

Notices continued:

Knitters and Stitches: The next meeting is on Monday, May 8th at 2.30pm. Mr and Mrs Chicken plus a pig and a bee and lots of flowers are ready for the Creation Festival at the end of May. Also to be used in May will be Noah's Ark animals and creatures from under the sea but we need flying things in any medium. I know how creative you can all be with such a wide scope. All this and a cuppa and chat! Details from Geraldine or Mary Lamb 638897

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

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

Gravity Go-Cart Race Sunday 21st May: Unfortunately there will be no parking on the Market Hill on Sunday 21st May, as the road closure will be in place to allow straw bales etc to be set up for this year's Go-Cart race, there will be traffic lights in Castle Street from 10am - 5pm. People attending the 9.30 service can still park in St Michaels Rooms (and will have access up through Market Hill until 9.30am) The Go Cart organisers will need access to St Michaels Rooms car park from around 11am so should not get in anyone's way.

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 Food Bank: Donations are badly needed and your contributions are very gratefully received. It is important that the items are well within the sell-by dates as unfortunately, it can be several weeks before there is enough to merit a delivery. The food from our bin in church is taken to the Salvation Army in Woodbridge who are always in need of donations and even have to buy in food in order to have enough to go round. I know we are always being asked to give to good causes, but if you can keep popping something in our bin it would be much appreciated, any non-perishable foods are more than welcome. Thank you.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7th 2017.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 724 The Lord's my shepherd

Gradual Hymn: 355 In heavenly love abiding

Offertory Hymn: 715 The King of love my shepherd is

Final Hymn: 492 Love is his word, love is his way

Collect:

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep; teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2 v 42 – 47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 355 In heavenly love abiding

GOSPEL: John 10 v 1 – 10

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

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

Post Communion:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again; keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Give thanks for the life of Philip Thompstone on the first anniversary of his death and remember his family in your prayers

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

Christian Aid Week: May 14th – 20th. If you are delivering envelopes please remember to pick up your red bag from the back of church today. Thank you. Helen Armstrong.

A Festival of Flowers on the Theme of Creation:

Here at St Michael's from Friday 26th – Monday 29th May. There will be lists at the back of Church to sign up for serving teas, coffee etc. and for stewarding in Church during the Festival. If you would like to help in any way or help set up the Church in the week commencing Monday 22nd please contact Wendy 720125

Christian Aid Week: May 14th – 20th. Please could anyone who would be willing to deliver Christian Aid envelopes in Framlingham during Christian Aid week talk to Sandy Rowles or a member of the Clergy team. It would only be putting them through the letterboxes, no collecting this year. People wishing to donate are being asked to put their envelope in a central collecting box at Framlingham Post Office. We are still short of volunteers. Many thanks. Sandy R.

Monthly Newsletter for May:

For those of you who do not receive your newsletter by email there is a copy at the back of church for you to take home today. Would you like it sent to you by email? Please give your email address to Victoria or a member of our Clergy Team. Thank you.

New Website address for St Michael's Church: Please note that the old website has now been taken down and our new website can be found at <http://www.stmichaelsframlingham.org.uk/> David Bell very kindly looks after it for us and keeps it up to date.

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Wednesday 10th May – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday:

Sunday 14th May 2017: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.)
9.30am Family Eucharist and Junior Church (Common Worship.)
Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW).