

PEW NEWS

St. Michael's Church, Aspley Heath, Woburn Sands

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Sunday 14 April – The Third Sunday of Easter Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Collect For Today

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 3: 12 – 19	Page 117
Luke 24: 36b – 48	Page 87

The Coming Week in St Michael's

Sunday 14 April	9.45 am	Parish Communion followed by APCM
Tuesday 16 April	7.30 pm	Genesis
Thursday 18 April	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
Friday 19 April	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 April	9.45 am	Parish Communion

Annual Church Meeting – TODAY!

Our Annual Meeting is to be held this Sunday immediately after the service. Do stay on for this important meeting in our church life. This is when we elect the PCC, the Churchwardens and other church officers, review the last year and think about our priorities for the year ahead. Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC members are available at the back of the church.

Mrs Margaret Jones

Margaret's funeral will be held on Friday 3 May at 2.00 pm at St Botolph's Church, Aspley Guise.

Sunday School

Our aim is to provide Sunday school every Sunday, despite the fact that some Sundays we have no children attending. To be safeguarding compliant we need to have two adults present with the children. You do not need any special training or expertise in order to do this on an occasional basis. If you would be willing occasionally to be the second person in the room for Sunday school, please sign the rota at the back of church.

Rota for Helping with Genesis

We still have no regular helper for Genesis. If you would be willing occasionally to help Valerie leading our Young People's Group, there is another rota at the back of church to sign up!

More help needed for St Michael's Toddler group – especially in May and June

Our St Michael's Toddler Group is small, but appreciated by those who come, and it makes an important link with local families. Our team of leaders and helpers has been depleted recently for various reasons, so we now urgently need some more people to help us run the group. We have a particular problem for some dates in May and June meaning that we may have to close the group on these days. The session runs from 9.30 – 11.00 a.m. on Thursdays. We arrive to set up at 9.00 a.m. and usually leave by around 11.30 a.m. If you might be able to help us on an occasional or a regular basis, please contact me (*Diana*) for further information.

Saturday 27 April – Church 'Come and See' Open Day and Concert

We are planning an open day to invite visitors to come and see our new facilities. This will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. During this time there will be music in church, and refreshments will be served from our new kitchen. Please sign the rota at the back of church if you are able to help with serving for an hour.

Also, please do invite friends and neighbours along to see our new facilities!

At 6.00 – 7.00 pm. we have a Spanish Classical Guitar Concert given by Mark Jennings. If you want a taster of his music, you can listen here <https://markjenningsmusic.com/recordings/>

Tickets available in advance from Simon Young – cost £12.00

Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Churchyard Maintenance Role

For several years Keith Price has been both Churchwarden and the co-ordinator of our churchyard maintenance. He now feels that the time has come for him to give up the churchyard maintenance role. This role involves:

Organising 3-4 churchyard working parties (usually Saturday mornings) during the grass-growing season

Liaising with the Environmental Working Party of the PCC on the management of the wildflower areas of the churchyard

Liaising with Keith Bates who regularly mows the grass

Undertaking some additional grass cutting and tidying if/when necessary

Please speak to Keith or David (Churchwardens) if you might be able to take this on.

Kara Gander - Ordination as Deacon

Kara will be ordained deacon in Derby Cathedral on Sunday 30 June at 10.45 am. There is no limit on the number who can attend the service.

For Your Prayers

If you would like to include someone in our prayers, please contact Ruth or Gerry Cullinan, or the editor of Pew News directly. Names will normally remain in Pew News for a month, unless we are asked to keep them there for longer.

This week we are asked to pray for **Arlene, Stephen and Carol Hibberd, Lindsay Smith, June Wagg and the family of Mrs Margaret Jones.**

We continue to remember and give thanks for all those faithful members of St Michael's who are unable to get to church due to illness or frailty.

Please send anything for inclusion in 'Pew News' to Robin at pewnews@btinternet.com or Tel: 01908 582704 by Friday lunchtime each week. Our website is www.stmichaelsws.org.uk. and our Facebook Page is **St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands**. A copy of each week's Pew News can be found on our website under **Newsletter**.