

Notices continued:

Alive@4: This afternoon, Sunday 17th April at 4pm in St Michael's Rooms - fun, fellowship, bible stories, activities, crafts and High Tea – all welcome.

Queens 90th Birthday Big Community Tea Party: This is happening on Sunday 12th June, and is being organised by the Framlingham Business Association.

Please help prepare for this special celebration. Many people have already said they would be happy to provide cakes for the free refreshments. What is needed is for everyone to email in now - with the number and type of cakes and scones that they would like to provide. The person to contact is Steve Hambling, of Hambling Catering, who is the Refreshments Co-ordinator for this important community event. He can be emailed on sham1312@aol.com Nearer the time, you will be contacted about when and where the cakes and scones can be delivered to before the event. Thank you very much for your support, it is much appreciated.

FOSM Lunch: This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 21st April. 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.

Biennial Spring Clean: Tuesday 26th April, 9.30 onwards (possible continuation on Thursday 28 April). Volunteers are needed, please bring, if you can, a vacuum, plus dusters/micro cloths, brooms, dustpans and brushes. Refreshments provided.

If you can help, please give me a call/ email - Janis Haerle 01728 723450
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Rev Mike Vipond: Mike is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination as deacon on May 25th 1991 on May 25th at St Clare's and there will be a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes at 6.30 with refreshments afterwards. Everybody is welcome so if you would like to be there, please sign the list at the back of church before Monday 2nd May.

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.

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.

FOSM Quiz night and supper: Do come along to this fun and sociable evening on Saturday 23rd April in St Michael's Rooms at 7pm. Teams can be made up on the night. For more information contact Steph Bennell stephbennell03@gmail.com

The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17th 2016

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 702 The Church's one foundation

Gradual Hymn: 166 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

Offertory Hymn: 715 The King of love my shepherd is

Final Hymn: 33 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7.9–17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the

throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual hymn: 166 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

Second Reading: Acts 9.36 – 43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia: (ALL) **Alleluia x 3**

GOSPEL: John 10. 22 - 30

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

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

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you

do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again; keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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Today: 4pm Alive@4 in St Michael's Rooms.

Wednesday 20th April – 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Next Sunday: Sunday 24th April: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship).

Saxtead: 5pm Annual meeting followed by tea and cake.

6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Notices:

APCM accounts: St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in St Michael's Rooms. Everyone is welcome. Along with all the usual reports will be a summary of the year's accounts. For anyone wanting more detail the full report will be available in church next Sunday 24th April after both morning services.

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