

Notices continued:

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 November. If you have anything you wish to put in the December newsletter please speak to Victoria or email it to the Parish Office, your contributions will be very welcome.

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.

Wednesday Communion: Please note that Wednesday Communion will still be held in church until the weather turns colder.

Junior Church: All children who are in school years 1 – 6 are welcome to join us on Sunday 12th November during the 9.30am service in church. We will be going out to St Michael's Rooms to have lots of fun exploring the Christian faith through games, music, stories and activities.

THANK YOU to those of you who continue to contribute to the food bank bin at the back of church. Everything from St Michaels goes to Woodbridge Salvation Army. Unfortunately they say the need is still as urgent as ever. Many people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers, so could you bear that in mind when you are buying. Tinned meat or fish and other basics are the most urgently needed (all within sell by date please.) Many thanks and keep them coming. Sandy Rowles

Framlingham Christmas Day Lunch Club: This annual event is held at the Scout Hall in Fram. If you would like to attend or receive a meal in your own home, please pick up a letter with details and booking form from the back of church or ask Brenda for more information.

Wednesday 8th November – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 12th November 2017:

8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30 am Parish Eucharist. 10.50am Town Remembrance Sunday Service.

Saxtead: 10.55am Remembrance Sunday Service.

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The Fourth Sunday Before Advent. November 5th 2017.

Today's Service:

Readings:

8.00am 1 Thessalonians 2 v 9-13; Matthew 24 v 1-11

9.30am: 1 John 3.1–3; Matthew 5 v 1 - 16

Processional Hymn: 97 Christ is our cornerstone

Gradual Hymn: 34 Amazing Grace

Offertory Hymn: 595 One more step

Final Hymn: 452 Longing for Light

Collect: God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: 1 John 3.1–3

1 See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 34 Amazing Grace

GOSPEL: Matthew 5 v 1 - 16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Response (ALL): Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.' 13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect; as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

A warm welcome to Hannah Zoe Wheeler who is being baptised in the 9.30am service today and to her family who are celebrating this very special occasion with us. Please remember them all in your prayers.

A Service of Remembering those Loved and Lost:

This service will be happening today, Sunday 5th November at 4pm, followed by tea afterwards. Names of loved ones will be read out and candles lit. If there is someone whose name you would like read out please write it clearly on the sheet at the back of church.

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

Deborah or Victoria will be very pleased if any children here today would like to come and join in some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 6th November 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

FOSM Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 16th November. 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.

Knit and Stitch: The next meeting is at 2.30pm on Friday 17th November. We have made a good beginning to 50 or so baubles needed for the tree and for giving away on Christmas Day, we can sell some too on our Christmas stall. If anyone would like the pattern for baubles and trees please ask Jan or Geraldine. I know there are various activities going on behind the scenes with items being made for the Knit and Stitch stall, small table decorations went well last year, trees, Santas, snowmen and also little garments and hats. The stall is on Saturday 2nd December at the opening of the Christmas tree Festival and setting up is on the Friday afternoon. Phone Geraldine or Mary 638897 for further information.