

PEW NEWS

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

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Sunday 19 May – Day of Pentecost

Collect For Today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Acts 2: 1 – 21	Page 115
Romans 8: 22 – 27	Page 154
John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b – 15	Page 107

The Coming Week in St Michael's

Sunday 19 May	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Friday 24 May	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 May	9.45 am	Trinity Sunday Parish Communion

Please note – there will be NO Toddlers on Thursdays 23 and 30 May and 6 June. Toddlers resume on Thursday 13 June

A Huge Thankyou

To everyone who came to help tidy our churchyard last Saturday. It was a great team effort, and a very enjoyable morning – and our churchyard looks so much better. Thank you also to those who provided refreshments and lunch to keep us going.

Convertible High-Chair

In the Lady Chapel is a child's chair and table, which can also be made into a high-chair with safety harness. This vintage item, in excellent condition, is offered to anyone whose family would find it useful! Please feel free to take it. A donation to church funds would be appreciated.

Recycling

Please put your empty 'don't recycle at home' packages into the black bag provided at the back of the church. I'll take them away and we will be doing a little bit towards a cleaner environment. Thank you.

Janet Hamer

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!

Treading Lightly: Sustainable Living In A Complex World

We have received details from the Cathedral of a special interactive session on Thursday 30 May with the Canon Environmentalist, Dr Hilary Marlow. Many of you will remember Hilary's previous very enjoyable lectures at the Cathedral, and this time promises to be just as informative and thought-provoking as it will explore the challenges of sustainable living and lowering our carbon footprints, both as individuals and in our church communities, and what it means to live justly and sustainably in the world.

The lecture is being held at 7 pm in the Alban Room at the Cathedral and also online, and tickets cost £10 (£6 for students) and are *free* for Readers and Clergy. Full details including booking information can be found on the Cathedral website: [Treading Lightly: Sustainable living in a complex world | St Albans Cathedral](#) *John Buchanan on behalf of Wendy Ardern*

Advance Diary Dates

Sunday 30 June	10.45 am	Kara will be ordained Deacon in Derby Cathedral
Sunday 14 July	10.30 am	A Community Celebration Service for 50 Years of the Town of Woburn Sands
Wednesday 6 November	7.30 pm	Confirmation 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, Leslie Geddes, Jean Aslett and Gill McCarthy.**

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**.