

## Church calendars for November

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

November Services at St Michael's		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
10.45	Act of Remembrance and Service	
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion

November Services at All Saints Saxtead		
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
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## Could you be an Official Prison Visitor?

At Warren Hill, our local Category C prison near Hollesley, around a third of the prisoners have no friends or family 'on the outside' to support or visit them.



National Association of  
Official Prison Visitors

## We need more people to be Official Prison Visitors

OPVs are volunteers, known to prisoners by their first name only, and are independent of the prison and its staff. Through regular visits, a relationship is built where trust, empathy and understanding are key. Discussions are always confidential, unless an OPV feels there are grounds for concern relating to the prisoner's health or safety, as well as that of fellow prisoners, staff or the prison estate. For more information look on the NAOPV website:

<https://www.naopv.com/what-is-an-official-prison-visitor/>

For further discussion contact the Chaplaincy at Warren Hill: [Chaplaincy-warrenhill-hollesleybay@justice.gov.uk](mailto:Chaplaincy-warrenhill-hollesleybay@justice.gov.uk)

or ring 01394 633468, or talk to Edith Peck, who is their Chaplain!

## News From Saxtead



**The Saxtead Church Champagne Cleaning and Decorating Party** was great fun and wonderfully supported by 16 kind people; 60 hassocks were washed, dried and put back under the lovely pews, now sweetly smelling of beeswax.

Amanda tied pretty posies made with yellow ears of corn to the pew ends and the quantity of gourds, marrows, pumpkins, tomatoes, apples and whole branches of an ancient tiny pear variety, truly made the church a celebration of the harvest!

The arch into the church was adorned with Virginia Creeper and the magnificent



flower arrangements welcomed 22 people to our **Revett's Sausage bap breakfast** before the service, including little Elijah Speight, who was very helpful collecting service sheets and entertaining the dogs in the pew behind.

It was a treat to sing hymns again, and so comforting to have both the bread and the wine for the first time since Lockdown.

**Our Saxtead Ladies Coffee Morning** was very well attended - 11 ladies met in the Old Mill House pub including Barbara Dring who founded the event so many years ago.

Val handed out the decorations for the Saxtead tree in the **Framlingham St Michael's Christmas Tree Exhibition**, (*opens Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am with a coffee morning and stalls, and singing from The Pop Chorus*), and we discussed the **Christmas Fayre, to be held in The Threshing Barn, Green Farm on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** in aid of Saxtead Church and Cancer Research. We also discussed events planned next year for **The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations** - unanimous support was given for planting a tree for The Queen's Canopy on the 3rd June, a **tea party (hats will be worn) on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, and a **Jubilee Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
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## Reflection from the Rectory

November will soon be upon us, and on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of November we will be keeping Remembrance Sunday. It is the day that the nation comes



to a standstill for two minutes of silence to pay tribute to all those whose lives were lost in the two world wars and other conflicts. It is a day of significant importance, and one which has not diminished with the passing of years. The poppies that we will wear and which we will lay are a visual reminder of the battlefields of France which, after the scars of war and terrible loss of life, flowered once more with poppies. It remains the symbol of determination for a better tomorrow by those who sacrificed their today.

Last year the pandemic meant we did not gather as we have in years past. This year, though Covid remains a very real presence, we will meet once more.

For me, Remembrance Sunday speaks of courage, goodness and the willingness of ordinary men and women to lay down their lives in the fight to ensure that evil is not victorious. In that way it is a deeply Christ-like and God centred message, which is why people will flock to church services where we can seek to help to make sense of such a sacrifice in the light of hope and redemption.

The silence is the most powerful part of the day for me. It is that place where we cannot hide amidst words but must acknowledge that

in remembering we commit ourselves to continue the struggle of the fallen in our own time. Each Remembrance Sunday those who stand in silence to remember, pick up the invisible baton passed down the generations from Flanders fields and the beaches of Dunkirk, to play our part in the effort to build the peaceful world they fought for.

The poem, 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, written as it was during the First World War, says this more eloquently than I can hope to:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*Chris.*

### Prayer Corner

**For those who have died on active service**  
O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen:



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

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