

TODAY'S SERVICES 11th April 2010

St. Mary's, Saffron Walden

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION 1662

President: Michael Swindlehurst

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Preacher: Anne Howson

6.30pm EVENSONG

Officiant: Michael Swindlehurst

St. James, Swards End

No service this week

St. John's, Little Walden

No service this week

St. Mary's, Wendens Ambo

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

President: John Sibson

Holy Trinity, Littlebury

11.15am HOLYCOMMUNION

President: John Sibson

St. Peter's, Littlebury Green

No service this week

All Saints, Ashdon

9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION

President: Michael Lovegrove

6.30pm EVENSONG

Officiant: Michael Lovegrove

St. Botolph's, Hadstock

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Message Pad



Name.....

Address

Tel

Please indicate as required

I'm/we're new to the church

Please call/visit me/us

I'm going into hospital

I/we wish to join the Electoral Roll

Other messages:

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today Second Sunday of Easter

Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Collect for the day

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.

First Reading Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are ill: Richard Bray, Ernie Brown, Ken Caswell, David Manning, Richard Patston, Mary Swan, Doris Willment

Remember those who have died, their family and friends: Kathleen Colston

Prayer Focus for Eastertide

Easter is a time for rejoicing, so let us praise God with thankful hearts in thought, word, song and even dance!

"Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.

Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give him the glory. Great things he has done!"

Churches Together Prayer Cycle In April the churches in Saffron Walden are praying for our church, St Mary's, and the clergy team.

Can we pray for your family or friends? Maybe there is a birth, baptism, confirmation or marriage that we can give thanks for; somebody who is ill, suffering or grieving that we can pray for. Pass the details to the Parish Office by Wednesday for inclusion on the Grapevine but please ensure that you have the person's permission for their name to be published.

ST MARY'S SAFFRON WALDEN

Monday 12th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 14th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	Holy Communion
Friday 16th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 17th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662
	10.00am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
		Evening Communion
		<i>with laying on of hands</i>

Thank you to all those who made Andrew Malcolm's final weekend in his post so wonderful. I am very pleased that David Cook has agreed to be the interim Director of Music and Organist from 5th April until 31st August. *David*

Thank you to all who helped make the church look so beautiful on Easter Day. *David*

The Lent Lunches raised £208.50 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Thanks to all who came and to all who helped prepare and serve the lunches. *Gill Lovegrove*

Stewardship of Money Thank you to all those who returned their form. We had 131 responses. *David*

Church News Articles for the May edition should be e-mailed or delivered to the Parish Office by **TODAY** **Richard and Pamela Bray** and their family thank you for your concern for Richard, your love and prayers. Richard is very ill but will, hopefully, be coming home this weekend. We will keep you informed.

St Mary's Book Group will discuss **East of Eden** by John Steinbeck at their next meeting at 8pm on Friday 16 April at 4, Castle Street. New members are very welcome. Copies are available from the Reading Groups shelf in Saffron Walden Library.

The Transition Project will be starting its second phase on Tuesday 13th April in the Parish Room, between 11am and 1pm, aimed at those who are currently out of work. With computers and internet access available for those wanting help in polishing their CVs, or just drop by for a cup of coffee and a chat.

PARISH NOTICES

Organ Recital Saturday 17th April 7.30pm

Richard Cook, our former organ scholar who is now scholar at Salisbury Cathedral is giving our first recital of the season. Please come and support him. Tickets £6, available on the door (Season ticket £30).

Christian Aid Lunches will be held at the Friends' Meeting House on Tuesday 13 April from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Cost £3. All welcome.

The Saffron Walden Deanery Clergy Wives and Husbands will meet again on Wednesday 21 April at 10.30 am for Coffee at 5, The Maltings, Thaxted by kind invitation of Mrs Joan Holley tel: 01371 830902.

Women's Own meets again on Saturday 24 April at 9.00am in the Parish Rooms for "Three Dialogues and a Monologue". If you would like to join us to share fun, food, fellowship and faith, please sign up on the board at the back of church by Wednesday 21 April, or telephone Judith 524747 or Margaret 500292.

Festival Evensong of the Friends of Saffron Walden Church will be held at 3.15pm on Sunday 9th May followed by tea and the AGM. The preacher will be the Rector, the Revd. David Tomlinson. Everyone from the Parish will be very welcome to attend the service and tea.

Vacation Bible School in the grounds of the County High School 2nd –6th August.

Volunteers are needed to help at VBS. Please contact Judith Hasler in the Parish Office for information.

Application forms for children to attend will be available from 19th April with an earlier closing date of 14th May. There will be retiring collection at St Mary's for VBS on Sunday 18th and 25th April.

Concert at Great Chesterford—The Village Voices will be performing Faure's Requiem and other works at All Saints, Great Chesterford on Sunday 18th April at 7.00 pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church.

AROUND THE PARISH

St. James, Sewards End

Sun 18th No service this week

St. John's, Little Walden

Sun 18th No service this week

St. Mary's, Wendens Ambo

Sun 18th 10.00am Family Communion *with Baptism*
www.stmarywendensambo.org

Holy Trinity, Littlebury

Sun 18th 11.15am Family Communion

St. Peter's, Littlebury Green

Sun 18th No service this week

All Saints, Ashdon

Sun 18th 9.30am Holy Communion

St. Botolph's, Hadstock

Sun 18th 11.00am Holy Communion

CLERGY TEAM

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