

## Church calendars for March

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

**The Ash Wednesday Service at St Michaels will include the imposition of ashes.**

### March Services at St Michael's

2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday 7.30pm

### Deanery Service at Debenham

6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Family Communion

13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish Communion

20<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Parish Communion

27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish Communion

### March Services at All Saints Saxtead

6<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Morning Prayer

13<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

20<sup>st</sup> 11.15am Morning Prayer

27<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Holy Communion (CW)

## Knitters and Stitchers Group

The next Knitters and Stitchers group meeting will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, from 9.30 – 11.00am in St Michael's church. Everyone is welcome, from beginners

to experts. Bring your project if you'd like to, have a chat, and enjoy a friendly cup of tea or coffee.

## News from Saxtead

The Saxtead Ladies Coffee Morning was held in The Old Mill Pub by kind permission of Nick Shepherd and his wife and was very well attended in spite of the accidents and illnesses



that have befallen many of our members.

Sarah Rimmer gave us an exciting foretaste of the **Jubilee Tea Party**, which is planned to be held on **Saturday 4th June** on the Green near the football goal, with marquees and several exciting events to enjoy at the same time.

**Save the Date: :**

**JUNE 4TH 2022 JUBILEE TEA PARTY.**

**The Saxtead East Egg Hunt** will be held on Easter Sunday, 17th April, at Saxtead Church from 10.00am to 5.30pm - and will be outside the church and in the porch only, in little baskets on our beautiful cherry tree as it was last time. “ ..

Below is a picture of a flyer, giving just a taster of a series of career talks to be held during May and June this year, under the auspices of 'Celebrating Saxtead'. More information will be forthcoming in future editions..

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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)*



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

### Monthly Newsletter

**March 2022**

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## Reflection from the Rectory

With Lent activities already advertised I wanted to say something about our Sing Praise project. Sing Praise is our Tuesday After-school project, which now meets in church every Tuesday from 3.15 pm. The project as its name suggests has a strong musical element especially focussed on singing. The project Leader is Catherine Johnson who teaches music, specialising in singing. We have 30 children on roll and a waiting list of youngsters wanting to join.



When we began to be able to meet again as an after school project we felt it important to offer the possibility to reflect on some of our children's experiences of isolation and anxiety which the pandemic has brought. We began to look for a vehicle which would allow us to do this in a creative and meaningful way.

Charlie Mackesy's beautiful book *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse* with its simple yet exquisite illustrations and accompanying words of deep wisdom have been way-markers for many seeking to navigate the last few years. It was for this reason that we choose to adapt the book into a story which would help our children to explore some of the challenging themes of living through covid. There are five original songs in the production written for us by Suffolk composer Bryan Hall.

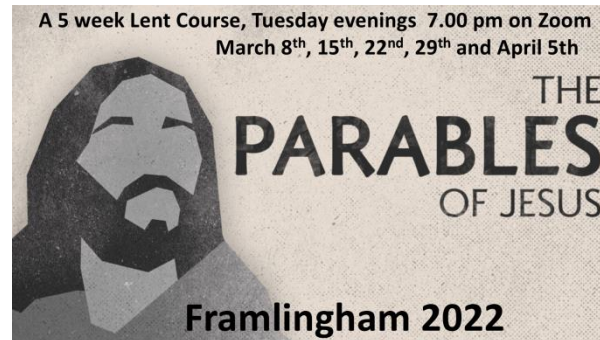
The production is at its heart a love story. It reveals the transformative power of real friendship which allows us to face dark and scary times through the support and

companionship of others. It speaks of courage and hope. These are profoundly Christian themes which the children have enjoyed exploring. We hope you will enjoy them too! These are very much Easter themes and perfect for the build up to Easter.

Performances will be in church on the evenings of the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, so for a few days our building will become a performance space and we may need to limit access due to health and safety.

The children have used journaling to explore the themes of the production and this has been really moving to watch. Please keep the youngsters in your prayers as they prepare to bring the story to life and engage with a story about the power of love to be redemptive!

*Chris.*



This poster gives the dates for the Lent course Chris will be holding on ZOOM during this coming Lent (Ash Wednesday is 2<sup>nd</sup> March) The code to join is:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8521528000?pwd=  
=b0ZJTDNaVjZnWDV5NIRuOTZ0WlpuUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8521528000?pwd=<br/>=b0ZJTDNaVjZnWDV5NIRuOTZ0WlpuUT09)

Meeting ID: 852 152 8000

Passcode: 693636

## '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 March dates are 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and the April dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome to meet and chat, No charge is made, but any donations are always welcome.



### St Michael's Church Spring Clean Saturday 2nd April

Oh Come All Ye Lovely Faithful people who may be able to manage an hour or so from 9.30am onwards on 2<sup>nd</sup> April to help clean our beautiful church.

This will primarily involve looking after all the items of woodwork, the children's corner and some TLC to the kneeler cushions. The windows have of course been professionally cleaned and vacuuming will be carried out the week before. If you have a



favourite polishing mitten, please bring that with you. An added attraction is that this date will coincide with a Toast Rack morning so the sooner we finish, the

sooner we can have a cuppa!

Many thanks in advance for those who can help. *Graham Haerle (723450).*