

# 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 24 March –Palm Sunday

#### Collect For Today

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

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#### The Week in St Michael's

Sunday 24 March	9.45 am	Palm Sunday - Family Communion Service with Procession and Reading of the Passion Narrative
Monday 25 March	7.00 pm	Compline
Tuesday 26 March	7.00 pm	Compline
	7.45 pm	All are welcome to join in Genesis music evening after Compline (See below for details)
Wednesday 27 March	7.00 pm	Compline
Thursday 28 March	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion followed by optional Watch until 9.00 pm
Friday 29 March	10.30 am	Good Friday - Churches Together Procession and Act of Witness at Woburn Sands War Memorial
Friday 29 March	2.00 pm	An hour of devotion in church
Saturday 30 March	10.00 am	Easter Children's Cooking Activities – contact Val to book <a href="mailto:valeriesymon779@btinternet.com">valeriesymon779@btinternet.com</a>
Saturday 30 March	7.00 pm	Easter Eve Service of Light
Sunday 31 March	9.45 am	Easter Sunday – Family Communion Service with Easter Egg hunt and followed by orange rolling

#### Gluten Free Communion Wafers

If you need a gluten free wafer for Holy Communion, please tell one of our sidespeople before the service begins.

### **Genesis Music Evening**

An invitation. Please come and join Genesis on Tuesday 26 March for a musical hour. Next week after Compline, we have Geoff and Keith joining Genesis to play and sing (hoping to start about 7.45 pm).

Members of Genesis are bringing their musical instruments and their voices and it would be great if some of you would join us.

Needless to say we always finish our evening with refreshments to which you are cordially invited.

### **Easter Flowers and Ducks**

Joan Higgs has kindly knitted and donated some Easter ducks and flowers with Cadbury's crème eggs inside. They are available at the back of church. Please make a donation for them to St Michael's.

### **PCC Membership**

Our Annual Meeting when we elect the PCC, the Churchwardens and other church officers, is to be held soon after Easter (14 April). So now is the time to be thinking about whether God is calling you to serve in any of these roles. Churchwardens are elected annually, and we have several vacancies for PCC members. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

### **Church Electoral Roll**

A reminder of the announcement in last Sunday's service in case you weren't in church; it's time to update the church electoral roll. If you aren't already on it this is your opportunity to be added. In simple terms, this means you are able to be part of the decision making about what happens at St Michael's via your votes at the APCM etc. It does not obligate you in any way. Your data on the register is protected by GDPR rules. Pick up a form at the back of church before 24th March.

Any questions? Happy to help. *Lynne Proctor*

### **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.

### Diocesan Job Vacancy

The Diocese of St Albans has a vacancy for Safeguarding Administrator. The job is central to their Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme.

- 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days)
- Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans
- We are looking for strong Administrative and Communication skills and someone who is good at working as part of a team.

Deadline for applications are 12.00 pm on Monday 8 April. For more details follow the link: **Safeguarding Administrator (0.6) - The Diocese of St Albans ([stalbandsdiocese.org](http://stalbandsdiocese.org))**

### MK Food Bank donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated Food Bank items in response to our appeal last week. The Food Bank people were very grateful! However, stock levels at the warehouse remain low, whilst demand is still high. So please keep up the good work and keep donating - as a certain supermarket tells us "Every little helps!"

*Ralph & Janet Greenwell*

### Advance Dates for your Diary

Sunday 14 April	11.00 am	Annual Church Meeting after a shortened Morning Service
Saturday 27 April		Church Open Day
Saturday 27 April	6.00 pm	Mark Jennings will give a Concert of Spanish classical guitar music. Tickets £12.00 – please contact Simon Young for tickets.

### 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, Margaret Jones and the family of Evelyn Wright**

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**.