

Notices continued:

Christingle Service: Christingle Family Service – 7th February at 9.30 – all are welcome and we will be supporting the work of the Children's Society. If you have one of their collecting boxes please bring it back at that service.

The PCC have decided that both the Christingle Service and the Mothering Sunday Services should be occasions when we try and attract as many young families into the church as possible. The School singing group will be coming and we will be sending invites out far and wide. We have noticed that many who come are not confirmed and fear that having Communion is not helpful or welcoming. So neither of these services will be a Holy Communion service. However our sister parish of Saxtead has a Holy Communion Service at 11.15. Brenda Clarke has very kindly said she would offer lifts to anyone who would prefer to go there instead – please contact her on 724683 to arrange this.

The Children's Society boxes: It's that time again for the emptying of our boxes. Please would you bring them to church? We have raised over £800 in the last few years just from putting small change in these boxes, amazing! Thank you. Mary S.

Plastic milk bottle tops: Please start collecting them again for Deborah and Wendy as the children love the game they are used for!

Knitters and Stitchers: The next meeting is on 8th February at 2pm. Details: Geraldine 727489 or Mary 638897

Lent Course – The Psalms (Week beginning Mon 15th February). This year we are thinking and praying about the Psalms as prayers for today's church. The course we are using has been written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell who is an excellent and easily understandable writer who opens up some key psalms for us. Sermons and worship will be using the psalms to focus our worship during this period. There is a study booklet (£5) which can be used whether you are a member of a group or not; and you can be a member of the group without the booklet. We are running three groups and will do more if necessary:

Tuesday afternoons – at Christopher Bindloss', 01728 720106, The Grange, Fairfield Rd from 2pm – leader will be Christopher

Tuesday evenings – at Paula Kerr's, Briar House, Badingham Road, Framlingham, IP13 9HS (in new development of 4 houses.) Tel: 01728 723108 from 7.30 – leader will be Betty Mockford. (Please ring Paula to let her know you plan to attend the first meeting to give her an idea of numbers)

Wednesday mornings at Rectory at 11.15 – this will follow the Holy Communion Service which you are welcome to attend but group and service will be totally different groups.



The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - Sunday 31st January 2016

Today's Service:

Processional Hymn: 97 Christ is our cornerstone

Gradual Hymn: 105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Offertory Hymn: 223 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Final Hymn: 200 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Collect: God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness; we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 13.1–13

1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. 5 It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all

things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

For the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Alleluia: Gospel Acclamation (Bernadette Farrell)

Response (ALL) Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

GOSPEL: John 4.19 - 29a

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

19 The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 25 The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26 Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' 27 Just then his disciples

came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' 28 Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29a 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love; help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Please pray for: Doreen Burrows, Doris Massey, Sally, Michael Bridges, Annie Hughes, Olwin Bridges, Shirley, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices: Please take this sheet home with you.

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group tomorrow, Monday 1st February at Framlingham College Chapel. Breakfast will be served from 8.30am prayers are from 9 – 9.45am. Any enquiries to Rayleen Finn 01728 723322, rayleenf@aol.com

Fair Trade Stall: Steph will be here next Sunday 7th February with the Fair Trade stall after the 9.30am service. Please bring plenty of change and stock up on all your favourite items. Thank you.

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Wednesday 3rd February – 10.30am Holy Communion in the Rectory.

Next Sunday: Sunday Next Before Lent – Sunday 7th February 2016: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Christingle Service.

Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer).

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