

Notices continued:

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service:

Deborah, Edith or Victoria would be very pleased if any children here today would like to come and join in some Sunday school activities in the Tower Room just before the sermon starts.

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.

FOSM:

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

Wednesday 19th July – 11.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday: Sunday 23rd July 2017:

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

Saxtead: 6.30pm Evening Prayer.

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with All Saints Saxtead



The Fifth Sunday After Trinity **July 16th 2017.**

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 120 Come down, O Love divine

Gradual Hymn: 675 Spirit of the living God

Offertory Hymn: 801 We plough the fields and scatter

Final Hymn: 232 Go forth and tell!

Collect: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 8.1–11

1 There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the

body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord.
Response (ALL) **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 675 Spirit of the living God

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Response (ALL): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen! 18 Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

Post Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for:

Tom Sanders, Barnaby Akbareian-Clarke, Betty Mockford, 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.

Please pray for Sacha and Joanna who are getting married at All Saints, Saxtead next Saturday and for their families celebrating this very special occasion with them.

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

Pet and Teddy Service Today!

Sunday July 16th 3.30pm, at Todd's Farm, Chapel Road, Saxtead IP13 9RB, guest appearances by Darius the donkey and friends – bring your own pet or teddy to join in the fun!

Bishop Mike at St Michael's:

Thinking About Worship - Tomorrow Monday 17th July at 7.30pm. Bishop Mike says he will be focusing on worship, mission and ideas. All welcome to come and hear him, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Wednesday Communion 19th July – change of time:

Holy Communion this Wednesday, 19th July will take place at 11.30am, in church, immediately following Sir Robert Hitcham's Leavers Service.

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