

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

Historic Churches Cycle ride/walk:

This year's event is happening on Saturday 9th September 9am – 5pm. Volunteers are needed on the day to sit in church and register cyclists when they visit St Michael's, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Sponsor forms are also available at the back of the church and we need more riders/walkers so please consider taking part and supporting our historic churches. Thank you.

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.

FOSM: As well as stamps, we are also collecting foreign coins and notes, and obsolete British coins - so if you have any spare please bring them to any event, put them in an envelope and pop in the wall safe in church, or give them to Joyce Spruce or Steph Bennell. There is a box for stamps on the FOSM table in church.

Food Bank – Donations for the church food bank bin are urgently needed. 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. Thank you. Sandy Rowles.

NEW PRAYER GROUP:

There will be a new prayer group meeting for the first time on Monday 18th September, 7pm – 8pm, at the Rectory. Betty Mockford will be leading this first meeting. The aim will be to support each other and the life of Church and town through prayer as part of our 'Growing Deeper' in God.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity. August 27th 2017.

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 355 In heavenly love abiding

Gradual Hymn: 43 As the deer pants for the water

Offertory Hymn: 11 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

Final Hymn: 144 Come, ye thankful people, come

Collect:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

First Reading: Romans 12.1–8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation;

the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gradual Hymn: 43 As the deer pants for the water

GOSPEL: Matthew 16.13–20

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

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Post Communion:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace; by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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.

Please also pray for:

Marion Barber who died on Friday and keep her family in your prayers this week.

Give thanks for the life of Janet Shirley Howard on the first anniversary of her death which fell last week and remember her family in your prayers

Wednesday 30th August – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday:

Sunday 3rd September 2017:

8am Eucharist (BCP.)

9.30am Family Eucharist (CW)

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

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