

Notices continued:

The Silent Prayer Group:

Please note there is no Silent Prayer Meeting tomorrow 02.01.2017. The next meeting will be on Monday 6th February. More details nearer the time.

FOSM Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 19th January. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to come to this very sociable occasion, so do join us.

Fairtrade Stall:

Steph will be here on Sunday 15th January with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service. Please bring plenty of change and stock up on all your favourite items. Thank you.

Christmas card recycling: When Christmas is over and you wonder what to do with all those cards, please could you save them up for Mary Lamb who has a project in mind!! She will put a box at the back of church for them to be placed in. Thank you very much in anticipation.

The Healing Team:

Two members of the Healing Group will be in our Space for Grace after the 9.30 service today for anyone to share their concerns, doubts, fears or worries. It is done in complete confidence.

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have continued to contribute donations of food to the church food bank. As you know everything from St Michaels goes to the Woodbridge branch of the Salvation Army. Quite a lot of the people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers, so could you bear that in mind as well when you are buying. Tinned meat or fish and other basics are the most urgently needed (all within the sell by date please). Once again many thanks and keep them coming. Sandy Rowles.

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The Naming of Jesus January 1st 2017

Today's Service:

Hymns – See hymn board.

Collect: Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Galatians 4.4–7

4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord. . .

Response (ALL) Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: See hymn board.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.15–21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Response (ALL): Glory to you, O Lord.

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response (ALL): Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour; grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Patrick Lewin and Graham Vellacott, Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices:

Monthly newsletter: Please pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter from the back of church and take it home with you. It is full of useful information for January. If you have anything you wish to put in the November newsletter please speak to Victoria or email it to the Parish Office, your contributions will be very welcome.

Baby Cafe:

This restarts in Church on Friday 6th January from 9am – 10.30am and then every Friday, term time only. Pre-school children are welcome. So spread the word and call in for a free coffee and a chat. Any enquiries please phone Wendy 720125.

Knitters and Stitches: The next Knit and Stitch meeting is on Tuesday 17th January at 2pm in church. We will share ideas for new projects; do come for a chat, a cuppa or even some stitching! All welcome for any part or all the session, we love to meet new people. More details: Mary Lamb: 638897 or Geraldine.

Wednesday 4th January, 10.30am Holy Communion. In the Rectory.

Next Sunday: Sunday 8th January: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer). 9.30am Family Eucharist (Common Worship).

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship).

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