

Notices continued: Please take this sheet home with you.

On Sunday 5th March Bishop Mike (the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) will be at St Michael's for the 9.30 service and All Saints Saxtead for their 11.15am service. Do take this opportunity to come and meet him.

Walking Together: Bishops Martin and Mike are making a Lent pilgrimage, walking in the steps of St Felix from Dunwich to Bury St Edmunds. The main purpose of their walk is to engage with a wide variety of people so everyone is invited to walk with them for all or part of each day. Please see the poster in the porch for details. On Sunday 5th of March they will be walking from Framlingham to Earl Soham (about 4 miles) setting off at 2.30pm. At the end of the walk there will be a short service at Earl Soham Church at 4.30pm. We are hoping there will be a shuttle service of cars – if you can help please let Mark know Tel: 768875 or email revmarksanders@tiscali.co.uk

Lent Study Groups: This year there will be two Lent Study Groups running for 5 weeks in Lent. One will take place straight after the Wednesday Communion beginning on Wed 8th March. The other will be on Thursday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm, beginning on 9th March. Geraldine and Peter Smith have very kindly offered to host the group this year at their home. Betty Mockford will be leading the Thursday group and for more information contact Geraldine. Both groups will be using the 'Living Faith in Suffolk' material from the Diocese. If you would like to join one of these groups please add your name to the sign-up sheets at the back of church. Everyone is welcome.

The Healing Team: Two members of the Healing Group will be present 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 next meeting of Knit and Stitch will be at 2.30pm on Monday 20th March. We are making items to be given away at Easter to the children. A festival weekend in May with "Creation" as its theme means there is plenty of scope, so far we have leaves, daffodils and some animals but we need to think above and below the earth as well. Do come for a chat, share ideas, bring your own project and have a cuppa, we like to welcome new people. More details from Geraldine or Mary: 638897



The Sunday Next Before Lent - Sunday 26th February 2017

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 223 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Gradual Hymn: 105 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Offertory Hymn: 442 Light's abode, celestial Salem

Final Hymn: 275 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Collect: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives; set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Peter 1.16–21

16 We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 105 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Alleluia: Alleluias for the Sundays before Lent - Mawby
Response (ALL) Alleluia x 4

GOSPEL: Matthew 17.1-9

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

1 Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Post Communion: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ; may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Robin Self, Patrick Lewin and Graham Vellacott, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

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Evening Prayer with Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike: Everyone is welcome to come and join Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike for Evening Prayer at St Michael's church on Friday 3rd March at 4pm.

Resurfacing St Michael's Church driveway:

From Monday 27th February for one week, the driveway at the Church Street entrance of St M's is being resurfaced and there will be no access from Church Street to the church. The path at the back of church will also be re-laid at the same time.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Our local service for this event is to be held at 2.30pm on Friday 3rd March at the United Free Church. Despite the name of the day, all are welcome and this year the service has been prepared by the Christian women in The Philippines. There will be Fairtrade refreshments after the service. Do put it in your diary and join us on the day. For further information contact Deborah on 724310.

Kagera Lent Challenge: Our Diocese has had the Diocese of Kagera Anglican Church of Tanzania as its companion link for over 25 years. Bishops Martin and Mike have made Kagera the subject of this year's Lent Challenge. Rev Mark and the PCC hope that you will take up the challenge in whatever way you feel able. Please remember to take home your Lent Challenge Leaflet or you won't know what the challenge is!

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.

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Wednesday 1st March – 10.30am Holy Communion in the Rectory.
Next Sunday: Sunday 5th March 2016: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Family Eucharist with Bishop Mike. Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship) with Bishop Mike.