

Notices continued: Services for Holy Week and Easter:

Date	Day	Time	Service
25 th March	Palm Sunday	8.00am	BCP Eucharist
		9.30am	CW Eucharist
		2.30	Activities for Holy Week and Easter 3.30 – donkey, procession short service and tea
26 th	Monday	7.30	Meditation and music - Edith
27 th	Tuesday	7.30	Service and address - Betty
28 th	Wednesday	10.30am	CW Eucharist
		7.30	Compline and address – David Pitcher
29 th	Maundy Thursday	7.30	Taize foot washing and Last Supper
30 th	Good Friday	10	Procession of witness starts at St Clare's
		2-3	The Last Hour – hymns and thoughts for Good Friday
1 st April	Easter Day	8	Holy Communion
		9.30	LIGHTING PASCHAL CANDLE AND EASTER COMMUNION

Wednesday 21st March, 10.30am Holy Communion in church.
Next Sunday: Sunday 25th March 8am Eucharist (BCP.)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW). 2.00 - 3.30pm Children's
 Alive@4 activities followed by 3.30pm short Alive@4 family service,
 with donkey, and tea in St Michael's Rooms.
 Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
 with All Saints Saxtead



The Fifth Sunday of Lent. March 18th 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 422 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Gradual Hymn: 177 Father, we love you

Offertory Hymn: 327 I cannot tell

Final Hymn: 729 The royal banners forward go

Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world; lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31–34

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Merbecke

Response (ALL): **Praise to you, O Christ. King of eternal glory!**

GOSPEL: John 12 v 20 - 33

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

20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.
21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Post Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you; give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for:

Patrick Lowin, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices: Alive@4 with special Palm Sunday activities, service and

Donkey, Sunday 25th March: This service won't be happening today Sunday 18th March. Instead it will be happening next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 25th. From 2 – 3.30pm there will be activities for slightly older children preparing for Holy Week and Easter. To be joined at 3.30pm by whole families and by a donkey, we will walk with the donkey around Church and after a short service we'll have tea and hot cross buns in St

Michael's Rooms. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join us please sign up at the back of Church so we have some idea of how many hot cross buns we need to buy. For more details ring Mary Lamb on 01728 638897 or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125.

Easter Lilies: If anyone would like to donate lilies for Easter in memory of a loved one please see the sign - up sheet at the back of the church. As we did last year, there will be a list of those we are remembering in the Space For Grace over the Easter period.

The bishops for their 2018 Lent Appeal propose parishes support local charities of their choice as distinct from 2017 where parishes were asked to support the diocesan link with Kagera, Tanzania. St Michael's has chosen **Talitha Koum** (see Mark 5 v 41) an Ipswich based Christian charity set up in 2006 running support groups for women with addiction problems. Talitha Koum's recently constructed **Hope Centre** at Witnesham will be used by women needing compassionate support. More information <https://www.talithakoum.org.uk> A bowl will be in the church during Lent if you feel able to support this very worthwhile charity which I commend to you. Mark.

Holy Week: There will be a time for a creative reflection on the message of Easter during Holy Week. Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, and Friday 30th, all 10.00am -12.00 noon. Hopefully we will create part of a new portable altarpiece using the Christmas cards that many of you kindly brought in to church. Contact Mary Lamb if you would like more information. All welcome.

Volunteers needed: Easter heralds the start of Framlingham's tourist season and the need for St Michael's team of volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors and help them enjoy our beautiful church. We are always looking for people to help us in this pleasant task. If you can spare a couple of hours per month from April through to September, please contact me for further information. Guidance and support is given in the first instance to those who are perhaps new to the town or new to stewarding. Jenny Broster. Tel. 01728 720103.

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.

Thank you: Our coffee morning in aid of Friends of The Delhi Brotherhood raised £150. The Fairtrade Stall was very busy too but I don't have a figure for the sum they raised. Thank you to all who attended or helped.

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