

# St Michael's News July 2013

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## The Healing Power of God

In chapter five of Mark's gospel we have the story of Jairus, who had a sick daughter that he wanted Jesus to bring back to full health, but on the way to his house a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for the last twelve years touched his cloak. 'For,' she said, 'if I touch even his clothes, I shall be healed.' When Jesus found out who it was that touched his clothes he said to her, 'Daughter your faith has made you well.'

As Jill and I have found in the last few years, sickness can interrupt your life and in severe cases, I'm sure, can make one think of ones mortality. For many people sickness can also be very painful and, like the woman who touched Jesus' coat, can go on for years without relief.

But this story, like other stories in the Bible which talk about faith and healing, has to be carefully interpreted. This story doesn't mean that if you haven't any faith then you won't be healed. It only means that in this case her faith made her well and, indeed, faith is a very good thing to have.

In Acts chapter nine, God uses Peter at Joppa to bring Tabitha back to full health. Today, God uses thousands of doctors and nurses to bring people back to full health, and the majority of people who see a doctor do not have any faith in the healing power of God, who indeed is the source of all healing.

**John White**



*Please pray for those on the prayer board and for those who died recently: Betty Cotterell, Bridget Norris, Lionel Treeby.*

## Church Activities

### July Coffee Rota Reminder

7th July	Chris Pocock	Rosemary Dobson
14th July	Stephanie Martin	Lesley Gutteridge
21st July	Di Pullar	Sheila Rees
28th July	Dorothy Hill	Alan Bunton

Prayer Meetings. Prayers for pastoral care are on the 2nd Wednesday each month (10th July), 7.30–8.15 pm in church.

### Visiting Clergy

We welcome Canon David Holt taking our Sunday morning services on 7th and 28th July, and Rev. Roy Burgess, who will be taking our 8.00 am Holy Communion service on 14th July.

House Groups meet each week at these homes:

Monday	8.00 pm	11 Sylvan Ridge (Rupert & Sheridan)
Tuesday	10.15 am	6 Crowthorne Rd (Doris Saunders)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	28 Wiltshire Avenue, Crowthorne (Elizabeth Ritchie)
Tuesday	8.00 pm	2 School Hill (John & Sue Campbell)
Tuesday	7.45 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.

### Crèche

A Crèche facility is available for under threes in the Pastoral Centre. 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 share Holy Communion as a family. Otherwise, collect your children after the service at coffee time.

If you can help with the rota, please contact Caroline Bowles on 07995 65850. You will need to complete CRB forms, which are available from the office. The crèche will not be available during school holidays.

Kidz 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 in the Pastoral

## History at St Michael's

Our church has a rich heritage. Some of which will be on display during the heritage weekend. In the afternoons of 13th, 14th and 15th September, the church will be open and there will be, among other things, a display of old parish magazines – an extract is to the right to whet your appetite.

Put the dates in your diary – more details will follow.

### Blast from the Past!

In the July 1909 edition of the parish magazine there were details of a parish excursion (Crowthorne and Sandhurst) to Southend. Here people would see a Royal Navy demonstration, could row around the ships and even go aboard some of them. Cost: 5/- for an adult.

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 White.

REACH for children in Year 6 and above, runs parallel to the Parish Communion Service, at 9:30–10:45 am and starts in the Upper Room of the Pastoral Centre.

### toddler time

Toddler Time is for everyone under school age and their carers. It's on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 9.30 to 11.00 am 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!

### Ride and Stride!

Want to raise some money for St Michael's and one of our charities? You will need to get sponsored and then on Saturday 14th September, between ten and six o'clock, using a bicycle or walking, visit as many churches as you can to raise money for St Michael's and Berkshire Churches Trust (one of our charities). Full information is available at the back of church. To collect the sponsorship online you can create a page on <http://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>.

### Evensong

Evensong is a time for peaceful worship before the start of a new working week. This month the choir will be singing Gardiner's Evening Hymn as part of a choral evensong with a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Henry Smart. Please join us on the 28th July at 6:30 pm.

### Family Service

The Family Service is held on the first and third Sundays of the month, including school holidays. It caters for families with primary-school and pre-school-age children. It is informal and child-friendly; there are action songs and an interactive talk. Refreshments (real coffee and pastries or cakes) are served before the service in the church from 11.00 am. The service starts at 11.15 am and lasts about 40 minutes. The Family Service is designed to be the place you *really can* come with your small kids and not worry how they will behave! Meet other families and make friends.



**SANDHURST CHURCHES  
TOGETHER**

warmly invite you to

**SONGS OF**

**PRAISE**

at the

**MEMORIAL PARK**

**3pm**

**SUNDAY JULY 28th**

**DO JOIN US!!**

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*.

### Youth Emmaus

The Youth Emmaus Course provides an opportunity for young people in years 7–9 to explore their faith. A new course, lasting about 12 weeks, is being planned to start in September. It will be led by Jan Herd and members of the Youth Team. If you would be interested then please contact Frank ([franklong150@gmail.com](mailto:franklong150@gmail.com)) or Liz Percival on 01344 779658.

### The Link Scheme

The Link Scheme is putting together a list of congregation members who would be willing occasionally to offer a lift to one of our church members. If you would be willing to be called on for this please contact a member of the Link committee: Hilary Smith (01252 872683), Stephanie Martin (01252 873316), Janet Pilbeam (01252 871386), Linda Lemon (01252 874524).

### Church Office August opening hours

In August the Church Office will be open between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. It will be closed for one week: 19–23 August.

### 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 be completed giving times required. Please do not ask clergy to take on this responsibility.

### Clergy Vestry

We urgently need more volunteers to clean the clergy vestry about once a month. Please ring the office (01252 873030) if you would be able to help with this.

### The Social Committee

The social committee consists of John Martin, David Hunt, Jan King, Sara Kaufmann and Jill and John White. 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. We would also welcome suggestions for social events.

### TWAM – Tools With A Mission.

We require any unwanted item for education in places such as Africa, Kosovo and other parts of the world where we can help. Tools for motor vehicles, wooden tools, sewing machines, knitting machines, wool and sewing items would be most welcome. Please see leaflets and posters at the back of church. Please contact David Ragan on 01344 779176 or 07831 515783.



### **Donate your car!**

Here's a novel way to make a donation. Instead of handing over cash, hand over your car! The Barnabas Fund would be happy to relieve you of any vehicle that you would like to get rid of. I don't think they expect you to hand over your much-loved family work horse (but I am sure they would be delighted if you did). They rather expect you to donate an old banger that you have been trying to get rid of but can't find anyone to take off your hands.

Barnabas don't want you to drop off the vehicle at their front door, but to use the organisation Giveacar, which is a not-for-profit enterprise that will turn your old car into cash for charity. The money raised will be given to Barnabas to support persecuted Christians throughout the world, providing food, water, education, medicine.



In its work, Barnabas channels cash through Churches and Christian organisations on the ground, where needed. In Syria, for example, the greatest need is medicine. The war has destroyed most pharmaceutical factories, and medicine storehouses have been robbed and the drugs sold abroad. Prices for what remains are rocketing. A Christian doctor in Aleppo told Barnabas that oxygen cylinders which used to cost around US\$2.50 now cost US\$27–\$30. Barnabas Fund is working with partners in Syria and Lebanon to get medicines transported into the country from elsewhere to help Christians who are in need.

If you would like to help in this work and have a car to donate, go to the web site: <http://giveacar.co.uk/charities/barnabas-fund>. Ordinary cash donations can be made at: <http://barnabasfund.org/UK/Donate/>.

### Christian Aid Lunch.

Many thanks to those who attended or contributed. £585 was collected.  
Jackie Ingram and Dorothy Hill.

### Do you like knitting, crocheting, sewing and making new friends?

On Monday 3rd June our little create group was launched and what fun we had – tea and cakes, chatting, clicking of needles and our own resident knitting instructor! Please do come along on the first Monday afternoon of the month 1.00–3.00 pm in the Pastoral Centre lounge and get creative!

Please bring your own knitting, crotchet, sewing or creative project to enjoy creating in the afternoon, or have a go at one of the knits for the charities we are supporting. There are lots of experienced knitters to help beginners so just come along.

Please contact Rebecca Brown (01344 775185) or Rosaria Toohey (01344 773617) for more details.

### 100 CLUB DRAW

1st Prize: Mrs Jennie Hulbert No 108 £20

2nd Prize: Mrs Val Brown No 68 £10

3rd Prize: Mr Ed Berridge No 97 £5

£34 has been passed to church funds.

Rosemary Dobson

### Gift Aid (blue) envelopes – new rules

Please use the Gift Aid envelopes for even small amounts of cash if you are a taxpayer and have paid enough tax to do so. This is free money from the government and worth doing because it all adds up!

**But**, please check that the following statement applies to your donations before using the envelopes.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and council tax do not qualify. I understand that Sandhurst PCC will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Thank you.

### Used Postage Stamps

Please keep collecting used stamps as this is a way we can easily help several charities. We currently support the British Kidney Patients' Association, the Star and Garter Homes, Research into Cot Death and The Leprosy Mission.

Please cut round your stamps carefully to cut down on unnecessary weight, which means we can transport or post them more easily and. The gold labels from the post office are not suitable. If possible, please trim the stamps, leaving a small margin round each – see the stamp jar label for examples. Many thanks, Doris Saunders and Jenny Thorn

### 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).

### 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.

### The Triangle Café and Christian Bookshop

The Triangle has a very wide range of great devotional and other material available for all. See some of them on our website, [www.thetriangle.org.uk](http://www.thetriangle.org.uk), or call 01252 519172. The Triangle Café and Christian Bookshop, 64 Kingsmead, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU147SL.

### Miles for Macmillan Walk

Macmillan Cancer Support has teamed up with Boots to invite as many people and supporters to the Miles for Macmillan Walk on Saturday 31st August 2013 at Regent's Park in London. Gather your friends, family and the kids for a lovely day out of walking and picnicking. Join our big, beautiful, sponsored walk today and help to make sure no one will face cancer alone. For more information on the Regent's Park Walk, visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/miles](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/miles)

### Newsletter

Please email William Lee at [stmichaelschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelschurch@hotmail.co.uk) or leave written requests with the Church Office. Deadline for August edition: 15th July 2013.

To help the environment and save paper, you can 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).

## Flower and Vestment Festival

Between Thursday 11th July and Sunday 14th July **All Saints Wokingham** is holding a Flower and Vestment Festival. Here is the program

### Thursday 11th July

Opening event 8.00 pm

### Friday 12th July

Festival open 10.00 am–5.00 pm

Tea party for visitors from residential homes 2.30–3.30 pm

### Saturday 13th July

Festival open 10.00 am–5.00 pm

Special activities for children in The Cornerstone, including face-painting and balloon modelling 2.00–4.00 pm

Tower open to see the bells and get a good view of Wokingham 2.00–4.00 pm

A concert sung by the trebles of All Saints Choir, Wokingham 2.30–3.00 pm

### Sunday 14th July

Festival open 12 noon–5.00 pm

Festival Eucharist with the blessing of vestments 9.30 am

Junior Church summer picnic 11.00 am–1.00 pm

Reunion tea party 3.00–4.00 pm

Closing service of celebration and thanksgiving with a selection of choral music, popular hymns and readings for church festivals through the year 6.30 pm

Throughout the weekend there will be activities for children, other exhibitions, 'luscious lunches' and cream teas.

## 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.

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).

4th Guides and Rangers meet on Fridays: 7.00–9.00 pm.

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 years. Packed with choreographed routines to music like hip-hip, 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).

Karate Club for Children. Friday's 5.45–6.45 pm. Phone Neil on 07816 163845.

The Rock and Pop Foundation. New Thursday guitar-tuition sessions started here in April. For further information please call 0844 879 3305 or visit [www.rockandpopfoundation.com](http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com)



## Church Calendar

Date & Time	Venue	Event	Contact
Sun 7 July 12.30 pm	Rackstraws	Parish Sunday lunch	Jan King
Sat 20 July matinee	Bearwood College	Carmen: church party to Bearwood Opera. Tickets £20	Social Committee
Sun 28 July 3.00 pm	Memorial Park	Churches Together Songs of Praise	To be announced

# July Church Services

## Monday 1st July – Wedding

1.00 pm Oscar Sanchez-Salmonte and Lauren Curtis

## Saturday 6th July – Wedding

12 noon James Gow and Emma Ranns

## Sunday 7th July – 6th after Trinity – Topic: Naaman the leper

2 Kings 5:1–14 (p373); Galatians 6:1–6, 7–16 (p1172); Luke 10: 1–11, 16–20 (p1041)

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer

## Sunday 14th July – 7th after Trinity – Topic: Bible Sunday

Amos 7:7–17 (p922); Colossians 1:1–14 (p1182); Luke 10:25–37 (p1042)

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am All-age Parish Communion

## Sunday 21st July – 8th after Trinity – Topic: Prayer

Amos 8:1–12 (p922); Colossians 1:15–28 (p1182); Luke 10:38–42 (p1042)

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service

## Sunday 28th July – 9th after Trinity – Topic: God and riches

Hosea 1:2–10 (p900); Colossians 2:6–15 (p1183); Luke 11:1–13 (p1042)

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.20 am Baptism of Edith Dunlop

3.00 pm Songs of Praise

6.30 pm Choral Evensong



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Thriftswood Summer Picnic – wonderful weather, wonderful music, wonderful garden. Wow.

