy good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded."

In this prayer we are asking God for something much more important than Christmas pudding. We are asking God to stir up our wills, so that we might go on doing the good works he has planned for us to do. But it is also a timely reminder of the preparation ahead of us.

In Victorian times it was customary to add small items to the pudding to symbolise various things which may or may not happen to the recipient. Items such as coins to bring luck, thimbles for thrift, a ring for marriage, and an anchor for safe harbour. Personally I leave these from my pudding mix rather than risk a costly trip to the dentist! But I do add a simple garnish of holly (without the toxic berries) which is said to represent the crown of thorns.



There are other Christmas pudding based traditions which have developed in recent times, such as the number of ingredients or the direction in which it is stirred. For me the important thing is that the pudding is made in plenty of time and served with great ceremony, ablaze with the blue flame of warmed brandy.

So if you plan to make your Christmas pudding this year on stir up Sunday, put the 26th November in your diary and have fun with whoever you can gather around you to make this long standing tradition a part of your Christmas preparations.

The recipe below is one I have developed over the past few years. It does not contain suet so needs to be frozen when made ahead, but also means it is a healthy option! But whether you use this recipe or one of your own, I hope you have fun making your Christmas pudding.

Karen Allen, Churchwarden

#### FOR THE WHISK-TAKERS AMONG US

#### Karen's Christmas Pudding Recipe

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2oz (50g) currants
- 1tbsp black treacle
- 2oz (50g) sultanas
- rind of ½ a lemon, grated
- 2½ oz (65g) raisins
- rind of ½ an orange, grated
- 2fl oz (65ml) cold tea or brandy
- 4oz (100g) apple, grated
- 6 glacé cherries, chopped
- 4oz (100g) carrot, finely grated
- 2oz (50g) self raising flour
- 2 eggs
- ½tsp mixed spice
- ½tsp cinnamon
- 2oz (50g) fresh breadcrumbs
- 2oz (50g) dark soft brown sugar



#### Method:

- 1 Soak the dried fruit in the tea/brandy and leave overnight.
- 2 Next day, add the rest of the ingredients with the fruit and any liquor to a large bowl.
- 3 Mix together gently and thoroughly (don't forget your Christmas wish as you stir!).
- 4 Place in a 1 pint heat-proof dish and cook by microwaving or steaming as follows:

#### Microwave (timings based on 900w):

- Cover pudding with an upturned plate and cook on high for 5 minutes.
- Rest for 5 minutes, then cook on high again for 4 minutes.

#### Steam:

• Wrap pudding in the traditional way or cover with parchment and foil, and steam for 2 hours.

#### Slow cook:

- Prepare as if steaming then put in the slow cooker with water half way up the pudding dish.
- Cook on low overnight or high for 5-6 hours. The recipe is very forgiving and the pudding wont come to harm if in a slow cooker for longer than intended.

The pudding can be eaten as soon as it is cooked, but the flavour does improve if it is cooled as quickly as possible and stored in the fridge overnight or frozen until required. When the pudding is required, defrost thoroughly and steam for 1-2 hours, slow cook for 1-2 hours or microwave for 5 minutes before turning out onto a serving dish.

If you plan to set your pudding alight with brandy, make sure the pudding is warm on a flame proof dish. Gently warm some brandy in a small pan or ladle and gently pour over the pudding before lighting, (I always do this bit at the table).

Do not carry the pudding whilst it is lit.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### Collection of used postage stamps

In spite of the high cost of stamps, I'm sure many of us will receive a lot of Christmas cards this year. Please save the stamps, if possible cutting round them to leave a small margin. Any stamps are useful, including foreign, but not the parcel labels issued by the post office. Many charities benefit from the sale of used stamps, as collectors are always hoping to find a rare specimen.

Please put your prepared stamps in the glass jar at the back of the church and I will ensure that they reach various charities. Many thanks. Jenny Thorn



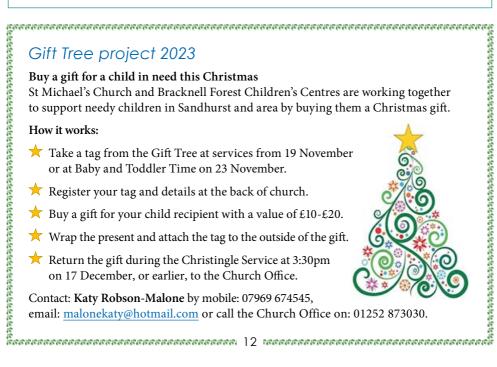


#### On the social side

Indoor Skittles Event - Sadly, it became clear in early October that there were too many competing events, in particular the free fireworks, on the date we had booked for this event (28 October) so we decided to postpone it till the New Year. Look out for a new date when, hopefully, there won't be any competition from fireworks!

Don't forget our pre-Advent Fair which will be held on Sunday 19 November from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Lots of lovely handmade craft items (ideal Christmas presents?), preserves & produce for the larder, discounted stamps (for your Christmas cards), try your hand at 'fishing' or have a go at the tombola.

Chris Harris, Social Committee



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

# (i) Lighting up the Christmas tree at Sandhurst Town Council, Saturday 25 November at 6pm

This community event takes place outside the Council offices, with carols led by our choir and the Sandhurst Community Brass, Father Christmas, mince pies etc. It's particularly geared to children, so if you have children or grandchildren with you on that day, do come along! Sandhurst Churches Together are involved in a short presentation of the Christmas story. This is a great opportunity to share what Christmas is really about with others who may not attend any church event this year, and we need a few volunteers to give out Christmas booklets to children. You'll need to arrive at 5:30pm and meet Louise Ratcliffe council office doors to be given the literature.



We'd also value others to come and pray during the event, especially as Sharon Gardner (Methodist minister) and I do our presentation (something to do with angels, I believe!).

Please let me know if you can help.

#### Rev John Castle

01252 872168, rector@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk



# SEBASTIAN'S ACTION TRUST SANTA FUN RUN SUNDAY 7 DECEMBED AT 4041

#### **SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER AT 10AM**

A festive activity for everyone! Bring your friends and family, get in the festive spirit and make memories, whilst helping *Sebastian's Action Trust* to support seriously-ill children and their families this Christmas.

Put on your Santa suit and walk, dance, dash or prance along the 1K or 5K routes!

#### SANDHURST MEMORIAL PARK, YORKTOWN ROAD, SANDHURST GU47 9BJ

FREE Santa suit for everyone aged 14+ and a FREE Santa hat for those under 14s!



Scan the QR code or visit www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/events

Email: fundraising@sebastiansactiontrust.org

Call: 01344 622500



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#### CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



#### 👼 Saturday 2 December at 7:30pm

Cecilia Singers present 'A Christmas Celebration':

Audience Carols, music by John Rutter, Philip Stopford and other favourites, and a performance of Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' for harp and upper voices.

Featuring harpist Charlie Davies and accompanist Stuart McSweenev and some familiar faces in the Choir

FREE admission, refreshments and a retiring collection for our church.



#### 🕷 Sunday 3 December at 7:00pm

Advent Celebration Service

Preceded by refreshments (mulled wine & non-alcoholic alternative) in church from 6:15pm. Theme: Peace.

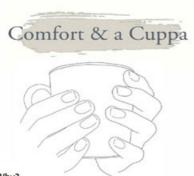


#### 🙀 Friday 8 December at 7:30pm

Festive music from the award-winning Sandhurst Silver Band and the Choir of St Michael's. Audience Carols! Interval refreshments! Featuring 'The Brasshoppers', the Silver Band's Young Training Band.

Tickets available via: www.wegottickets.com/event/587663 General admission £8.50 plus booking fee, £10 on the door, Concession £6.50 plus booking fee, £7.50 on the door. Children under 15 FREE

#### NEWS FROM ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



#### Why?

A chance for the grieving and bereaved to find comfort with like minded people over a cuppa. In a safe space, where everyone understands each other.

We are very lucky to be able to hold our meetings in the local church, enabling us to offer this group to people without charge.

#### **MEETING AT**

St George' Church, 109 Owlsmoor Road, Sandhurst GU47 oSS

Find us on Facebook: Search Comfort & a Cuppa, scan the QR code or click on the title logo



**OUR GROUP MEETS** ON MONDAYS FROM 7PM - 8PM

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

FOR COMFORT AND A CUPPA

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU

# OPEN HOUSE TOUR

## Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December 10am – 6pm

#### Sunday 10 December 12pm – 5pm



Please come and join us for this new fundraising venture where houses in the neighbourhood will be fully decorated for Christmas and their front doors open to visitors.



A ticket enables you and your immediate family to tour the houses on days and times of your choosing within the opening period. Return visits are fine. No family living nearby? Then please feel free to bring a friend.



Exact locations, and opening hours for each house will be printed on the tickets, which will be available at the pre-Advent Fair and thereafter. Tickets are £10, and include seasonal refreshments.



PS. If you enjoy decorating your home at Christmas and would like to be included on the tour, please contact **Sarah Ashton**: 01252 861307 or **Jennie Hulbert**: 01344 775881.

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

## 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

What better way to shine the light of Christ in our community, than having a party to celebrate all things 'light'. On Thursday during half term, St. Michael's hosted a fabulous Light Party. The event was well attended, and families enjoyed the various activities that were available in the hall, including pumpkin carving and rock painting! This was followed by a campfire and light displays, where hot chocolate and marshmallows were enjoyed.

A good time was had by all, and I was would like to thank all the volunteers who supported this event.



#### PROGRESS ON UPDATING THE PASTORAL CENTRE

The Pastoral Centre has served as well for many years, but of recent days was beginning to look a bit tired in places. So, the PCC decided, that in order to boost the rental income, a programme of refurbishment needed to be put in place.

Clare Hardy, Karen Allen and myself formed a working group to move this forward. You will have seen the excellent work our volunteers have done re-painting the Seeby Hall, re-furbishing the heaters and painting the fire shutters. The new curtains, largely paid for by generous donations from members of the Parish for which we are very grateful, are also now in place. There was much debate over the colour, but the consensus was Teal.

Karen organised the replacement and installation of a new cooker in the kitchen, many of you will be aware that the door on the old one had not closed properly for a long while and was not fixable. The new oven gives us flexibility in terms of oven size and lots of burners. Karen also replaced the dishwasher with a new one, which was installed by John Campbell and Trevor Norcott. I think John will be relieved not to have to spend any more

The replacement fire exit door on the right side of the Seeby Hall is due to installed the second week of November. The old wooden door is rotten and insecure and does not provide a disabled exit. The new one is metal, doubled-glazed with a low threshold suitable for those with disabilities. Unfortunately, the cost for the new door was over £5,000. I managed to get a grant from Sonning Deanery for £1,000, but another expense. John Campbell and Rupert Cremer-Evans have also patch-repaired a leak in the Seeby Hall roof from the inside (ask John about getting stuck in the roof!) Which they hope will prevent having the hall roof partially re-felted.

There is more to do: The lobby has been painted, but the kitchen needs redecorating and some further updating before we move on to the lounge area. We are always looking for volunteers who can give a few hours to help with the decorating and for donations to fund the cost of the work. The Pastoral Centre is a focus for many parish activities, but also a vital source of income for the Parish.

Do please contact Karen, Clare or myself if you are able to help in any way.



#### GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Baby and Toddler Time is a friendly group for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers. It is held in the Pastoral Centre on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month during school term time, from 9:00am to 11:00am.

For the first hour and half we have lots of toys for children to play with, toast and fruit (with coffee/tea for adults) and a craft activity. Breastfeeding support is also available (please ask at the welcome desk). In the last half-hour we have a Bible story and lots of singing of nursery rhymes etc. Booking is not necessary.

Kidz Church takes place on Sundays during the 9:30am service. It provides age-related activities in the Pastoral Centre, for children aged three up to school Year 5, every week. There is something for the Kidz Church age group all year round.

The Family Service is held at 11.15am on the first and third Sunday. We are back to our all-singing, all-dancing norm. Family Service is a great Sunday morning activity, whether in the school holidays or in term-time.



Bible Bites is for children in Years 5 and 6, on Monday lunchtimes in school, under the leadership of Sarah Bishop. Please contact her for more information at: familyworker@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk.

Reach (Year 6 and up) is held in the Pastoral Centre during the 9:30am service. More information is available from Liz Percival on: 07950 690729 and Mike Gower on: 07591 240161, via email or the church Facebook page.

#### Additional youth support services

Dream Big Youth Club, held on a Sunday evening, is run by Sandhurst Youth. Contact Liz Percival on 07950 690729, or Mike Gower on 07591 240161 for more information.

XLM Mentoring is a free mentoring support, for young people in the Sandhurst area needing someone to talk and chat with. Contact Mike Gower for more information on 07591 240161.

Youth line counselling service is available by phone, on: 01344 311 200 or via email at: ask@youthlineuk.com FAMILIES AT ST MICHAEL

#### Families booklet available online

A families booklet, with further information about activities for families at our Church, and includes resources for helping you to share faith at home, is available on our website: www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/families



#### Contact us

Do you have something else you'd like to appear in the newsletter? Please send emails to: newsletter@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk.

Please note: The deadline for entries in the December edition is Monday 20 November. If you'd like to receive a version via email, please contact David Hunt at: david.hunt@bcs.org.uk.

#### NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Charity: Barnabus Fund

#### <u>Sunday 5 November – 4th before Advent</u>

**All Saints Sunday** 

Theme: The example of Paul

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (p1186-1187);

Matthew 5:1-12 (p968)

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parish Communion (Traditional)

11:15am Family Service

Theme: Christian heroes

Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12 (p968)* 

6:30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 12 November - 3rd before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Theme: A life pleasing to God

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (p1187-1188);

Matthew 25:1-13 (p994) 8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parish Communion (Informal)

10:55am Act of Remembrance

at the war memorial in Sandhurst



#### Sunday 19 November - 2nd before Advent

Theme: A thief in the night

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p1188); Matthew 25:14-30 (p994-995)

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parish Communion (Reflective)

11:15am Family Service

Theme Be prepared!

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (p994-995)

6:30pm Ecumenical Service at the Methodist Church

#### Sunday 26 November - next before Advent

8:00am Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus is Lord! Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16.20-24 (p865-866);

Matthew 25:31-46 (p995)

10:30am Church Together Service6:30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

#### Coffee

Coffee will be served in the Pastoral Centre after each 9:30am service and before the Family Service in church. Bacon and vegetarian sausage butties will be served in the Pastoral Centre before the Parish Communion Service on Sunday 12 November.

#### **FLIVE** Live-streamed services

Services marked with the above icon are being live-streamed on our *Facebook* page: www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSandhurst.



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