

Notices continued:

Monthly Newsletter for May: For those of you who do not receive your newsletter by email there is a copy at the back of church for you to take home today. Would you like it sent to you by email? Please give your email address to Victoria or a member of our Clergy Team. Thank you.

FOSM Lunch This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 17th May. 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.

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.

Tower Team Children's activities during the 9.30am service: 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 they would be very welcome.

The Food Bank: Donations are badly needed and your contributions are very gratefully received. It is important that the items are well within the sell-by dates as unfortunately, it can be several weeks before there is enough to merit a delivery. 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, any non-perishable foods are very welcome. Thank you.

Wednesday 2nd May – 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday:

Sunday 6th May 8am Eucharist (BCP.)

9.30am Family Communion (CW).

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW) .

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter. Sunday April 29th 2018.

Today's Service:

Hymns:

Processional Hymn: 242 God is love

Gradual Hymn: 481 Lord, thy word abideth

Offertory Hymn: 492 Love is his word

Final Hymn: 491 Love divine

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life; give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 8.26–40

26 An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his

humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 481 Lord, thy word abideth

Alleluia: Alleluia for Easter Season.

Response: Alleluia x 3.

GOSPEL: John 15.1–8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life; grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for:

Thelma Durrant, Patrick Lowin, Olwin Bridges, Renee Clifton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices: General Data Protection Regulation: Please collect the letter with your name on it from the back of church. There is new legislation coming into force in May and we need your help to comply. Please fill in the consent form attached to the letter and return it as soon as possible.

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group tomorrow, Mon 30th April (not Mon 7th May, which is a bank holiday) 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

Knitters and Stitches:

The next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tues 15th May in church. Bring your own project or join in the plans for a new banner. Small decorative items needed for the Christmas stall if you are itching to stitch before the weather gets too hot! More details from Mary Lamb 638897

Kathmandu-it: On Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm in church there will be another opportunity to hear Henry Dunham and Sam Crimp's fascinating story of their walk to Kathmandu. Tickets are £5 each and include a free glass of wine. They are available from Hall Farm Butchers in Framlingham or from the Parish Office. All proceeds will be in aid of Annie's Challenge a charity raising money for brain tumour research. If you couldn't get a ticket last time now is your chance!