

# 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 21 April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Collect For Today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### Readings

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### The Coming Week in St Michael's

Sunday 21 April	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 23 April	7.30 pm	Genesis
Thursday 25 April	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
Friday 26 April	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 27 April	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	'Come and See' Open Day
	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Mark Jennings on Classical Guitar 'The Spirit of Spain'
Sunday 28 April	9.45 am	Parish Communion

### A Request for some Quiet

Our worship, our fellowship and our business are all inter-connected. But there are times when we need to remind ourselves which one we are doing. I'd like to remind you all that before the service on Sunday morning is a time to focus on coming into the presence of God to worship, not to take the opportunity to 'catch' people you need to speak to. Please remember that while some people may be only too glad to chat there are others who are longing for a bit of peace and quiet before and during the service. This is especially the case while Communion is being distributed when people may wish to be quiet, reflect and pray.

### Leading our Intercessions

If you would be interested in some training on how to lead intercessions with a view to leading our intercessions in church, please contact Ruth Cullinan or myself (*Diana*)

### **Churchwardens and PCC members following our APCM on 14 April**

David Biles - Churchwarden – Vice-Chair – Standing Committee member  
Keith Price – Churchwarden – Standing Committee member  
Ruth Cullinan – Deanery Synod Representative – elected 2023 for three years  
Janet Hamer -elected May 2023 for three years – Standing Committee  
Jenny McCarville – elected May 2023 for three years  
Valerie Symon – elected May 2023 for three years  
David Hancorn – elected May 2023 for three years  
Geoff Cooper – elected May 2023 for three years – Standing Committee  
Wendy Ardern – Deanery Synod Member – elected May 2023 for three years  
Bob Ardern – Deanery Synod Member – elected May 2023 for three years  
John Scott – elected April 2024 for three years  
Arlene Barber – elected May 2022 for three years  
Revd Diana Young – Chair – Standing Committee member  
Revd Nick Parkinson – PCC member (co-opted)  
Julie Lanyon-Hogg (Secretary) – but not PCC member  
Simon Young (Treasurer) – but not PCC member

### **Churchyard Working Party**

A Church yard working party has been arranged for Saturday 11 May, between 9.00 am and 12 noon. This will include a coffee break and light buffet lunch. Please inform Mary or David Biles if you are able to attend.

### **Open Day on 27 April 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and Guitar Concert at 6.00 pm**

Our ‘Come and See’ open day on 27 April is coming up fast. Thank you very much to those who have volunteered to be around and staff our refreshments during the day. Thank you also to Anne and the choir, and all the other musicians who will be playing during the day.

All we need to do now is invite as many people as we can to come and visit us during the day and/or to come and support our concert of Classical Spanish Guitar music in the evening. The open day is free, though donations for refreshments would be appreciated. For the evening concert tickets are available in advance from Simon Young 01908 584598 or [youngs2902@gmail.com](mailto:youngs2902@gmail.com) or on the door.

### **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 am on Thursdays. We arrive to set up at 9.00 am and usually leave by around 11.30 am. If you might be able to help us on an occasional or a regular basis, please contact me (*Diana*) for further information.

## 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!

## 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.

## Advance Diary Dates

Thursday 9 May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 14 July	10.30 am	A Community Celebration Service for 50 Years of the Town of Woburn Sands

## 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](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**.