

Notices continued:

The Knit and Stitch group have a charity stall on Sat 2nd December at the FOSM Christmas Tree Festival. Decorations for tree and table on sale plus many small gifts and handmade items. There will also be a Silent Auction for a beautiful Hand stitched Advent Calendar. The next proper meeting will be on Friday 19th January at 2.30pm. All welcome More details from Mary:

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.

THANK YOU to those of you who continue to contribute to the food bank bin at the back of church. Everything from St Michaels goes to Woodbridge Salvation Army. Unfortunately they say the need is still as urgent as ever. Many people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers, so could you bear that in mind when you are buying. Tinned meat or fish and other basics are the most urgently needed (all within sell by date please.) Many thanks and keep them coming. Sandy Rowles.

Wednesday 29th November – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday:

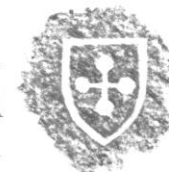
Sunday 3rd December 2017 (Advent Sunday):

8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30 am. Family Communion.

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW).

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The Sunday Next Before Advent. Christ The King November 26th 2017.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 52 At the name of Jesus

Gradual Hymn: 166 Faithful shepherd feed me

Offertory Hymn: 33 Alleluia sing to Jesus

Final Hymn: 103 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Collect: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

First Reading: Ephesians 1 v 15 – 23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his

feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 166 Faithful shepherd feed me

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31 - 46

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not

do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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: Wendy Zebedee, Thelma Durrant, Patrick Lowin, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices:

The Grand Christmas and Charity Market: This afternoon, Sunday 26th November, 10am – 3pm on the Market Hill. There will be festive entertainment and activities and a great selection of stalls.

Late Night Shopping in Framlingham – Friday 1st December, 5.30pm – 8.30pm Music, carols, lights, a nativity scene by the children and a wonderful Christmas atmosphere!

Christmas Tree Festival Grand Opening! Our FOSM Christmas tree Festival begins on Saturday 2nd December from 10am – 2pm with a Fairtrade coffee morning. Homemade soup and a roll will be served by Framlingham Girl Guides from 12 noon. There will be festive music and carols with the Pop Chorus, also the Flower Club Christmas Fayre, a raffle, Fairtrade stall and The Knitters & Stitchers Christmas craft stall. Don't miss it!

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 4th December 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

FOSM Christmas Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 21st December. 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.

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service:

Deborah or Victoria will 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.