



Welcome

to today's services in our benefice.

Sunday 3rd April 2016

The Second Sunday of Easter



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0800 Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Saxmundham
Celebrant: Rev. John Tipping

0945 Family Service at Connections Church, Saxmundham Primary School
Leader: Steve Robson / Speaker: Tom Boswell

Following this service, those who are involved in the Holiday Club, will be "setting up" ready for tomorrow morning.

1100 Holy Communion at Kelsale Church
Celebrant: Rev. John Tipping

1830 Evening Worship at St. John's Church, Saxmundham
Leader: Shirley Thomas / Speaker: Malcolm Shoote

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Collect for today

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins .and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

NOTICES

Quiz Night March 19th - Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night, donated raffle prizes or supported in some other way. A total of £659.71 was raised to support the Holiday Club.

APCM dates - the Kelsale cum Carlton date is Sunday 24th April at 12 noon following

the 11.00am Holy Communion Service; that for St. John's, Saxmundham, is scheduled for Wednesday 20th. April (time to be decided).

As part of this, nominations are now open for membership of the St. John's PCC and representation of the church on the Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available in the porch of St Johns and also at Connections.

Nominees are required to be on the Electoral Roll and be nominated and seconded by other Electoral Roll members. When completed please could nomination forms be returned to Mark Stancombe-Duhm (current PCC secretary).

Easter Holiday Club

As regular readers will know, this will be held at the Primary School, Saxmundham, **from Monday 4th. - Thursday 7th. April.** The title and theme is to be 'SUPER HEROES' and we will be focussing on four Heroes in the Bible. Registration forms have already gone out via local schools, etc. Spare ones are available at the Church Shop. ***Please be praying*** that the contacts made will bear fruit and children and parents will enthuse about this opportunity to hear about God from the Bible. Matt Levett, who many of us know, will head up the daily club. For more information, please contact Lou Boswell (tel. 652970) or Paul Golding (tel.830932).

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21st May 2016

This year we will be joining with more than 20,000 churches to achieve incredible things. Following Jesus's footsteps we love every neighbour.

As part of our fund raising activities we will be asking you to take 5 Christian Aid collection envelopes and to ask your friends to donate. We are looking for volunteers to host big breakfasts in their homes and donate the proceeds.

Chris Williams will be running a cake stall outside of the Market Hall in Saxmundham on the 20th May. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated and if you could help on the stall please speak to Christine.

Please contact Sue Morrice if you are able to host a breakfast Tel 01728831812 or email chris.morrice1@btinternet.com

Connections Prayer Meeting

Just a reminder - that the next meeting will be on Monday April 11th. This as usual will be held "At the Crossroads" beginning at 7.30pm.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those Unwell: pray for Beth Sellwood, John Harvey, Jackie Day, 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 the Rendlesham Care Home. Pray, too, for Hugh Aldous, Rachel Battle, Pat Harvey, Doug Payne and Mary and Dennis Nicholls.

Holiday Club: pray for all those working to bring about this year's Holiday Club which starts tomorrow and runs 'till Thursday.

Open the Book: pray for the team preparing to introduce 'Open the Book' at Kelsale CEVC Primary School next month.

Ministry: pray for our Rector, Andy Wolton, Nic Stuchfield, continuing with his Ordination training at ERMIC, the Connections Team and others in leadership roles, and for all those of the St John's Church family working to obtain a helper with children's/young people's/families work.

Baptismal families: pray for those baptised in April previously at St John's: Harriet Wilson (2006), Josephine Davies (2007), Joseph Barnard (2008), Billie Hurrell (2009), Albert Ducker (2010), and at Kelsale, Tameira Eagle (2000), 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, 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. May the Easter Message and our prayers be of some comfort to the victims of the terrorist attacks in Brussels.

Readings for Today

Acts 5: 27-32

²⁷Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." ²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." *NIV*

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *NIV*

Hugh Aldous (haldous@btinternet.com) or (602231) will be compiling the next WWS for **Sunday 10th. April**. Please help him by sending your reports and announcements in as early as possible (**and well before Friday**). **Thank you.**