

Notices continued:

Alive @ 4: This service is happening today, Sunday 21st May at 4pm, in St Michael's Rooms. There will be fun, fellowship, bible stories, activities, crafts and high tea. All are welcome to join the fun. For more details ring Mary Lamb on 01728 638897 or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125.

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

East Anglian Academy Spring concert:

Today, Sunday 21st May 3 – 5pm in St Michael's Church. Tickets £12, on the door or ring 01728 648571; School age students free.

Gravity Go-Cart Race Sunday 21st May:

There is no parking on the Market Hill, today, Sunday 21st May, as the road closure will be in place to allow straw bales etc to be set up for this year's Go-Cart race, there are traffic lights in Castle Street from 10am - 5pm. People attending the 9.30 service can still park in St Michaels Rooms. The Go Cart organisers will need access to St Michaels Rooms car park from around 11am.

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.

New Website address for St Michael's Church:

Please note that the old website has now been taken down and our new website can be found at <http://www.stmichaelsframlingham.org.uk/> David Bell very kindly looks after it for us and keeps it up to date.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 21st 2017.**

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 407 Jesus, where'er thy people meet

Gradual Hymn: 675 Spirit of the living God

Offertory Hymn: 337 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Final Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

Collect: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples; help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17.22–31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." 29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human

ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

Gradual Hymn: 675 Spirit of the living God

Alleluia: For Easter Season

Response (ALL): Alleluia x 3

GOSPEL: John 14.15–21

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for: 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.

Give thanks for the life of Janet Whymark on the first anniversary of her death which falls today and remember her family in your prayers.

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

Christian Aid Week: May 14th – 20th. Thank you to everyone who has delivered envelopes during the past week. If anyone still has their Christian Aid envelope at home, don't forget to put it in the collecting box at Framlingham Post Office as soon as possible or put it in the wall safe here at St Michael's.

A Festival of Flowers on the Theme of Creation:

Here at St Michael's from Friday 26th – Monday 29th May 10am – 6pm. There are lists at the back of Church to sign up for making cakes, serving teas, coffee etc. and for stewarding in Church during the Festival. If you would like to help in any way or help set up the Church in the week commencing Monday 22nd please contact Wendy 720125

Flower Festival:

Donations of bottles for Bottle Stall and also Raffle prizes would be welcome, please could you bring them to Church next week. Donations towards the flowers would be welcomed too. Thank you.

Flower Festival Concert by Claire Weston on the Saturday 27th May:

'A Summer Serenade' at 7pm. Tickets £10 to include a drink and light refreshments are available from Wendy Phelan today or Halls Butchers.

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Wednesday 24th May – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday:

Sunday 28th May 2017: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.)

9.30am Special Flower Festival Service (*No Holy Communion.*)

Saxtead: 6.30pm Evening Prayer.