

Notices continued:

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.

The Knit and Stitch group:

The next meeting of the Knitters and Stitchers will be on Friday 19th January at 2.30pm. All welcome More details from Mary:638897 or Geraldine:

Food Bank Update: Thank you to everyone who has been donating food for the food bank, it is still badly needed, in fact the demand seems to be growing and the Salvation Army are very grateful. A lot of the people who use this food bank are homeless so don't even have cookers; please bear that in mind when you buy. When I was there I was given a list of the most needed items. (They try to work on a two week rota, i.e. giving slightly different items on alternate weeks so as to balance the diet as much as possible. I have put this list on the bin at the back of the church. This is just a rough guide and anything you can spare is very welcome. Please continue to check the SELL BY DATES, this is really important. Thank you all for your support. If anyone would like any more information, please speak to me. Sandy R.

FOSM: We collect stamps, foreign coins and notes as well as obsolete British coins - so if you have any spare please put them in an envelope and pop them in the wall safe in church, or give them to Joyce Spruce or Steph Bennell. There is a box for stamps on the FOSM table near the font in church. Thank you.

Wednesday 10th January – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 14th January 2018:

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

Saxtead: 11.15am Parish Eucharist (BCP)

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The Baptism of Christ The First Sunday after Epiphany. January 7th 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 805 We three kings

Gradual Hymn: 39 Angels from the realms of glory (Omit v2)

Offertory Hymn: 584 Of the Father's love begotten (Omit v2 & 3)

Final Hymn: 409 Joy to the World!

Collect:

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1–6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

For the word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 2.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 2 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son; by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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:

The Silent Prayer Group: There is no Silent Prayer Group tomorrow Monday 8th January. The next meet is on Monday 5th February at Framlingham College Chapel as usual. Any enquiries to Rayleen Finn 01728 723322, rayleenf@aol.com

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

Fair Trade Stall: Steph will be here on Sunday 14th 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.

St Michael's Church Prayer Group: The next meeting will be on Monday 15th January 7 – 8pm at the Rectory. The theme is 'Prayers for the New Year'. Everyone is welcome to come along. For more information speak to Mark or Betty Mockford.

Christmas card recycling: If you are wondering what to do with all those Christmas cards, please save them 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.

Junior Church: All children who are in school years 1 – 6 are welcome to join us on Sunday 14th January 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.

FOSM Lunch. This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 18th 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.

Baby Cafe: This restarts in Church on Friday 12th 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.