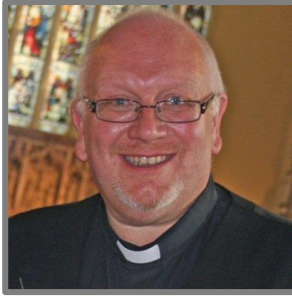


Reflection from the Rectory

The Spring feels as though it has arrived and I am looking out of the study window at the snowdrops and the first glimpse of daffodils. The vaccination programme is moving apace and we



have been given a potential road map out of lockdown and towards whatever a new normal might look like. Things feel very hopeful for the first time in many months.

We will be beginning physical Sunday worship at the 8.00 am in Framlingham and 11.15 am at Saxtead from Sunday 7th March. The 10.30 am Wednesdays Eucharist in Framlingham will recommence on the 10th March.

I hope at Easter we will be able to think about returning to some type of Physical 9.30 am service on Sunday mornings and that Holy Week will give us opportunities to keep a semblance of Holy Week.

Our return will need to have all the restrictions in place, masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing will remain important for some time to come I am sure. I am aware of the thirst to 'get back to normal' but we must temper that urge to make sure that all we do offer is safe for those attending and leading. We also have to think about how to maintain some online worship for those who may not be able to come back to physical worship but who have so delighted in being part of our wonderful zoom Sunday services, we don't simply want

to abandon them just because different opportunities now present themselves. How we move and how fast it happens will take time to get right and we might need to try things and modify as we go along.

For the first time I think we can sense resurrection, and this will be important to reflect in all our worship over Holy Week. We have stood under the shadow of the cross for too long and now there is a need to look beyond the cross to the day-break of the resurrection Story. The message people's hearts will be longing for is victory over death. We can never of course ignore the cross and nor should we attempt to but how we preach and present it needs to reflect our particular context as we come out of a dark time.

So things are moving in a new direction; I am delighted that so many people have been vaccinated and that there is a real light at the end of the tunnel. How we reflect that in the worship of the church will be something to reflect on deeply.

Every blessing, Chris.

Prayer Corner

Lord, use our gifts,
To lighten the darkness of those living in shadows,
to restore dignity to those robbed of their humanity,
to lift the humble, and to fill the hungry with good things,
until your kingdom is built with love and justice,
and all your people are free. Amen.



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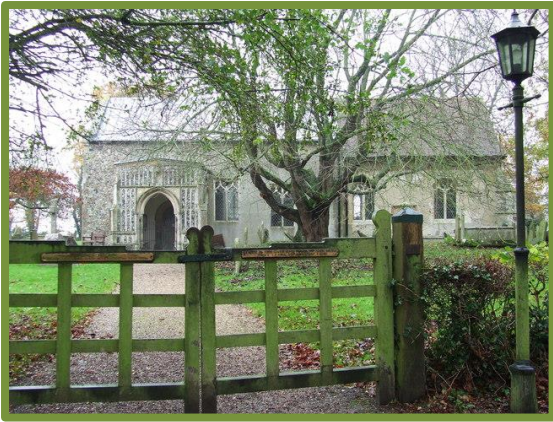
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Lockdown Lent in Saxtead

At last Covid cases are dropping, the icy blast from Siberia has retreated, the snowdrops are out and our much loved windmill is turning in the brilliant sunshine!

This Lent, the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Lightwave Project is encouraging us to do something kind every day for 40 days: a kind word of encouragement, a telephone call to a friend or neighbour who lives alone, or why not send or forward a photograph that will bring back happy memories shared?

John Hutton is also very kindly hosting a collection for a hamper to thank the teachers and staff at Earl Soham Primary School who have not only had to adjust to online lessons and classes for the children of essential workers during this pandemic, but now face the challenge of ensuring the younger children catch up in the 3Rs.

The money collected will buy delicious goods from Hutton's shelves and will be delivered to the school before the Easter holidays, together with thankyou cards posted in the golden post-box.

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There are additional resources at www.light-wave.org/lent



Butterflies for the Porch

This year, life has been, and still will be, a little different but we have ideas!!

At St Michael's we would like to use the large Easter cross and the porch itself to display what has been made to symbolise the joy of New Life in the resurrection of Jesus.

Hopefully this will be a witness to your many thoughts during Lent and ways of being creative.

I would like you all, children, families, knitters and stitchers, occasional visitors, followers on face book etc. to make butterflies representing New Life.

The colour schemes should be based on rainbow colours: representing the promise made by God to his people .

We can provide a butterfly template, if you need one, out of card so that it is fairly firm. However they can be collaged, painted, written on, coloured in any media, knitted, made of applique.....any form of decoration and patterning that you like. Different sizes also welcome; we all come in many shapes and sizes

It would be fantastic if we can make the porch welcoming and overflowing with the new life reflected by the butterflies. Imagine hundreds of fluttering wings released for Easter and the opening up of our lives and the reopening of the church as a place of welcome and witness.

Please join in, men, women and children alike can be part of this event, please share this with friends near and far , the more we have the more amazing it will be .

If we are able to meet together by then we will also have a workshop day for anyone wishing to join in with lots of different media available for you to use. More about that later.

I am giving plenty of notice so that you can make as many as you wish and they need to be handed in to the church, the church office, Mary Lamb or Wendy Phelan by Thursday ,1st April. Looking forward to seeing how creative you can all be.

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