**SONNING DEANERY PRAYER CYCLE
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**This month our focus is on St Michael and All Angels, Sandhurst.**

**Please pray for:
Rector:** Revd John Castle

**Associate Ministers:** Revd John White and Revd Jane Kraft

**Wardens:** Catherine Wilkins and Emma Hodge,

**Families Worker:** Sarah Bishop

**Youth worker:** Mike Gower

**In the Parish, please pray for:**

* Revd John Castle as he prepares for his sabbatical at the end of April.
* Emma Hodge giving thanks for her hard work in the role of warden and prayer and that we will find a replacement.
* Our PCC and our upcoming APCM on 20th April.
* Our new Inter-generational 'Churches Together'fourth Sunday Service.
* All outreach activities and those who use them, including Baby & Toddler Time, Knit & Natter & Dream Big Youth Club.
* The charities that we have planted and continue to support and those that use them, including The Sandhurst Counselling Service and Sandhurst Youth.
* The growth and development in all our youth work including Kidz Church and Reach.
* The group going to Spring Harvest, and those who are carrying on the services in holy week in Sandhurst.
* And give thanks for members of churches from Sandhurst and Crowthorne coming together to prepare for the performance of the mini-musical “Jerusalem Joy” on Palm Sunday evening.

**In the Deanery, please pray for:**

* The parishes in vacancy (**Crowthorne, Winnersh and Bearwood and St Sebastians**); for all those who are stepping up to take on new responsibilities and for all those involved in thinking about the next stage for those parishes.
* **All Saints Wokingham** for a good start to the re-ordering as the contractors begin work and a smooth transition to The Cornerstone for Sunday worship.
* **Bishop Steven’s visit** to the Deanery on March 1st. The meeting for clergy in the afternoon at Yeldall Manor and the evening meeting for Church members at the Whitty Theatre, Luckley House School; a talk and opportunity to ask questions.
* All study and meditation groups and special services as we observe Lent in our parishes and Deanery.

**And as we pray for our world:**

**Creation’s Cross**

We, your people come.

We, who crucify this world,

stripping bare its soil,

crowning it with a wreath of broken trees.

Its air breathes painfully,

its waters weep for the folly that poisons them, Its creatures bleed.

We have eaten and drunk of life's body.

Heirs of all,

we have sold our world.

Thirty pieces of silver is our price. Loudly declaring our love,

we have denied our Lord.

We are Judas,

we are Peter.

We are the cross of all creation.

*[From: Palmer, Martin. (1993). Living Christianity. Rockport, Mass : Element]*

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