

Notices:

FOSM Christmas Lunch This delicious lunch is happening on Thursday 15th December. 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.

Christmas Wreaths: If you would like to give some money to buy flowers instead of a Christmas wreath this year, please let Wendy Phelan know. Names of people remembered will be listed in the Space for Grace.

The Silent Prayer Group: You are welcome to join the Silent Prayer Group on Monday 5th December 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

Monthly newsletter: Please pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter from the back of church and take it home with you. It is full of useful information for December. If you have anything you wish to put in the January 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. It is done in complete confidence.

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have continued to contribute donations of food to the church food bank. As you know everything from St Michaels goes to the Woodbridge branch of the Salvation Army. Quite a lot of the people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers, so could you bear that in mind as well when you are buying. Tinned meat or fish and other basics are the most urgently needed (all within the sell by date please). Once again many thanks and keep them coming. Sandy Rowles.

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The
Church of Saint Michael
Framlingham
with All Saints Saxtead



The Second Sunday of Advent December 4th 2016

Today's Service:

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

The Prophets

Loving God, your prophets spoke out
in the darkness of suffering and loss,
of a light coming into the world.

May we, with your global church, proclaim your light
as we stand alongside the marginalized of the world,
that they may find new strength and hope in you.

Processional Hymn: 500 - Make Way, Make Way

Gradual Hymn: 652 - Seek Ye First.

Offertory Hymn: 798 - We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Final Hymn: 20 - All Over the World.

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1–10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord.

Response (ALL) Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: 652 - Seek Ye First.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the

people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge; give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Patrick Lewin and Graham Vellacott, Michael Bridges, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Wednesday 7th December, 10.30am Holy Communion. In the Rectory.

Next Sunday: Sunday 11th December: 8am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer.) 9.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship). Saxtead: 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP.)