

Notices: Gift Aid: "As it is the end of the tax year, we will soon be reclaiming from HMRC the tax that people have paid on Gift Aided donations. We have been asked to remind people that, if their donations are covered by a Gift Aid declaration, it is their responsibility to ensure that they have paid sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the amount that we will reclaim on their donations. If you have made donations that you have asked to be Gift Aided, this means that, in the year to 5 April, you must have paid tax equal to or greater than 25% of your donations. If you have made a Gift Aid declaration but now do not pay tax or have not paid an amount of tax that is at least 25% of your donations to St Michael's, or have a query about your donations please contact Adrian Morgan on 01728 723154 to ensure that we do not incorrectly claim tax on all your donations for the 2016-17 tax year."

Church Guiding: Saturday 1st April is the start of the season for St Michael's team of Volunteer Welcomers. They are a presence in the church most afternoons between 2 pm – 4 pm and also direct visitors to the excellent range of publications that cover various features of the church building. It is not too late to join the team! If you can spare a couple of hours a month and would like further information, please contact Jenny Broster on 01728 720103. If you are new to Framlingham and/or new to stewarding I would be pleased to work alongside you in the first session or two.

Fair Trade Stall: Steph will be here on Sunday 9th April 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.

Good Friday Workshop in St. Michaels church 10am -12am, Come and help create an image for Easter out of all those recycled cards you kindly gave to Mary.

Easter Saturday in St Michaels church 10am -12pm: Come and help create an image for Easter out of all those recycled cards you kindly gave to Mary. Help to decorate the Easter tree with chicks, animals and chocolate ready for the service on Easter Sunday. All welcome. If you need more information please contact: Revd. Mary Lamb, 01728 638897

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 or to say thank you. It is done in complete confidence.

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service: Deborah, Edith or Victoria would be very pleased if any children would like to come and join in some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

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Wednesday 5th April – 10.30am Holy Communion in the Rectory followed by Lent Study Group.

Next Sunday: Sunday 9th April 2016: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Family Eucharist, shared with Saxtead. Palm Sunday with Donkey.
Saxtead: No Service.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Sunday 2nd April 2017 - Passion Sunday.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: Praise to the Holiest - 627

Gradual Hymn: Breathe on me, Breath of God - 87

Offertory Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross - 820

Final Hymn: The royal banners forward go - 729

Kyries in Lent 5 – Michael Booker

Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world; lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.1–14

1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

For the word of the Lord. Response (ALL) **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation for Lent – Andrew Moore

Response (ALL): Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! X2

GOSPEL: John 11.1–45

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

1 A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' 8 The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11 After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you

whatever you ask of him.' 23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' 24 Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' 25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 27 She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Response (ALL): **Praise to you O Christ.**

Post Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for: Ted Read, Marion Barber, Ben Bullock, Robin Self, Patrick Lewin and Graham Vellacott, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.