

Church Calendars for June

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

June Services at St Michael's

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| 5 th | 9.30am | Family Communion |
| 12 th | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| 19 th h | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| 26 th | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| | 4.00pm | Alive@4 |

June Services at All Saints Saxtead

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| 5 th | 11.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 12 th | 11.15am | Holy Communion (CW) |
| 19 th | 11.15am | Morning Prayer |
| 26 th | 11.15am | Holy Communion (CW) |



In honour of
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

22 MAY THE REV GEOFF & HOPE PRICE - MISSIONARIES IN RWANDA
23 MAY BISHOP SANDY MILLAR, VICAR OF HTB, HOME OF ALPHA
29 MAY DEBORAH SPENSER - DO YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE?
6 JUNE AUTHOR - THE REV CHARLES CROLL WITH A BIOGRAPHY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
12 JUNE CHARITY QUIN - SINGER/SONGWRITER TESTIMONY & PERFORMANCE
13 JUNE DR MICHAEL REYNOLDS - DO YOU WANT TO BE A DIPLOMAT?
19 JUNE BISHOP SANDY MILLAR - FOLLOWING HIM... NOW WHAT?
20 JUNE JOHN SPEIGHT, METALLURGIST - MAGNETS, THE FATAL ATTRACTION!
4 JULY ANTHONY DARELL-BROWN - DO YOU WANT A CAREER IN ADVERTISING?
10 JULY A POLICE OFFICER - DO YOU WANT A CAREER IN THE POLICE?
11 JULY CHARLES FREEMAN - NOSING AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN

CONTACT CHRISTINA ON 01728 724162 TO BOOK FREE TICKETS
VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO THE SALVATION ARMY HOMELESS SHELTER, IPSWICH

7-8PM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SAXTEAD
[WWW.CELEBRATINGSAXTEAD.CO.UK](http://www.celebratingsaxtead.co.uk)

SUMMER SEMINARS

News from Saxtead

The Saxtead Seminars got off to a marvellous start with nearly 40 people coming to hear the amazing testimony of healing and faith from Hope and Geoff Price who were missionaries in Rwanda, followed by Bishop Sandy Millar who told us how he left his career as a Barrister to become a minister in the Church of England, following a conversion at a tennis playing house party and a visit to the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London.

He didn't mention it, but he took a conventional congregation in a London church and turned it into the hub of a worldwide evangelical Christian movement with the birth of the Alpha Course. Both these talks, (if I have recorded them properly!) will be available to listen to on a podcast on the:

www.celebratingsaxtead.co.uk website.

It is seldom that so many exceptional speakers are to be found in a sleepy Suffolk village - don't miss this opportunity!



Bishop Martin Seeley is pictured by photographer Phil Morley at the Suffolk Show, enjoying meeting visitors and engaging in activities with young people at the Church of England marquee.



St Michael's Church

Framlingham with All Saints Saxtead

Monthly Newsletter

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Reflection from the Rectory

As I am writing this article the Platinum Jubilee weekend is well under way. We are blessed with the most superb weather and the flower festival has



attracted lots of extra visitors to our church in Framlingham and our Summer Seminars are underway in Saxtead. This weekend is also Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples and which saw them stepping out with new energy and courage as the growth of the early church marched on in the most amazing way.

Galatians identifies what the outward working of the Holy Spirit looks like, - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (*Galatians 5:22-23*). These attributes are evident in a church which is focussed on being a deep reflection of Jesus and the God he reveals. My prayer is always that these spiritual gifts are the DNA our life as a Church and the engine from which our service to the world is fuelled.

As we celebrate 70 years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, much of the commentary is about her service to our country. We value service in a world that is far more concerned with self indulgent gain. We are to live a different life, a more authentic reflection of the life God created us to have, live and flourish in. To be true to that calling we need to be intentional about manifesting these gifts in our life together as the Church in Framlingham and Saxtead. It begins in our life

together and the way we treat each other and cascades out into our joyful service to the world.

It is so easy to fall into the traps of cynicism and negativity that the world so delights in and which is revealed in the toxic culture of shaming, ridiculing, and judging, which we see most readily in our press and social media. The church is called to be an antidote to such a negative and soul-destroying cycle, and to be a beacon of light and hope where the wounded can be welcomed and healed as we help each person recognise their unique beauty as a child of God. What a privilege our calling as Christians is! We should celebrate and relish such a calling and ministry. We should strive to live it as deeply as we possibly can as authentically as we can.

We are called to be the embodiment of the Fruits of the Spirit. To find those things in and for our own lives and to live them extravagantly as a community, joyfully together, and overflowing into the world. Let us pray that the gifts of Pentecost will burst from our churches, one family in two places, in order to witness to the world the healing salve of His love.

My love as always, *Chris*

Prayer Corner

Spirit hovering over our chaos, help us to acknowledge our sin; lead us into deeper repentance in unity with Christ. Help us to admit our emptiness that we may turn to be filled with the love that rushes to meet us. May we be more conscious of God's goodness, than of our own guilt.

May we allow ourselves to be embraced and kissed by the Father, who delights in us, and if we look out of the eyes of the other, the elder brother, in jealousy and pain, help us to admit our emptiness, that we may turn and be filled with the love that says: 'My son, my daughter, you are with me always, and all I have is yours'.

Kate McIlhagga: prayer based on the story of the Prodigal Son.

News from the Diocese

Responding to the crisis in Ukraine, Paul Taylor, former Head Teacher at Framlingham College and a member of the Middleton PCC has kindly agreed to take a lead for our Ukrainian response, working alongside Archdeacon Rhiannon.

Please do keep him informed of what is going on. We are trying to support efforts across the county to welcome and host our Ukrainian guests and would value information on any local hubs/support groups (especially ones where churches are involved) that have been set up in your area. New ones are starting every month. We are keen for churches, of all denominations, to play a central role in helping to facilitate some cross-fertilisation so that advice, tips, experience and social opportunities can be widely shared. Please see the [Suffolk Churches welcome Ukrainians](#) leaflet and if you know of additional groups or would like to offer or receive some support please email [Paul Taylor](#) (or call on 07768 074107) or email [Archdeacon Rhiannon](#).

