

Notices continued:

Fair Trade Stall. Steph will be here on Sunday 11th February 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.

FOSM Lunch This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 15th February. 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.

Digital Prayer: You may have noticed that we now have a new prayer facility in church which complements the Space for Grace . It is there for everyone who wishes to use it. You type your prayer on the touch screen at the back of the church by the "shop". The prayer is displayed on the wall by Sir Robert Hitcham's tomb. It will be displayed there for a week. We hope this will be helpful to you.

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.

Food Bank Update: Thank you to everyone who has been donating food for the food bank, the Salvation Army is very grateful. A lot of the people who use this food bank are homeless and so don't even have a cooker; something to bear that in mind when you buy. Please continue to check the SELL BY DATES, this is really important. Sandy R.

Wednesday 7th February – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 11th February 2018:

8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW).

12.30pm Baptism of Roxanne, Ruby, Caelum and Laila Codd.

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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The Second Sunday Before Lent. February 4th 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: It's rounded like an orange (words in service booklet, to the tune of The Holly and the Ivy)

Gradual Hymn: 762 This little light of mine

Offertory Hymn: 444 Like a candle flame

Final Hymn: 242 God is love His the care

Collect:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Hebrews 2.14–18

14 Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

For the word of the Lord.

Response (ALL): **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Luke 2.22–40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church; may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Notices:

Children's Society Boxes: February is the month for our boxes to be emptied, so please would you bring them to church as soon as possible now. If you would like a box for 2018, I will have some with me in church for the next few weeks. For any newcomers, the idea is to put your loose change into the boxes at the end of the day, it soon adds up. Last year we raised the wonderful total of £962! The Children's Society works with vulnerable children, who have nowhere left to turn. For more information please visit the website childrenssociety.org.uk. Mary Stanbrook.

Christingle Collection:

As well as the Children's Society boxes, any cash in the collection will go to the Children's Society today. (The regular giving envelopes will go to St Michael's as usual.)

Baby Cafe: This sociable group meets in church every Friday from 9am – 10.30am, 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.

Eight – Twelve's Group: A lively evening of activities including art & crafts, music and games, with a home-cooked hot meal and convivial company. If you are between 8 and 12 years old, you are warmly invited to be at St Michael's Rooms, Framlingham from 6-7.30pm, the Friday before the first Sunday of every month, to join in all the fun. Details: The Rev Canon Mark Sanders or Wendy Phelan

The Silent Prayer Group:

You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 5th February at Framlingham College Chapel. A simple breakfast will be served from 8.45am prayers are from 9.15 – 10.00am. Any enquiries to Rayleen Finn 01728 723322, rayleenf@aol.com

Knitters and Stitchers:

The next meeting will be on Friday 9th February, 2.30pm at Geraldine's house, 48 The Mowbrays, so she can sit in a comfy high chair post op. Quite a few chicks are needed for Easter, which isn't so far off. Geraldine has a pattern as so does Jan Noble but you may have your own. Geraldine