

Notices continued:

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service: Any children here today would be very welcome 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 or to say thank you. It is done in complete confidence.

Amended Lent Study Group dates: Please note the change of dates and times of our Lent Study Groups: **Wednesday Afternoon** starting 21st February in the Rectory 2pm. **Thursday evenings** starting 22nd February at 48 The Mowbrays; 7pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome, come to one or both. Please add your name to the new sign-up sheet at back of church.

FOSM Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 15th March. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to come to this very sociable occasion, so do join us.

Pilgrimage, choral evensong and tea at Bury St Edmunds cathedral. Sunday 13th May 2018; 2pm arrive and welcome; 2.15 Reflective pilgrimage tour of the cathedral; 3.15 Break; 3.30 Choral evensong; 4.15 Tea in the cathedral centre; 5pm depart. If you would be interested in going on this adventure please speak to Mary Lamb, we have booked the date and are fortunate to be invited, there is no cost. I am sure we can organise lifts between us, there is a maximum number of 30 so get booked in quickly...It should be a wonderful experience. Mary – 01728638897 marylamb1952@googlemail.com

Wednesday 28th February – 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday: Sunday 4th March 2018: 8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW).
Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

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The Second Sunday of Lent. February 25th 2018.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 627 Praise to the holiest in the height

Gradual Hymn: 66 Be thou my vision

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

Final Hymn: 628 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Collect: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16.

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' 15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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: Mark 8.31-38

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

31 Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Thank you to everyone who came along yesterday to help Spring Clean St Michael's and a special thank you to Graham who organised the day. The church looks especially beautiful.

The first two Sundays of March: Our customary 'First Sunday of the Month Family Service' will be happening on the second Sunday, 11th March, as it is Mothering Sunday. So, the first Sunday, March 4th, will be a Parish Communion service. For clearer information talk to Mark! Thank you.

The next meeting of Knit and Stitch will be on Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm. We can count up our chicks ready for Easter Day. We also have a pattern for bunnies made from a knitted square; these can also have eggs in their backs. I can pass on the pattern or I believe Jan Noble has one. Mary Lamb is suggesting we have a day (with lunch) making cards with a fabric design, maybe even painting the fabric first. These could be for general use or even Christmas. Geraldine or Mary 638897

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday March 2nd at 2pm in the United Free Church (opposite Solar car park). Suriname, in South America, a very beautiful country, has chosen as the theme 'God's Creation' and our responsibility to look after it. Although it is named WWDP it is a service for everyone regardless of gender! . All are welcome and there are refreshments afterwards

Memorial Service for Janis:

On Saturday 3rd March at 2pm there will be a Memorial Service for Janis Haerle in St Michael's Church.

The Silent Prayer Group

You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 5th March 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

Coffee Morning in St Michael's: Please come along on Saturday 10th March 10am – 12noon and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and coffee in aid of The Friends of The Delhi Brotherhood and Fairtrade. Steph will be there with the Fairtrade stall (and not on Sunday 11th) so you can stock up on all your Fairtrade favourites too.