

## Church calendars for April

Each Sunday at 8.00am, BCP Eucharist, and every Wednesday at 10.30am, Holy Communion, both in St Michael's Church.

<b>April Services at St Michael's</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Family Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Palm Sunday Communion
<b>Holy Week</b>		
Monday – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Night Prayer and Reflection		
Maundy Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Eucharist, with washing of feet and stripping the altars		
Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> 2pm Service at the Cross		
Easter Sunday 9.30am All - Age Communion		

<b>April Services at All Saints Saxtead</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (CW)
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Easter Sunday Morning Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)

### News from Saxtead

The Saxtead Ladies Coffee Morning was very well attended and lovely to see both Ann Dyson and Deborah Sharman again. The lovely oak tree chosen for the Queen's Green Canopy in memory of her Jubilee has been planted with a sturdy deer proof park guard in the centre of the green, safely away from the water mains which have been giving trouble lately. The Oak was donated by the County Council, the guard by the Parish Council and both were kindly put in place by George Cullingford.

Easter Flowers: Please can flowers for Easter Day be brought to the church on

Saturday. Traditionally there are no flowers in Anglican churches during Lent or Good Friday. We hope that plenty of children will visit the church on Easter Day for the Saxtead Easter Egg baskets - hung on the branches of our beautiful Cherry tree, safely out of reach of foxes and rabbits and badgers and stoats. We are serving Tea, Coffee and Hot Cross Buns from 10.30 to the service at 11.15 on Easter Day, but the egg baskets will be there till 5.30 so that even children away for the day can come and get one before bedtime! Our talented local artist, Lorette Roberts, has designed a delightful Saxtead in Summer Diary of Events which will be delivered with this newsletter, and the Programme of Summer Seminars to be held in Saxtead Church, and are free however Her Majesty the Queen wanted funds to be raised to help the disadvantaged amongst us, and voluntary donations will go to the Salvation Army homeless shelter in Ipswich.

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Please visit Saxtead's village website for news from the parish council and all meeting agendas and minutes.*

*[www.Saxtead.Suffolk.cloud](http://www.Saxtead.Suffolk.cloud)*

### Prayer Corner

Servant Christ

Help us to follow you out of the dark tomb,  
to share daily your resurrection life,  
to be renewed daily in your image of love  
to be used daily as your new Body  
in your service to the world.

Amen



## St Michael's Church Framlingham with All Saints Saxtead

### Monthly Newsletter

**April 2022**

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## Reflection from the Rectory

We are not far off from Easter Sunday and all the joy of the resurrection. Our Churches will welcome more worshippers, there will be flowers and Easter eggs, hymns of Joy and triumph as we celebrate Christ's triumph over death. This allows us to see and understand again the deepest truth of a life with God which is greater than death because it is fuelled by a passionate love of a creator for his creation. It is always a joy to enter again into that deepest of truths that the human heart so easily forgets in the struggles of life. But there is a journey to the Garden of Resurrection where Mary Magdalen meets the risen Christ. It begins on Palm Sunday, passes through the upper room on Maundy Thursday, Stands by the Cross on Good Friday, is lost in the silent shock during Holy Saturday before it arrives at Easter Sunday.

This journey is enacted beautifully in the church in the services of Holy Week. They offer us an opportunity, after all the Lentern preparations, to arrive with Mary early in the garden on that first day of the week with our hearts in the right attitude. To jump straight into Easter Sunday without the upper room or the agony of the cross is a little like going on a journey through the most magnificent landscapes and choosing to keep our eyes closed until we reach the final destination. We may get to where we are going but we miss so much wonder in our lack of attentiveness to the journey.



This year I invite you all to travel Holy Week more intentionally, to share in all the beautiful services on offer, to meet and be fed with Jesus in the upper room and to stand at the foot of the cross to share its pain and scandalous message of love. To jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday is to miss some of the most important parts of the landscape, which reveal to us the true depth of God's love.

After two years of a very limited opportunity to experience Holy Week I encourage everyone to journey fully with Jesus, to embrace Holy Week more intentionally. To allow each service to lead you more deeply on the Jesus journey to discover the God who calls your name in love so that on Easter Sunday morning, when we stand with Mary in the garden our hearts can burst out in the full glory of Easter joy. My love to you all, Chris

### 'The Toast Rack' – next dates

The toast rack is held at St Michael's. on the **first and third Saturdays of each month, from 10 -12 noon.**

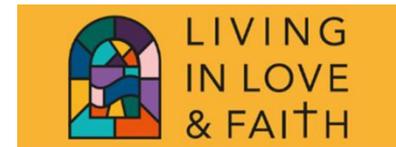
coffee and tea are served, with toast, and biscuits. The April dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and the May dates are 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to meet and chat, No charge is made, but any donations are always welcome.



## News from the Diocese

### Living in Love and Faith

The Revd Canon Sharon Potter, our Diocesan Advocate



for Living in Love and Faith (LLF) encouraged Synod members to take part in the programme for LLF.

The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together. The new resource offers church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God as part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

If you would like to take part please:

1. **Register** on the [Living in Love and Faith Learning Hub](#) to access all the resources.
2. **Explore** the full range of resources available and if you are a leader in a church, you may like to consider running a group, or using the materials as part of a Lent course. There is also material available designed specifically with young people in mind.
3. **Respond** Once you've explored the materials or been part of an LLF group, complete the [online questionnaire](#) or consider [responding creatively](#) to make your contribution to discerning what God is saying to the Church.

The survey responses must be in by **30 April 2022** but you can send in a written or creative response after this date. To view Sharon's presentation watch her on YouTube [here](#). Any queries please email:

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