

## Notices continued:

**Wednesday Communion:** Please note that Wednesday Communion will still be held in church until the weather turns colder.  
**Christmas Tree Festival Grand Opening!** Our Christmas tree Festival begins on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am – 2pm with a Fairtrade coffee morning. Homemade soup and a roll will be served by Framlingham Girl Guides from 12 noon. There will be festive music and carols with the Pop Chorus, also the Flower Club Christmas Fayre, a raffle, Fairtrade stall and The Knitter & Stitchers Christmas craft stall. Don't miss it!

**The Silent Prayer Group:** You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Framlingham College Chapel. A simple breakfast will be served from 8.45am prayers are from 9.15 – 10.00am. Any enquiries to Rayleen Finn 01728 723322, [rayleenf@aol.com](mailto:rayleenf@aol.com)

**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** to those of you who continue to contribute to the food bank bin at the back of church. Everything from St Michaels goes to Woodbridge Salvation Army. Unfortunately they say the need is still as urgent as ever. Many people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers, so could you bear that in mind when you are buying. Tinned meat or fish and other basics are the most urgently needed (all within sell by date please.) Many thanks and keep them coming. Sandy Rowles.

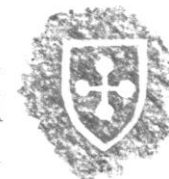
**Wednesday 22nd November – 10.30am** Holy Communion.

### Next Sunday:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Christ the King):  
8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
Saxtead: 11.15am Morning Prayer.

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**Framlingham**  
with All Saints Saxtead



## The Second Sunday Before Advent. November 19th 2017.

### Today's Service:

**Hymns today:** See hymn board.

**Collect:** Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation; stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

1 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** See hymn board.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25.14–30**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 14 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but

from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Post Communion:** Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope; bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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:**

**Welcome to Niall Humphrey** who is being baptised at 12.00 noon today here at St Michael's and to his family who are celebrating this very special occasion. Please remember them all in your prayers.

**Alive @ 4:**

This service is happening today, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at 4pm in St Michael's Rooms. 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.

**Fair Trade Stall:**

Steph will be here today, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service. Please stock up on all your favourite items. Thank you.

**Regular giving envelopes:**

Please don't forget to collect your box of regular giving envelopes and letter from the back of church today.

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

Deborah or Victoria will 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.

**Prayer Group:**

The Prayer Group is meeting tomorrow, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7 – 8pm at Joyce Spruce's house. All are welcome.