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Monthly newsletter:

For those of you who have not received your Newsletter by email, please don't forget to pick up a copy from the back of church and take it home with you. It is full of useful information for August. If you have anything you wish to put in the September newsletter please speak to Victoria or email it to the Parish Office, your contributions will be very welcome.

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:

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.

FOSM Lunch

This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 17th August. 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.

Knitters and Stitchers...

Are not meeting in church during August, we have been invited to a "Bring a Plate" lunch at Mary's house on August 14th. More details 638897. We are gradually completing enough fabric and knitted fruit and veg to fill the Harvest Trug, more are on their way but extras are always welcome. Items for our Christmas Stall are also being planned and made too. Geraldine

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 more than welcome. Thank you.

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Seventh Sunday After Trinity **July 30th 2017.**

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded;

Gradual Hymn: 652 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Offertory Hymn: 40 Angel-voices ever singing

Final Hymn: 628 Praise to the Lord

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow; though our faith is small as mustard-seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 8.26–39

26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who

is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, 39 nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 652 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

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

31 Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' 33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. 44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 Have you

understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52 And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Post Communion:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live; may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for:

Betty Mockford, Marion Barber, Ben Bullock, Patrick Lowin and Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Please also pray for Thomas Welham and Anna Starnes who are marrying here next Saturday 5th August and for their families who are celebrating this very special occasion with them.

Wednesday 2nd August – 10.30am Holy Communion.

Next Sunday:

Sunday 6th August 2017:

8am Eucharist (BCP.)

9.30am Family Eucharist (CW)

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (CW).

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