

# PEW NEWS

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

Pew News is available on our website each week under 'Newsletter.' You are encouraged to use this as a means of communicating with all here at St. Michael's.

### Sunday 15 September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

#### Collect For Today

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Readings for Today

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James 3: 1 – 12	Page 227
Mark 8: 27 – end	Page 42

#### The Coming Week in St Michael's

Saturday 14 September	9.00 am	Churchyard Tidying Morning
	10.00 am	Bike 'N Hike
Sunday 15 September	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 17 September	2.30 pm	Tuesday Fellowship
Thursday 19 September	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
	7.00 pm	PCC
Friday 20 September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 September	9.45 am	Parish Communion

#### Gift Day Letters

In preparation for our Gift Day on Saturday 28 September, we aim to deliver letters to every household in the parish. This year, we have also included a copy of the Legacy leaflet (see news item!) with each letter.

Bundles of the letters are on a table at the back of church, counted and marked for each street and for other locations. If you are able, can you please take one or more bundles, and deliver them. Thank you again!

#### A Legacy for St Michael's?

Legacies, whether large or small, can make a significant difference to the finances of the church, and what we are able to do. Legacies are a great encouragement to us, and we are very grateful to be remembered in this way.

When you are drafting or reviewing your will, we encourage you to consider including a legacy to the PCC of St Michael's, Woburn Sands, as a way of giving thanks to God for his goodness. We have printed a leaflet about this, and copies are on the rack at the back of church. Thank you!

### **Planning for our Gift Day on 28 September**

Gift Day will take place on Saturday 28 September in the Memorial Hall from 9.00 am until 12 noon. We need ideas for the format of it and what stalls we could run. We need items for all our stalls cakes, plant and produce, raffle prizes and items for the bottle tombola stall anything from bottle of wine to a bottle of shampoo. There are boxes at the back of the church to put items in. Could everyone look out a piece of Bric a Brac or nearly new item for our Bric a Brac stall. We also need people to run the stalls; if you can help in any way please see Mary Biles.

### **Landfill or Recycle?**

This is a dilemma for many of us at St Michael's – what to do with all those those blister packs from pills and tablets, many of which can't go into our council recycling because they are comprised of mixed foil and plastic.

Some pharmacies have recycling schemes but sadly not here in Woburn Sands, and the larger MK pharmacies will only take small quantities from individuals, and not everyone goes regularly into the city centre. Another barrier to recycling is that one of the larger national pharmacies require you to register with an online account to dispose of up-to 15 blister packs (an unnecessarily complex task) and this rules out collections from organisations such as our church.

We may have a solution! Benefiting both the environment and charity. We are linking in with local care home Burlington Hall in a pilot scheme to jointly collect blister packs. They then get sent for recycling and re-use in making items such as decking and garden furniture. Cancer Research also benefits from the proceeds. So bring along your blister packs and help fill the box at back of church, which I will then take to Lynn, the volunteer at Burlington Hall, who is coordinating the project. And – on the recycling subject, please please put the paper wrapping from 'Who cares a crap' toilet rolls into paper recycling not into general rubbish bins. Alternatively re-use them as gift wrap!

Many thanks *Wendy Ardern*

### **All PCC Secretaries and Church Administrators**

The Diocese is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge. Further details are available on their website at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>.

### **Advance Diary Dates**

Saturday 28 September – 9.00 am – 12 noon - Gift Day Fair

Sunday 29 September – Patronal Festival

Sunday 6 October – Harvest Festival - 9.00 am Holy Communion; 11.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service followed by lunch in church.

Wednesday 6 November 7.30 pm Confirmation Service

Saturday 16 November – Wreath Making Workshop

### **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 Stephen and Carol Hibberd, Lindsay Smith, Leslie Geddes, Jean Aslett, Bob and Wendy Ardern, Roberta, John and Craig Cameron.**

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](mailto:pewnews@btinternet.com) or Tel: 01908 582704 by Friday lunchtime each week. Our website is [www.stmichaelsws.org.uk](http://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**.