

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.

September Services at St Michael's		
5 th	9.30am	Family Communion
12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

October Services at St Michael's		
3 rd	9.30am	Family Communion
10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

September Services at All Saints Saxtead		
5 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
12 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
19 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)
26 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)

October Services at All Saints Saxtead		
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17 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
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Suffolk Ride and Stride (formerly the Church Cycle Ride)


The 2021 Ride and Stride will take place on **Saturday, 11 September 2021**, Please ride, walk or sponsor this event if you can; because of the pandemic, the event was not held last year and Suffolk Churches and chapels need our help because of lost fundraising. If you are volunteering to register walkers and cyclists as they reach your church or chapel, you can still be sponsored. There are forms in both our churches, and more information can be found on:
[Ride and Stride – Suffolk Historic Churches Trust \(shct.org.uk\)](http://shct.org.uk)



News From Saxtead

Eco-composting toilet

For many years the option of a temporary Eco toilet has been discussed, as a stop gap until we have raised funds for the internal kitchen/toilet/vestry, and now we are in a position, financially, to think about going ahead.

The final tally for the inaugural Table Market, thanks to late donations, is £1,053.60 which covers  particular Eco-composting toilet shown on the link below. There are, however, better possible options, perhaps if one put a higher quality toilet into a second hand shed? Opinions are very welcome as we are anxious to accommodate the views of as many people as possible, and this is just one example of an Eco-toilet that we could have.

Do ring 01728 724162 with views - of particular interest would be other Eco church experience, or even allotment and houseboat?

<https://dunsterhouse.co.uk/composting-toilet-mkii>

Memorial Garden

Hilda's bench in memory of her late husband Charles has been beautifully restored and the garden is off to a good start with the donation of quantities of bee and butterfly loving plants,

the cleaning of the flagstones and the pegging of chicken wire to deter the energetic church rabbits. Thanks are owed to Val and John, Lady Anne, Lorette and Bill, Christina and Anthony and an anonymous donor last year who kindly dropped plants at our back door.
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From the Diocese – Becoming Prayerful

Becoming prayerful is a key aspect of any Christian's life, which is why we dedicate ourselves to sharing useful resources and information to help you on your journey of faith.



We aim to help everyone grow in their lifelong faith, discipleship and ministry by offering a range of training and learning opportunities to encourage development of mission and ministry in local church.

We provide a monthly calendar of daily prayers should you wish to use it, focusing on current events and local areas to pray for.

[Diocesan Prayer Diary](#) (Web link)

Bishop Martin and Jutta lead daily Morning Prayers on Facebook at 8.30am Monday to Friday. This will resume on Tuesday 1st September at 8.30am and then continue every Monday – Friday. Do please join them!

[Bishops' Facebook](#) (Web link)

There is more help, advice and links on the Diocesan website:

[Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Be prayerful \(cofesuffolk.org\)](http://Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Be prayerful (cofesuffolk.org))

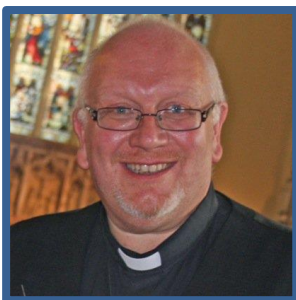
Reflection from the Rectory

Summer is nearing its end and we are about to move towards autumn. The days are getting shorter and the leaves on some trees are beginning to show signs of green turning to brown. The onward march of the seasons reminds us that our journey of faith is always walking us into the future, and as such it needs to be constantly adapting to meet the challenges of today while looking towards tomorrow.

We live, or at least it feels to me, in a society which is drawn to the nostalgic and which delights in revisiting bygone eras, there is something comfortable about revisiting the past. I notice it more and more as I get older so maybe it's part of the ageing process. As a church we must resist the call of nostalgia and be prepared to plan out into the future.

How we are to be Christ out in the world, out in our communities, is a question we need to be asking with intention. We need a vision and purpose to help move us fruitfully into the future, or it is very easy simply to drift, content with what we are doing but never stopping to ask how we might reach out more effectively, identifying new ministers and ministries, letting go of some of the things of the past, so we can begin new things in the present as we build into the future.

With the disciples Jesus was always moving forward, and he was clear there was no place for looking backwards. If we are not careful,



faith itself becomes the destination of nostalgia rather than the vibrant life of God lived in the present and looking out forwards.

As we move into a new season it is time to ask how we can best minister into the future. How can we invest in the young families that are part of our church today; how can we resource our ministry to them more effectively, and how can we adapt what we do to make space for new members while continuing to value all? How can we support those whose fragility might make it more difficult for them to be as involved as they have been in the past? These are big questions to ask and we will need focus and courage to ask them with honesty.

The firm foundations and vision of the past have brought us to where we are today, but now it is time, in the present, in the shadow of the pandemic, to review, refocus and refine the ministry we all share together in making Christ known for the world. Please hold these thoughts in prayer as we seek to move afresh into the slip stream of the Holy Spirit and focus afresh on what it means to be the Church today. *Chris.*

Prayer Corner

Lord of Lord, King of Kings, Father of us all, we worship and adore you.
Your glory lights our path; your gentle understanding guides our faltering steps.
We thank you, Lord and Father, for your great example, compassion, and understanding.
Amen

(Deirdre Parmenter)



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