



## Sundays at 9:30am and 11:15am

Date	Service	Theme	Reading
1st Jan	<b>ALL-AGE SERVICE</b> at 10:00 for 10:30am	Time for God <i>(coffee and croissants from 10:00am)</i>	Luke 10:38-42
8th Jan	<b>SERVICE OF THE WORD</b>	The Holy Spirit as Evangelist	Acts 2:1-5, 14-21
15th Jan	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Evangelism: The Message	Acts 2:22-24, 32-36
22nd Jan	<b>SUNDAY 4</b> (9:30am) <b>BIG ISSUE</b> (11:15am)	<i>'God's word in today's language'</i> <i>'Does God care about the unemployed?'</i>	
29th Jan	<b>BAPTISM SERVICE</b> (by immersion) at 10:00am	Evangelism: The Response	Acts 2:37-41
5th Feb	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<i>Christian Giving: A Generous God</i>	1 Chronicles 29:10-14
12th Feb	<b>SERVICE OF THE WORD</b>	<i>Christian Giving: A Generous People</i>	2 Corinthians 8:1-9
19th Feb	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Evangelism and the Church	Acts 2:42-47
26th Feb	<b>SUNDAY 4</b> (9:30am) <b>BIG ISSUE</b> (11:15am)	<i>'God's word in today's language'</i> <i>'Good News of the World? A Christian view of press freedom'</i>	
4th Mar	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> (9:30am) <b>HEALING SERVICE</b> (11:15am)	Healing and Evangelism	Acts 3:1-13a
11th Mar	<b>SERVICE OF THE WORD</b>	Prayer and Evangelism	Acts 4:23-31
18th Mar	<b>SUNDAY 4 'EXTRA'</b> (9:30am) <b>GUEST SERVICE</b> (11:15 am)	Mothering Sunday <i>A special service for those new to church—please bring a friend!</i>	
25th Mar	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Personal Evangelism	Acts 8:26-39

### Message from the Vicar

I wish you all a very happy New Year and pray that God will bless you in 2012. Please do let us know if there is any help the church can give you in the year to come. Rev Andrew Marsden.



### Explaining our Services

Most of these services will include praise, prayer, Bible reading(s) and a talk or sermon. At 9:30am on a Sunday morning there are children's groups (see below), except at Sunday 4 (or All Age Services).

**HOLY COMMUNION:** "Give thanks ..." At the heart of this service is the act of taking bread and wine, giving thanks, and sharing them in memory of Jesus' death on the cross.



**HEALING SERVICE:** This takes place on the first Sunday of each month (except Feb) at 'Hungry', our 11.15am Service.

**SERVICE OF THE WORD:** An in-depth look at a passage from the Bible in the context of praise and prayer.

**SUNDAY 4:** "God's word in today's language". Our monthly service for all ages which aims to make church accessible to people who are not used to it. Bring a friend!

**BIG ISSUE:** Do you have questions about life? Finding it hard to get answers? Come along for a coffee, a talk and the opportunity to ask questions. Once a month at 11:15am. No previous knowledge necessary and you can take part as much or as little as you like.



**PRAISE & HEALING:** "To the Max" A longer time of praise than is possible in the mornings, with a Bible-based talk, leading into healing prayer. Held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 7:00pm.

### 'Sunday Classic' Songs of Praise

Sunday 15th January  
and Sunday 18th March  
at 3:00pm



Come and sing some well-known hymns, hear people's stories behind their favourite music and then join us for Afternoon Tea.

If you'd like a lift, please contact the Parish Centre.

### Other Weekly Services

**HOLY COMMUNION:** 8:00am each Sunday - For early risers! There is no music at this service, but plenty of opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection. On the first Sunday of each month we use the traditional language service.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** 10:00am each Wednesday - A friendly service with a talk and Holy Communion. Great if you can't get to church on a Sunday!



### Church Calendar



Date	Time	Event
8th Jan	7:00pm	Praise and Healing
11th Jan	8:00pm	'Just Looking' Course begins
15th Jan	3:00pm	Sunday Classic 'Songs of Praise'
	6.30pm	CTW United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Wokingham Baptist Church
18th Jan	8:00pm	The Marriage Banquet
22nd Jan	6:30pm	CTC United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Holy Ghost RC Church, Crowthorne
	7:00pm	Praise and Healing
25th Jan	7:30pm	'The Marriage Course' begins
28th Jan	6:00pm	'Duggie Dug Dug' Concert
12th Feb	7:00pm	Praise and Healing
25th Feb	7:00pm	Praise and Healing
11th Mar	7:00pm	Praise and Healing
18th Mar	3:00pm	Sunday Classic 'Songs of Praise'
25th Mar	6:30pm	Praise and Healing - joint Lent service with CTC

### Services for Holy Week and Easter

This year Easter Sunday is 8th April and full details of our Easter Services will appear in our Spring Programme (April-June 2011)

### Evening Services for Lent Churches Together in Crowthorne

6:30pm	26th February	Methodist Church, Crowthorne
6:00pm	4th March	St James, Finchampstead
6:30pm	11th March	Baptist Church, Crowthorne
6:00pm	18th March	St John's, Crowthorne
6:30pm	25th March	St Sebastian's (see above)

### Prayer for Healing

is available at most of our services or by appointment

### 'Pray with Passion'

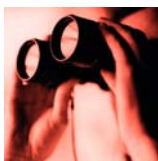
Every Monday Evening (except Bank Holidays)  
8.30pm - 9.30pm in Church. All welcome!

'Your face, LORD, I will seek' (Psalm 27:8)



## Just Looking at Christianity

This is a six-week course for people who would like to investigate the Christian faith without any strings attached. It is aimed at those who do not normally come to church and those who have questions.



Starts Wednesday 11th January.  
Please ring the Parish Office to book a place

give your relationship an MOT

[www.marriagecounselling.org](http://www.marriagecounselling.org)

You are invited to a  
**Marriage Banquet**  
8:00pm, Wednesday 18th January 2012  
in the Parish Centre  
at which you will be given more information about

### The Marriage Course

To book (£10.00 per couple) contact Amanda in the Parish Office. For more information, pick up a leaflet from the back of Church.



### Men's Breakfast

Saturdays, 7.45 - 9.00am, normally on the third Saturday of the month. For catering purposes, please ring Tim Bull on 0118 978 4123 if you would like to attend.

### Growing Together

**HOME GROUPS:** Meeting weekly or fortnightly for fellowship, Bible study, worship and prayer. A great way to get to know people and grow in your own faith.



**PRAYER REQUESTS** can go in the weekly notice sheet, or on the email Prayer Circle (contact Brian Hart on 01344 772670 or hartshomeuk@hotmail.com). For serious emergency requests requiring immediate prayer contact Penny Thurgood (on 0118 978 0771), to send your request around the telephone Prayer Chain.

### Need any help?



The **PASTORAL LIFE** team can offer a lift to hospital, a cooked meal, emergency childcare, a friendly visit, DIY or a listening ear. Contact the Parish Office.

### Getting to know each other - regular groups

**FRIENDS:** Encourages friendships between people with similar interests and situations who are on their own.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meet and chat to others who have faced the illness. Meets every second Tuesday of the month, 10.00am until 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre.

**JUBILEE CLUB:** 'For the young at heart'. Transport available. 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every Tuesday.

## Children and Young People at St Sebastian's

### Sundays during the 9.30am Service

For ages 0-3  
**CRECHE** meets with Space Trekkers in the School

For ages 2½ - School Year 6  
**SPACE TREKKERS** On the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings of the month, starting in church. Climb on board to meet with God through fun, games, crafts etc.



**THE SPACE PLACE** A children's service on the second Sunday of every month, starting in the School Hall. Come and enjoy: DVDs, Games, Crafts, Custard Pies, Songs, Funky Birthday Hairspray, and more!



For those in School Year 7+  
**LASERS** meet in the Parish Centre on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Learn more about Christianity through games, DVDs, discussions and activities including craft, art and drama.

**THE BIG BREAKFAST** is our Youth Service, for Years 7-13. 1st Sunday of the month is St Sebastian's School Hall. Come together to worship, share a meal and have fun.

### Midweek for Young People

**BLOG:** Our Friday evening Youth Group for School Years 7-9. 6:30pm - 7:45pm in the Parish Centre Flat. Hang out on a Friday evening with friends; share the ups and downs of the week; laugh, play, create and chat; make space for God and each other.

**HEART 2 HEART** for girls (pampering, craft and chat) and **BOYZONE** for boys (gaming, Wii and air hockey), meet on alternate Fridays, before Big Breakfast.



Youth Worker: Debbie Harris



Children's Worker: Sally Alexander

For more information please contact Debbie or Sally on 01344 761050

**BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, & BROWNIES** all meet weekly during term-time in our Church Hall. Please ring the Parish Office for contact numbers.

### Christian Giving

Giving is part of our worship, and we will have an opportunity in February to review our giving for God. There will be a mini sermon series on 5th and 12th February and information about the church's finances will be available.



January-March 2012

## NEW YEAR PROGRAMME



## St Sebastian's Church

Nine Mile Ride,  
Wokingham Without  
'Not without Jesus'

[www.stsebastians.org.uk](http://www.stsebastians.org.uk)

Further details of these and other events run by the church can be obtained from the Parish Office  
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