

Notices continued:

Fair Trade Stall: Steph will be here after the 9.30 am service today so please come and stock up on all your favourite FT items.

Christian Aid Week – 15th-21st May. We need some new collectors. **Can you help?** Please ring 720106; email Christopher.bindloss@hotmail.com The World's poorest people need our help. We are also looking for a willing volunteer (if possible) to take on the role of treasurer for Framlingham Christian Aid. This is not a hugely onerous task, but is vital to our activities. Jillian (our retiring Treasurer, who has served for 11 years) would be able to support and explain the requirements. Do you know anyone within your churches who might consider taking on this role? We would be very grateful for any assistance and suggestions. Many thanks. Cath Kitching. cathkitching@aol.com

Thy Kingdom come – May 8th – 15th Ascension to Pentecost

This is the Archbishops' initiative to help us pray to know Jesus better and to share the good news in word and service. To help us in Framlingham we are:

- Using some of the ideas this Sunday and next
- Producing one of our occasional prayer leaflets written by people in the town – please use it during the 8 days and beyond
- Focusing on prayer on Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.30 and then those who would like to going out and walking and praying in different parts of Framlingham.

There are some other good resources which we may use during the year. If you are interested in finding out more do look at www.thykingdom.co.uk

Road closure, Sunday 15th May: Due to the annual go-kart race, the road by Callendars on Bridge Street, through the Market Hill and as far as The Castle Inn at the top of Church Street will be closed from 10am (No parking on Market Hill or Church Street). Castle Street will become 2 way and free parking will be allowed on the Castle Meadow. St Michael's Rooms car park is being used as a pit stop for the go karts and so there will be no parking available there either.

FOSM Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 19th 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.

Knit and Stitch: The Knit and Stitch Group are progressing well with knitted and material bunting for June as well as ideas for Harvest and Christmas. Items are always welcome for the Christmas charity stall even if anyone cannot come to our meetings. Of course we prefer to join in the camaraderie of stitching together and enjoying a cuppa. Do come to the next meeting on Thursday 19th May at 2pm in church.

FOSM Plant Stall: This annual event is happening on Saturday 28th May, 8.30am – 2pm, on the Market Hill. Anyone who has been growing things can bring them to the stall on the day or contact Jeremy Schofield on 724310, all types of plants very welcome. Please come on the day to support FOSM by buying lots of plants!

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 8th 2016

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 150 Crown him with many crowns

Gradual Hymn: 399 Jesus shall reign

Offertory Hymn: 103 Christ Triumphant

Final Hymn: 320 How shall I sing that majesty

Collect: O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 16.16–34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs 21 that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' 22 The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer

woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' 31 They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual hymn: 399 Jesus shall reign

Second Reading: Revelation 22.12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John, heard a voice saying to me: 12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16 It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' 17 The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. 20 The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia: (ALL) **Alleluia x 4**

GOSPEL: John 17.20–26

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, 20 I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom; confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for Angie and John Chapman who were married here one year ago and celebrate their first anniversary tomorrow.

Please pray for: Shirley Lock, David James, Doreen Burrows, Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices: 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. **Notices continued...**

Wednesday 11th May– 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday: Sunday 15th May: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.)
9.30am Family Eucharist (Common Worship). 12 noon Baptism of Oliver Rae.

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion for Pentecost.

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