

Notices: The Hoffmeister Ensemble will be giving a concert this afternoon here in St Michael's Church at 3pm. Please see poster in porch for more details.

A plea from Knitters and Stitchers: Can you make knitted hats and teddies? In January 2017 our daughter who is a Consultant Anaesthetist, will be going to India as part of a medical team to provide corrective surgery for children born with a cleft lip and a cleft palate. She will be in India for 10 days. During a similar trip in 2016, over 100 operations were carried out. More information can be found at:-

www.northerncleftfoundation.co.uk/how-we-change-lives/. Our daughter tells us that knitted hats for children aged 2-4 years are very useful. Small knitted teddies would also be helpful to comfort children who are frightened or distressed. If you can help, please let Geraldine, Mary Lamb or Sue have hats/teddies before Christmas. Thanks from Chris and Sue Norrington.

Suffolk Coastal Filling Station, The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, Suffolk IP17 1LL. You are invited to our meeting on Thursday, 24th November from 7.00pm where our speaker is Tricia Neill, President of Alpha International. Tricia speaks at leadership and church conferences throughout the year and is the author of "From Vision to Action", a practical "how to" guide for turning vision into reality and managing church growth. We look forward to an exciting evening, hearing her testimony and learning about some of her adventures with God on her journey. Filling Station meetings are an informal way of expressing or exploring the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none. We offer delicious refreshment, friendship and fellowship, contemporary sung worship and helpful prayer ministry. To find out more, please go to: www.thefillingstation.org.uk or contact Robin Alderson on 01728 688255 or robin.alderson@btinternet.com **Future Filling Station Dates for your Diary** Thursday 26th January 2017.

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. It is done in complete confidence.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



Sunday next before Advent- November 20th 2016 – Christ The King

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 150 Crown him with many crowns

Gradual Hymn: 711 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Offertory Hymn: 103 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Final Hymn: 320 How shall I sing that majesty

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Colossians 1.11–20

Brothers and sisters: 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, 12 while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the

dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response (ALL) Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: 711 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Alleluia: (ALL) Alleluia x 4

GOSPEL: Luke 23.33–43

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43 Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Please pray for: Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices:

Stewardship Letters: Please could you collect your Stewardship letter from the back of church today. Thank you.

Alive @ 4: This afternoon, Sunday 20th 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 on 638897 or Wendy on 720125.

Christmas Wreaths:

After careful discussion we have decided not to have wreaths that we hang from the pillars this Christmas because they are becoming very expensive. However we do know that some people like to give flowers to the Church at this season in memory of a loved one. If you would like to give some money to buy flowers instead of a wreath this year, please let Wendy Phelan know. Names of people remembered will be listed in the Space for Grace. This way you are able to give what you like.

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Wednesday 23rd November – 10.30am Holy Communion. In the Rectory.

Next Sunday: Sunday 27th November: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship). Saxtead: 11.15am Morning Prayer.