

**Notices: Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** This year this event is being held at St Clare's RC church on Front Street at 2 pm. All are welcome (regardless of gender!)

**Fair Trade Stall:** Steph will not be here next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Instead you will be able to buy all your FT favourites at the Fair Trade Coffee morning held here in church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Two Lectionary Days in March: Tuesday 8 March 2016** at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich from 9.30am to 3.30pm. **Saturday 19 March 2016** at the Hyndman Centre, Bury St Edmunds from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Cost for each £7 including refreshments but please bring your own lunch. For more information contact Lesley Steed on 01473 298510 or [lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org). See the posters in our Porch.

**Knitters and Stitchers:** We have 26 butterflies ready to fly at Easter but need more. Next meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Do come, if you are making something else bring it along, we love new ideas or just join in the chat and enjoy a cuppa. Details Mary: 638897 or Geraldine: 727489

**Mothering Sunday:** Next Sunday's Mothering Sunday service (March 6<sup>th</sup>) is a family service with no Holy Communion. Brenda Clarke has kindly offered a lift in her car to anyone who would prefer to attend the Communion service at Saxtead Church at 11.15am on that day.

**FOSM plant sale:** This will be happening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May so please could the green fingered amongst us start growing things to sell. All plants welcome.

**Coins and stamps for 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 safe in the church, or give them to Joyce Spruce or Steph Bennell. There is a box for stamps on the FOSM table near the font in the church.

**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 Silent Prayer Group:** You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rayleenf@aol.com)

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with All Saints Saxtead



## The Third Sunday of Lent – February 28th 2016

**Today's Service:**

**Processional Hymn:** 27 - All who would valiant be

**Offertory Hymn:** 334 - I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Final Hymn:** 275 - Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to

serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

For the word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 100: Jubilate**

1. O be joyful in the Lord, / all ye / lands; serve the Lord with gladness, \* and come before his / pres-ence / *with a* / song.
2. Be ye sure *that the* / Lord ~ he is / God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, \* we are his / people ~ and the / sheep of ~ his / pasture.
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, \* and into his / courts with / praise. Be thankful unto / him and ~ speak / good of ~ his / name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, \* his mercy is / ev-er- / lasting; and his truth endureth from gene- / ration ~ to / ge-ne- / ration.

Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be; world without / end, A- / -- / men.

**Gospel Acclamation: (ALL) Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory x 2**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 13.1–9**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

1 There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse

sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ 6 Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” 8 He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Post Communion:** Merciful Lord, grant our people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Please also pray for:** The family of Bob Rowles whose thanksgiving service is at 1.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in St Michael’s and for the family of Kenny Abbot who died peacefully last Sunday night, his funeral will be on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, also in St Michael’s.

**Wednesday** 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 10.30am Holy Communion in the Rectory.  
**Next Sunday:** The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service (no Eucharist.)  
Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship).

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