

Church calendars for February

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

February Services at St Michael's

6 th	9.30am	Family Communion
13 th	9.30am	Parish Communion
20 st	9.30am	Parish Communion
27 th	9.30am	Parish Communion

February Services at All Saints Saxtead

6 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
13 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
20 st	11.15am	Morning Prayer
27 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)

❖Knitters and Stitchers Group

The next Knitters and Stitchers group meeting will be held on **Friday 4th**

February, from 9.30 – 11.00am in St Michael's church. Everyone is



welcome, from beginners to experts; and this month there will be



help learning to crochet, so come, bring your project if you'd like to, have a chat, and enjoy a friendly cup of tea or coffee.

News from Saxtead

Sadly Lorette and Bill were unable to have the Saxtead Ladies Christmas Coffee Morning due to hospital appointments so it was relocated to Meadow Lodge. It was very well attended and Secret Santa distributed to 18 guests with

delicious sherry from the Roberts's, cupcakes and mince pies. On Sunday 5th we had a special visit to All Saints from The Rev David Pitcher whom many remember fondly from quite a few years ago, when he was our Vicar. This year we have sold advent calendars, Christmas stars & angels, Noah Table Mats & crosses. We still have some children's thank you cards if you haven't yet been able to get them to write their letters!

Rupert was away on the 12th so Caroline Blois very kindly came again to play the organ, and played a couple of Bach pieces she learned especially for us.

We had our 2nd Champagne Church Cleaning Party followed on the Tuesday before Christmas by the Flower Arranging Bee and I think everyone will agree that the arrangements were lovely again this year. Amanda came and was able to meet new village members who have kindly stepped up to help.

The Carol Service on Christmas Eve was a huge success again this year, attended by more than 50 people including nearly a dozen children. The Hoare, Lane and Watt children read lessons beautifully, and placed the enchanting nativity figures by the manger in front of the altar. Hal Hoare played the trumpet, and delicious mulled wine was provided by Amanda.

A reminder that we now have a car pool, so if you would like a lift to church or any other church event, ring Christina on 01728-724162.

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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



St Michael's Church Framlingham with All Saints Saxtead

Monthly Newsletter

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Reflection from the Rectory

New Year, new beginnings:

Happy New Year!

This is our first newsletter of 2022 and the year has already



begun with signs of growth. The work to demolish the old St Michael's Rooms is beginning and soon the new community facility to be known as Castle Community Rooms will begin to be built. Plans to redevelop the site were first drawn up over 20 years ago.

I am delighted that we are now able to be a foundational part of the provision of an architect designed, environmentally sensitive community focussed building. It has been a challenging journey and our church has been in a unique position to take a lead in the project because of the skills available within our congregation to bring the project to this place. We owe an incredible debt of gratitude to Jeremy Schofield, Mark Sanders, Adrian Morgan and Peter Smith for the hours of work they have put in to allow us to reach this point.

Although we still have a funding shortfall we are confident that the build will be fully funded by the Summer. I would like to thank the PCC for its vision and courage in pursuing this project and to our fundraising group who continue to work apace.

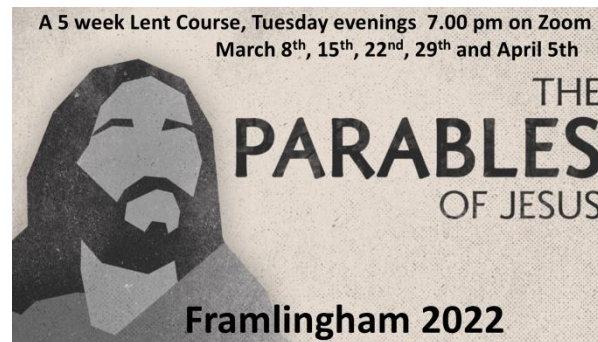
I would also like to thank the Town Council and East Suffolk Council for their support. *Chris.*



Cutting the first sod

Lent is Coming!

Here is a poster for the Lent course Chris will be holding on ZOOM during this coming Lent (Ash Wednesday is 2nd March) Joining details will be sent round nearer the time.

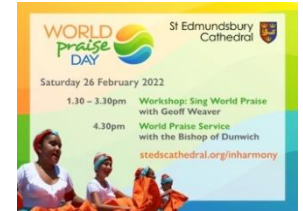


'The Toast Rack'

A new venture called 'the Toast Rack', is being organised by Sandy Rowles at St Michael's. Coffee and tea will be served, with toast, and biscuits, on the **first and third Saturdays of each month, from 10 -12 noon**, beginning on **Saturday 5th February**. We hope that this will be an opportunity for people to meet and chat, and perhaps for some to get used to being out and about again in a safe and friendly forum. No charge will be made, but any donations are always welcome.

From Richard Hubbard, Cantus Firmus Trust.

We had been planning a World Praise Weekend at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, which was to include a performance of the cantata Zimbe, for children's choir, adult choirs and jazz ensemble. However, recent Covid restrictions have meant that most of the schools who were signed up to take part are not allowed to hold rehearsals, so we have had to postpone this.



Instead we have relaunched the event as a **World Praise Day on Saturday 26 February**, with a **workshop from 1.30 – 3.30pm** led by Geoff Weaver, and a **World Praise Service at 4.30pm** led by the Bishop of Dunwich. The service will comprise congregational songs from around the world, which we will learn in Geoff Weaver's workshop, together with some items sung by Cantus Firmus Choir.. All are welcome to attend the Workshop: tickets £10, will be available from stedscathedral.org/inharmony, and/or the service (admission free, retiring collection).

Next poetry Evening on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join us for the next poetry evening on Zoom on **Wednesday 9th February at 7.30pm**, when various people will be sharing their favourite poems – of all sorts! see the joining details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600787341?pwd=QlhYVTdiRGpyVTV0K2lGTmpOMGQ1UT09>

or follow this link <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 816 0078 7341

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