

Notices continued:

Prayer Meeting: The next meeting is on Monday 18th December 7 – 8pm, at the Rectory. Please bring a Christmas prayer and/or a poem to read. All welcome.

Carol Singing in the Co-op for Christian Aid: Monday 18th December, 4-6pm, at the Co-op. All voices and players welcome! Tea and mince pies to follow in UFC Hall.

Christmas Holly Wreaths: If anyone would like to order a holly wreath to hang up in church in memory of a loved one please see the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank 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.

The Knit and Stitch group: The next proper meeting 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. Everything goes to the Salvation Army who are very grateful. A lot of the people who use this food bank are homeless so don't have cookers; please bear that in mind when you buy. When I was there I was given a list of the most needed items, I have put it 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. Sandy R.

Wednesday 13th December – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: 17th December 2017:

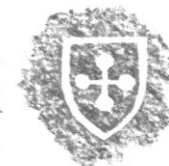
8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30 am. Parish Communion (CW).

6.00pm Churches Together Carol Service.

Saxtead: 11.15am Morning Prayer.

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The Second Sunday of Advent. December 10th 2017.

PRAY WITH THE WORLD CHURCH AT ADVENT:

As you light your Advent candles in anticipation of celebrating the coming of the Christ child, we invite you to join USPG in praying for mothers and children who are served by the mission world church. * USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel.

Second Sunday of Advent

The Prophets O God of history, who has spoken through the prophets; we pray for mothers in Ghana who have learned to protect their children from cholera. Bless those who bring life-saving knowledge and bless families whose children are now healthy and full of life.

Processional Hymn: 280 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Gradual Hymn: 286 Hark! A herald voice is calling

Offertory Hymn: 535 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Final Hymn: 449 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Peter 3 v 8–15a

8 Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 286 Hark! A herald voice is calling

Advent Gospel Acclamation - Rees

GOSPEL: Mark 1 v 1–8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts

and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge; give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Notices: Junior Church: All children who are in school years 1 – 6 are welcome to join us today, Sunday 10th December 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 Christmas Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 14th December. 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.

New choir members for Christmas! If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir for the Churches Together Carol service on Sunday 17th December 6pm and our midnight service on Christmas Eve then please come along to choir practice on Friday 15th and 22nd 6pm in the Tower Room. For more information ask any choir member or talk to our organist Paul. We would love to see you there.

Lifts for the New Year's Eve Service at Saxtead: On Sunday 31st December at 10am there will be a joint Parish Communion service with Saxtead at All Saints Church, *there will be no service at St Michael's on that Sunday.* Could anyone who will be driving from Framlingham and would be willing to offer a lift to those who need one, please add their name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church? Thank you.