

Notices continued:

Alive @ 4: Sunday 21st January at 4pm, in St Michael's Rooms. All welcome. There will be fun, fellowship, bible stories, activities, crafts and high tea. For more details ring Mary Lamb on 01728 638897 or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125.

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.

Wednesday 17th January – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 21st January 2018:

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

4.00pm Alive@4 in St Michael's Rooms

Saxtead: 11.15am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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The Second Sunday of Epiphany. January 14th 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 57 Awake my soul, and with the sun

Gradual Hymn: 467 Lord of all hopefulness

Offertory Hymn: 152 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Final Hymn: 777 To God be the glory!

Collect: Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end; bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 5.1–10

1 I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; 2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. 4 And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' 6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. 8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints

from every tribe and language and people and nation; 10 you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL: John 1.43–51

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' 46 Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these. 51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life; fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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.

Give thanks for the life of Betty Augusta Stewart on the first anniversary of her death and remember her family in your prayers

Notices:

A warm welcome to Reverend John Eldridge who is with us today as Mark is at All Saints Church, Wickham Market this morning.

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. 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 today Sunday 14th January with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service. So don't forget to 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 today, 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.

Volunteers are needed to join the Tower Team rota to provide children's activities during the sermon. This would be once a month or less (depending on how many volunteers there are!) We use the Roots children's worship resource. Full support available if needed. For more information please talk to Victoria Finney. Thank you.