

Notices continued:

The first two Sundays of March:

Our customary 'First Sunday of the Month Family Service' will be happening on the second Sunday, 11th March, as it is Mothering Sunday. So, the first Sunday, March 4th, will be a Parish Communion service. For clearer information talk to Mark! Thank you.

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service:

Any children here today would be very welcome to come and join in some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

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.

Pilgrimage, choral evensong and tea at Bury St Edmunds

cathedral. Sunday 13th May 2018; 2pm arrive and welcome; 2.15 Reflective pilgrimage tour of the cathedral; 3.15 Break; 3.30 Choral evensong; 4.15 Tea in the cathedral centre; 5pm depart. If you would be interested in going on this adventure please speak to Mary Lamb, we have booked the date and are fortunate to be invited, there is no cost. I am sure we can organise lifts between us, there is a maximum number of 30 so get booked in quickly...It should be a wonderful experience. Mary – 01728638897 marylamb1952@googlemail.com

Wednesday 7th March – 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday: Sunday 11th March 8am Eucharist (BCP.)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW) Mothering Sunday
Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

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**The Third Sunday of Lent.
March 4th 2018.**

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual Hymn: 97 Christ is our cornerstone

Offertory Hymn: 481 Lord, thy word abideth

Final Hymn: 320 How shall I sing that majesty

Kyries in Lent 3 - Michael Booker

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 20.1–17

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit

adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Merbecke

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

GOSPEL: John 2.13–22

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' 18 The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' 19 Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' 20 They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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:

Monthly newsletter: For those of you who have not received your Newsletter by email, please don't forget to pick up a copy from the back of church and take it home with you. It is full of useful information for March. If you have anything you wish to put in the April newsletter please speak to Victoria or email it to the Parish Office, your contributions will be very welcome.

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

The Knit and Stitch meeting which should have been on Thursday 1st March will now be on Friday 9th March at 2.30pm in St Michael's.

Coffee Morning in St Michael's:

Please come along on Saturday 10th March 10am – 12noon and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and coffee in aid of The Friends of The Delhi Brotherhood and Fairtrade. Steph will be there with the Fairtrade stall (and not on Sunday 11th) so you can stock up on all your Fairtrade favourites too.

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

The bishops for their 2018 Lent Appeal propose parishes support local charities of their choice as distinct from 2017 where parishes were asked to support the diocesan link with Kagera, Tanzania. St Michael's has chosen **Talitha Koum** (see Mark 5 v 41) an Ipswich based Christian charity set up in 2006 running support groups for women with addiction problems. Talitha Koum's recently constructed **Hope Centre** at Witnesham will be used by women needing compassionate support. More information <https://www.talithakoum.org.uk> A bowl will be in the church during Lent if you feel able to support this very worthwhile charity which I commend to you. Mark.

Holy Week: There will be a time for a creative reflection on the message of Easter during Holy Week. Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, and Friday 30th, all 10.00am -12.00 noon. Hopefully we will create part of a new portable altarpiece using the Christmas cards that many of you kindly brought in to church. Contact Mary Lamb if you would like more information. All welcome.