

Notices continued: Biennial Spring Clean: Tuesday 26th April, 9.30 onwards (possible continuation on Thursday 28 April). Volunteers are needed, please bring, if you can, a vacuum, plus dusters/micro cloths, brooms, dustpans and brushes. Refreshments provided. If you can help, please give me a call/ email - Janis Haerle 01728 723450 haerle@talktalk.net

Exhibition of Quilts and Special Flowers at All Saints Saxtead: The weekend of April 30th/May 1st Saxtead Church are holding this Special exhibition, so please come along and see the beautiful flowers and quilts. On Sunday 1st May there will be a Rogation Service at 11.15am followed by a BBQ. Everyone is welcome.

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 2nd May 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

Queens 90th Birthday Big Community Tea Party: This is happening on Sunday 12th June, and is being organised by the Framlingham Business Association. Please help prepare for this special celebration. Many people have already said they would be happy to provide cakes for the free refreshments. What is needed is for everyone to email in now - with the number and type of cakes and scones that they would like to provide. The person to contact is Steve Hambling, of Hambling Catering, who is the Refreshments Co-ordinator for this important community event. He can be emailed on sham1312@aol.com Nearer the time, you will be contacted about when and where the cakes and scones can be delivered to before the event. Thank you very much for your support, it is much appreciated.

Knit and Stitch: The Knit and Stitch Group are progressing well with knitted and material bunting for June as well as ideas for Harvest and Christmas. Items are always welcome for the Christmas charity stall even if anyone cannot come to our meetings. Of course we prefer to join in the camaraderie of stitching together and enjoying a cuppa. Do come to the next meeting on Thursday 19th May at 2pm in church.

Rev Mike Vipond: Mike is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination as deacon on May 25th 1991 on May 25th at St Clare's and there will be a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes at 6.30 with refreshments afterwards. Everybody is welcome so if you would like to be there, please sign the list at the back of church before Monday 2nd May.

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



The Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 24th 2016

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 120 Come down, O love divine

Gradual Hymn: 492 Love is his word, love is his way

Offertory Hymn: 579 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Final Hymn: 96 Christ is made the sure foundation

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 21.1–6

1 I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual hymn: 492 Love is his word, love is his way

Second Reading: Acts 11.1–18

1 The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." 8 But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia: (ALL) **Alleluia x 3**

GOSPEL: John **13.31–35**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

31 During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life; grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

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

Notices:

APCM accounts: St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is tomorrow, Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in St Michael's Rooms. Everyone is welcome. Along with all the usual reports will be a summary of the year's accounts. For anyone wanting more detail the full report is available at the back of the church after both morning services today.

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Wednesday 27th April – 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday: Sunday 1st May: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Family Eucharist (Common Worship).

Saxtead: 11.15am Rogation Service followed by BBQ. Special exhibition of flowers and quilts all weekend.