

Notices continued:

Fun afternoon for parents and children: Come and join in games and sports in the Rectory garden on Sunday 21st August 2 – 5pm. Light refreshments provided. Booking is essential – please ring Wendy on 01728 720125 or put your written request in the church office post box (by the front doors of St Michael's Rooms) remembering to include your name and contact number.

Knit and Stitch The next meeting of the Knit and Stitch Group is at 10.30am on Thursday 1st September. Creatures for the Harvest of the Sea (October 2nd 11.15am followed by Bring and Share lunch) are coming along nicely and small items for sale at the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of charity are also being crafted in various mediums. Do come and join us; more details Mary: 638897 or Geraldine: 727489

Historic Churches Cycle ride: This year's event is happening on Saturday 10th September. Sponsor forms are available now at the back of the church. Volunteers are needed on the day to sit in church and register cyclists when they visit St Michael's, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

Can you help? Pensioner requires accommodation in Framlingham for herself and well behaved cat. Please contact Parish Office 01728 621255 if you can help.

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. It is done in complete confidence.

Building work: As part of the tower louvre replacement work, scaffold will be erected in the tower the week beginning Monday 12th September. Work will start on the south and west openings on Monday/Tuesday 19th/20th September. Work on the north and east openings will be done on the 26th/27th September. The scaffolding will be removed as soon as possible after that.

Food Bank – Donations for the church food bank bin are urgently needed. 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. Thank you.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity – August 14th 2016

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 100 Christ is the world's light

Gradual Hymn: 79 Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory Hymn: 666 Sing we of a blessed Mother

Final Hymn: 692 Tell out my soul

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23. 23–29

23 Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? Says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? Says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? Says the

LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

For the word of the Lord.

Response (ALL) Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: 79 Blest are the pure in heart

GOSPEL: Luke 12.49–56

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Response (ALL): Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' 54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response (ALL): Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion: God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing; grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Nicholas Nottidge, Angela Long, Shirley Lock, Doreen Burrows, Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Give thanks for the life of George Bullingham on the first anniversary of his death.

Please also pray for: Alastair and Zara Potter who were married here a year ago and will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Notices:

Fair Trade Stall: Steph will be here today Sunday 14th August with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service. So don't miss out on this opportunity to stock up on all your favourite items. Thank you.

Celebration in Framlingham Skate Park: Monday 15th August 11am – 1pm. Make sure any skateboarding youngsters you know and their families don't miss out on this event. See the poster in the church porch for all details. There will be a barbecue, soft drinks and cake for everyone. Ex-professional skateboarder Pastor Brian Sumner and his team will be giving a talk and skate-boarding demonstrations.

Sunday School Activities: The Sunday school activities team are taking a break now but are looking forward to starting again on Sunday 11th September.

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

Wednesday 17th August – 10.30am Holy Communion in St Michael's.

Next Sunday: Sunday 21st August: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Family Eucharist (Common Worship)

Saxtead: 11.15am Eucharist (Common Worship)

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