

EW 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 9 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect for Today

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8	Page 645
1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11	Page 172
Luke 5: 1 – 11	Page 59

The Coming Week in St Michael's

Sunday 9 February	9.45 am	Parish Communion
Thursday 13 February	9.30 am	St Michael's Toddlers
Friday 14 February	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16 February	9.45 am	Parish Communion

Mr Bob France

The funeral of Bob France will take place at the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, at 10.00 am on Wednesday 12 February. Please remember Annette and Chanelle in your prayers.

Mr Peter George

Some of you may also remember Mr Peter George, who also sadly died recently. The Celebration of Life service will be on Friday 7 March 2025 at Newport Pagnell Methodist Church MK16 8AQ at 12.45pm, to be followed by refreshments at The Swan Revived Hotel MK16 8AR. We would love to see as many of his friends as possible.

If you wish to attend, please reply to smgeorge.bsc@gmail.com. Or, if you can't email, please text or call 07712 088546.

(Please note that this is not the Peter George who is a Churchwarden at Husborne Crawley).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 6 April. A reminder to all those concerned to please let Julie have their annual reports as soon as is convenient. The deadline for this is 14 February.

A Book to Read for Lent

If you like to read a book for Lent you might like 'Wild Bright Hope' the Big Church Read Lent book for 2025. This is a book of reflections from a diverse group of younger Christians working in and with the church in areas such as reconciliation, international and public policy, ministry, the creative industries and more. All of them write on the theme of hope. The book is published by SPCK.

Spirituality and Dementia

We have the offer of an expert in the field coming to speak to a group of us about how dementia affects peoples' experience of God, and how to work with this. If you would be interested in this, please let Diana know.

Look After Your Health!

Healthwatch MK are an organisation concerned with improving health for all residents of MK. They run events, do surveys and circulate information. They also publish a monthly newsletter. For more information and access to their newsletter, their website is:

<https://www.healthwatchmiltonkeynes.co.uk/>

Advance Notice – World Day of Prayer Service – Friday 7 March

It's our turn to host the World Day of Prayer Service this year on Friday evening, 7 March. The service has been put together by the women of the Cook Islands. This is another opportunity to enjoy worshipping together with members of other local churches. Do put it in your diary now!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 March	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Friday 7 March	7.00 pm	World Day of Prayer Service hosted by St Michael's
Sunday 6 April	11.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

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 **David and Sandie, Richard Birchall, Betty Course, Paul Hamer, and we pray for Annette and Chanelle France and all the family in the loss of Bob.**

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: 07792 287447 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**.