



Welcome

to today's services in our benefice.

Sunday 6th March 2016

Mothering Sunday



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- 8.00am Holy Communion at St John's Church, Saxmundham
celebrant the Rector
- 9.45am Family Service at St John's Connections Church,
Saxmundham Primary School. *leader: Jenny Mann,*
speaker: Tom Boswell (probably)
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kelsale Church.
leader and speaker: the Rector
- 6.30pm Evening Worship at St John's Church
leader: Shirley Thomas / speaker: Stephen Hart
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Collect for today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *AMEN*

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

All meetings in St John's Church Hall unless otherwise stated. ***Please note:*** *some activities may not be included. Please check with your group leader.*

Monday 7th.

- 1.00-2.45pm Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Barnabas Group at 53 Heron Road
7.45pm Orwell Home Group at 2 Orwell Avenue

Tuesday 8th. *Rector's Day Off*

- 2.00pm Afternoon Club, Kelsale Committee Room
5.00pm Drama Group

Wednesday 9th.

- 9.00am Morning Prayers in St John's Church
9.00-11.00am Kelsale Monthly Market, Village Hall
9.15-11.00am Parent and Toddler Group at the Fromus Centre, Seaman Avenue

Thursday 10th.

7.30pm Deanery Lent Course

Friday 11th.

7.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 13th.0930 Holy Communion at Kelsale
*celebrant the Rector*1100 Praise Service at St. John's Church, Saxmundham
*leader the Rector*1830 Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Saxmundham
*leader Stephen / speaker Malcolm Shoote***OTHER NOTICES*****This report is from our Senior PCC Reporter***
(also helped by a severe outbreak of phone tapping)

Re-ordering The DAC (?) recommends approval for Phase 2 (display in church); the notice period for objections has been posted outside; if we get a faculty by the end of April, we may be able to start by the middle of May, the work to take about 2 weeks.

Missional Giving We considered further the target to be set for church giving to mission. 10% was approved, with further discussion pending for the support of mission partners.

Youth/Children/Families Worker The Steering Committee reported back on what was needed, what he/she would be involved in and what skills would be required. Consideration was given as to how to go about finding someone suitable, what budget was available/reasonable. Further work towards a job description, person specification and vision statement is to be done by the Committee. As we shall be actively looking for such a worker, details of anyone we might know who could be considered would be welcome by Tom Boswell or the Rector.

APCM - Wednesday 20th April *(further details to follow).*

Whats your game

The next games afternoon will be in the Church Hall on Tuesday, 15th March, between 2 and 4 pm. Please bring any board games you would like to play. Any queries contact Chris Williams on 01728 831587.

Connections Prayer Meetings

The next one will be on Monday March 14th at the 'Crossroads Shop', followed by April 11th and 16th May also 'At the Crossroads'.

London Men's Convention (May 21st) - Join thousands of men at the Royal Albert Hall for teaching and worship. See www.christianconventions.org.uk/lmc for details

and let Steve Robson know by March 14th if you are interested in going. 01728 561025 or steveandjaner@sky.com

Passover Meal on 24 March

There will be a Passover meal in St John's church hall at 6.30 pm on Maundy Thursday, 24 March. It will be a chance for people from all our congregations to eat together, learn something of the Passover tradition and reflect on Jesus' last supper with his friends. Seating is limited so please book a place using the sheet held in The Crossroads. Your donation to costs (a figure of £5 per adult or £3 for under 14s is suggested) may be made when booking or on the night.

Electoral Roll - The revision period for the Church Electoral Roll starts on Sunday March 13th. If you are not on the roll, and want to be, please contact Steve Robson for details. 01728 561025 or admin@connectionschurch.org.uk

Holiday Club

This will be held at the Primary School, Saxmundham, from **Monday 4th. - Thursday 7th. April**. Please consider whether you would like to help, as with crafts and other activities many hands will be needed to manage the 100+ children expected. The title and theme is to be 'SUPER HEROES' and we will be focussing on four Heroes in the Bible. For more information please contact Lou Boswell (tel. 652970) or Paul Golding (tel.830932).**and also**.... Looking for something to do with your non-churchy friends? Something which is fun to do, includes food and has a bar? Yes? Then pull together a team of six people to take part in our **QUIZ NIGHT** 7.00 for 7.30pm in Saxmundham Market Hall on Saturday 19th March and to help raise funds for the **Easter Holiday Club**. Ticket Enquiries: quiz@connectionschurch.org.uk 01728 664085**and also**.... **Raffle Prizes**. We will be having a raffle at the quiz and would welcome donated prizes. This may particularly appeal to anyone not able to make the quiz who wants to support the Holiday Club. Donations to Jane Robson on 01728 561025 or steveandjaner@sky.com. Thank you.

Please come along and have fun supporting the Holiday Club. A six-player team ticket costs £36, which includes a Ploughman's Supper for each player. Hurry! Hurry!! Hurry!!! There are only FOUR Quiz Night tickets left! Don't delay; email today and reserve one of these four tickets for your team of six players. Proceeds in aid of the Children's Easter Holiday Club.

[email: quiz@connectionschurch.org.uk] You won't be able to go on the night and pay at the door, so a paid-for table-ticket is essential.

Holy Week and Easter

21,22,23 March. 6.30 pm Reflections at St Mary and St Peter's Kelsale.

24 March. Maundy Thursday: Annual Chrism Eucharist for the Renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of Oils at the Cathedral at 11.30am (open to all)
Passover evening meal at St John's - watch for details.

25 March. Good Friday. Walk of witness - watch for details.

27 March. Easter Day:

5.30 am HC at St Mary and St Peter's Kelsale.

9.45 am HC with Connections Church at St John's Saxmundham

11 am HC at St Peter's Carlton

3 pm Messy Church service and Easter Egg hunt at St Mary and St Peter's Kelsale.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those bereaved: please pray for the families of Peggy Branch whose funeral was held at Seven Hills Crematorium on 24th February and Winifred Emerson whose funeral was held at St John's on 2nd March. **Those Unwell:** pray for Jacky Day, at home again following a few days in hospital, Frances Weekes, Robin Williams, Paul Emmett, Alan Smith, Ellie Phillips, a little girl with kidney disease; for Debbie Ellis, Emily and Lesley Brett; for Bernard Macdonald, Max Ratcliffe and Peter Warren, all resident in Rendlesham Care Home. Pray, too, for Hugh Aldous, Rachel Battle, Pat Harvey, Doug Payne and Mary and Dennis Nicholls.

Ministry: pray for our Rector, Andy and Jan Wolton, Nic Stuchfield on training placement at Aldeburgh during Lent, the Connections Team and others in leadership roles. **Baptismal families:** pray for those baptised in March previously at St John's: Harley Smith and Paula Hoffman (2011), Toby Benstock (2010), Heath Griffiths (2007) and Florence Maynard (2004), together with their families. **Missionary work:** Please remember missionaries connected with our Churches here: Ros and David Dykema, in Singapore and their work among children and parents with OMF, Luke and Pam Robertshaw - Pam in her full-time post as Agape Oxford Associate Team Leader, Luke working with Public Health England; pray also for Stephen and Joanna Jack, in Johannesburg, South Africa, involved in teaching and training with Advance Churches, along with their respective families. **The World Scene:** pray for the safety of refugees from war-torn Syria and Iraq during these winter months, and for international efforts to solve the conflicts here and elsewhere in the Middle East. Pray also for our Prime Minister, David Cameron, and Voters, as he leads this country into a **referendum**, on 23rd June, to decide whether the UK should be included or excluded from the European Union.

Readings for Today

Psalm 34: 11-20

¹¹Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. ¹²Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, ¹³keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. ¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; ¹⁶the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; ²⁰he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. *NIV*

Luke 2 : 33-35

³³The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." *NIV*

Roger Mills (*rogwenmills@gmail.com*) or 605811) will be compiling the next WWS for **Sunday 13th. March.** Please help him by sending your reports and announcements in as early as possible (**and well before Friday**). **Thank you.**