

Church calendars for September/October

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

October Services at St Michael's	
3rd	9.30am Family Communion Feast of St Michael
10 th	9.30am Holy Communion
17 th	9.30am Holy Communion)
24 th	9.30am Holy Communion
November Services at St Michael's	
7 th	9.30am Family Communion
14 th	9.30am Holy Communion 10.45 Act of Remembrance and Service
21 st	9.30am Holy Communion)
28 th	9.30am Holy Communion

October Services at All Saints Saxtead	
3rd	11.15am Morning Prayer
10th	11.15am HARVEST and Communion
17th	11.15am Morning Prayer
24th	11.15am Holy Communion (CW)
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If you like Taizé Services...

The last of the season of monthly Taizé services held in **Easton Church** will be held on **Sunday October 3rd, starting at 4pm.** If you would like to sing with the group, you are very welcome; come at 3.15 for a sing-through of the chants.



News From Saxtead

This Sunday we resumed singing and receiving of Communion wine, and stopped compulsory wearing of masks.

SAXTEAD LADIES COFFEE MORNING will resume meetings in The Old Mill House on Wednesday 13th October, at 10.30.

THE PARISH COUNCIL met on the 9th September where new members Simon Houghton and David Johnson, Paul Johnson and Liz Wale have either been, or are in the process of being co-opted. Disappointingly, Bidwells on behalf of Pembroke College turned down our request for a footpath down the green. The traffic is too fast and constant to allow for the safety of pedestrians, which tend to be school children or the elderly and frail, some on mobility scooters.

Their argument that they are caretakers of ancient wetlands will look hollow should a vulnerable life be lost. Hopefully our application for a footpath on the lethal Saxtead Lodge corner will meet with council approval. Regarding the speed and noise of traffic, in particular of motorbikes, Paul Johnson is going

to gather views from other villages to put a stop to illegal decibel registers.

ALL SAINTS SAXTEAD now has a contactless giving payment terminal installed. The Diocese has included us as part of a pilot scheme.

We have many visitors during the week, and many people no longer carry cash. Come and try it out!

OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL is on Sunday 10th and we are celebrating it with a Revetts Sausage bap with tea or coffee, half an hour before the service starts.

CHAMPAGNE CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATING PARTY will be held the day before, Saturday 9th 10.00-12.00, when we will decorate the church with every kind of produce. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES: Next year is Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee; 70 years of service. We are planning to celebrate on Saturday 4th June, on the Green, and would welcome suggestions and help.

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Sign up for the FOSM Quiz

The sign-up sheet for the FOSM quiz on **Saturday 23rd October** is at the back of St Michael's, or ring the office on 638512 so you can start planning your teams. If you do not have team members but would still like to take part, do sign up anyway and we can form teams with all who come. There will be the usual **delicious supper with yummy puddings**, with wine, beer and soft drinks available, so get ready for an enjoyable (and seriously competitive) evening with friends.

Reflection from the Rectory

Harvest Festival, that we celebrated at the end of September, is always a favourite of mine.



The sense of anticipation as you see the combine harvesters in the fields and the ploughing start is a joy. For me it speaks of the harvesting of God's blessings to share. Sharing our gifts is a part of being a church community, so I am delighted to announce that Caroline Foster and Edith Peck have agreed to share the role of Musical Director for St Michael's and use their experience of choir leading and passion for church music to allow us to use music as a mission focus. They will work and co-ordinate with Catherine Johnson our Sing Praise worker to encourage younger people into the choir, where they sing with and learn from our established Choir.

Fruits of the Spirit becoming visible to the ears!

All Saints Saxtead are looking at ways to enhance a ministry of invitation, to encourage those in the village who may not often come to church to be welcomed by the introduction of new Initiatives into their worship life.

Real missionary zeal from the faithful few eager to share the Gospel afresh. There is so much to look forward to in both our church families. The new card reader gives the congregation and visitors the opportunity for contactless giving too.

The redevelopment of St Michael's rooms into the new community facility, Castle Community

Rooms, continues to move forward. The build presents both challenges and opportunities for the future. I remain deeply grateful to the build team and the fundraising team for their continued belief and passion in this work.

The long awaited new glass doors for St Michael's are being made and thanks to a generous donation we are able to buy them and possibly have them in before Christmas. So things are beginning to move on lots of fronts, which is very exciting.

On October 3rd we keep our patronal festival with the feast of St Michael the Archangel to whom our church in Framlingham is dedicated. Let us pray for Michael and all the angels and Saints to support us on our journey of being the Kingdom of God made visible in Framlingham and Saxtead! *Chris.*

Prayer Corner

O God, who gives us the water of life through Jesus Christ:

We pray for those who have an eternal longing to be at one with you:

We pray for those who thirst for peace, those whose lives are parched by war, and those whose hearts are torn by grief:

We pray for all in our human family who cry out for basic necessities for survival, and those who have given up crying out:

We pray for those who live in the darkness of fear, guilt, doubt or fearful circumstances within their daily living:

We pray for all who have drunk of the living water, and yet who search for ways to share the water of life. Amen.



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