

Notices

Wag and Bone Show

Saturday, 17th July 2010 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Emery Down & Bank Village Hall

Fun Dog Show starts @ 2.45pm

with Fancy Dress for Dogs & Children,
followed by Fun Dog Classes

Plus: Cream Teas & Cakes;
Stalls & Children's Activities.

Entry @ Gate: Adults £1, Children Free;

Dogs: £2 per Dog for Show (covers all classes).

Free Parking in adjacent field.

A 'Friends of Christ Church' Event.

Lay Pastors Meeting

Tuesday 20th July 7.30 pm

7pm for coffee

Lyndhurst Parish Hall

Rev Mike Powis from the diocese will be speaking
on Mission and Newcomers

All welcome

Home Group

Tuesday 13th July at 7.15 pm

at Whinwood, Beaulieu Road
and everyone is very welcome.

For more details call David and Peggy 8028 3154

St Michael's Young Church

Children and Young People

We would love you to join in our
Young Church activities today.

We leave the service after the second hymn.

For further information on Young Church please
contact Alison on 023 8028 2587

St Michael's School Leavers' Service

Wednesday 21st July at St Michael's

1.00pm Cream Tea

1.45pm Service

EVERYONE WELCOME

Come and give our Year 2 children a good send
off as they move on to the next stage of
their education

*Donations of scones, jam and clotted cream
would be appreciated - please talk to Monica*

Pastoral Visits & Home Communion

If you would value a visit from church, or to
receive Communion at home, please ring:

Peggy Nicholls on 8028 2378

or the Parishes Office on 8028 2154

The Benefice of Lyndhurst & Emery Down & Minstead Diocese of Winchester: "Making and Growing Disciples"

Sunday 11th July 2010

6th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our gathering today!

If you wish to know more about the activities
of our churches, please talk to one of the welcomers,
or call the Benefice Office on 8028 2154.

Today's Gatherings (2nd Sunday)

**10.30 am Altogether Worship and
Holy Communion**

St Michael's, James

YouChurch

Christ Church, LWL's

3.30 Songs of Praise Picnic

St Michael's

4.30 pm Songs of Praise

St Michael's

Today's Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love towards you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we desire;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 30:1-10. Pew Bible OT 193
The prosperity God offers his people is on
condition that they keep the commandments of
his covenant; but his commandments are easy to
keep.

Galatians 3. 15-29. Pew Bible NT 225
The law shows what wrongdoing is, but is no
remedy. God's promise however is older, and is
still available to all who trust Christ.

Luke 10:21-24. Pew Bible NT 88
Jesus rejoices because he reveals God's promise
to ordinary unlearned trusting folk, not the
religious legal sophisticates.

Did you ever play dressing up as a child (or more recently!)? The idea was that as you put on the costume, you became the person the costume revealed. It still happens of course in many plays, operas, films etc today. By putting on the costume, we become someone else.

Paul's towering discovery was, as we've been discovering ourselves, that what brings us into a right relationship with God (a saving relationship; a relationship that will last in eternal terms; a relationship that gets us into 'heaven' for sure; that gets us into God's 'good books') is not a duty bound, me-based attempt to follow the laws and rituals of religion and morals, trying-in-our-own-strength to do what we're told, but is a truly liberating acceptance, or belief, that Jesus has done this for us; it's trusting that God, after all, loves us to the Nth degree. He loves us so much that he gave his life, incarnated in Jesus Christ, to pay the price of my sin.

In today's passage from his letter to the churches in Galatia, Paul uses this brilliant analogy. He says that if we simply accept God's love for us, as demonstrated in Jesus, it's as if we put on a Jesus costume, and we become him. All of us who 'put Christ on' become Him, and so we become one, in Him. Hence, no more barriers, either between us and God, because in Christ we are in God, or between us people, because we are all one in Christ. Brilliant!

Intercessions

In Jesus' name, we pray healing for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially this week:

Alison and Robert Colin-Stokes,
Derek and Beatrice Kent, Janet Garrick,
Paul Meredith, Evie (Sue's mum),
Sid Cassidy, Alan Gravestock, Elsie Webb,
Diana Savill (Joan Pritchard's daughter),
Elizabeth (Sally Frost's daughter),
Baby Benedict, Mollie Nicholls,
Margaret Menzies, Mary Witt,
and Peter Strange.

and we pray for all those who care for them. We remember all who have died recently, and pray for their families in their bereavement.

Phillip Alford, Tim Wood, Pamela Mayes,
Margaret Bran, Ted Swallow
and Anthony Longland.

The Week Ahead

Mon 12th	2.00	Funeral of Phillip Alford <i>St Michael's</i>
Tues 13th	8.50	DIDO Coffee <i>St Michael's</i>
	2.00	Funeral of Tim Wood <i>St Michael's</i>
	7.15	Home Group <i>Whinwood, Beaulieu Road</i>
Wed 14th	9.00	Benefice Prayers <i>St Michael's</i>
	10.30	Holy Communion / Coffee <i>Nondescripts Club</i>
	11.00	Bell Ringing <i>All Saints</i>
	12.00	Funeral of Pamela Mayes <i>St Michael's</i>
	7.00	Worship Music Group <i>St Michael's</i>
Thurs 15th	9.00	Morning Prayer <i>All Saints</i>
	10.30	Coffee@Christ Church <i>Christ Church</i>
	2.00	Funeral of Margaret Bran <i>Southampton Crematorium</i>
	7.00	Bell Ringing <i>St Michael's</i>
Sat 17th	2.30	Wag & Bone Show <i>Emery Down Village Hall</i>
Sun 18th	5.30	Minstead Singers <i>All Saints</i>

Gatherings and Readings for next Sunday 18th July Trinity 6 (3rd Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>St Michael's, James</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship <i>St Michael's, John Broadley</i> Holy Communion <i>Christ Church, James</i> All Age Worship <i>All Saints, Mary Sergel</i>
6.00 pm	The Lord's Supper <i>All Saints, James</i>

Genesis 18. 1-15.

Galatians 4. 1-20.

Luke 10. 38-42.

GNB OT 17

GNB NT 226

GNB NT 89

Prayer Point for this week

For the carers of loved ones with ongoing sickness or disability - for strength, for patience, for hope, for a sense of God's presence.

For those who care for carers - the gift of encouragement.