

PEW NEWS

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

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Sunday 28 April – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect For Today

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

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The Coming Week in St Michael's

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
Thursday 2 May	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
Friday 3 May	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 5 May	9.45am	Parish Communion
	3.00 pm	Family Service

Do come along to our Open Day on Saturday to hear our choir and other musicians and to welcome others from our community into our church. And don't forget the concert in the evening!

Mrs Margaret Jones

A reminder that Margaret's funeral will be held at St Botolph's Aspley Guise on Friday 3 May at 2.00 pm.

Churchyard Working Party

A Churchyard 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.

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*)

More help needed for St Michael's Toddler Group

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.

Help needed for some dates in May and June

We may have to close our Toddler group for some sessions in May and June unless we can find some leaders able to take responsibility for the group. 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 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!

Confirmation 2024

Bishop Jane, the Bishop of Hertford, is coming to take a Confirmation service at St Michael's on Wednesday 6 November at 7.30 pm. It seems a long way ahead, but it would be really helpful to know now of anyone who would like to be confirmed. My plan would be to run classes in September and October. Please speak to me if you would be interested in this.

Diana

Advance Diary Dates

Thursday 9 May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion
Saturday 11 May	9.00 am	Churchyard Working Party
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, June Wagg, Leslie Geddes, 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**.