

TODAY'S SERVICES 16th May 2010

St. Mary's, Saffron Walden

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION 1662

President: Michael Swindlehurst

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION with German

President: David Tomlinson *Choir*

We are pleased to welcome **KANTOREI GROSS FLOTTBEK** Choir from Hamburg, Germany joining our Choir for this morning's service.

6.30pm EVENSONG

Leader: Jenny Tomlinson

St. James, Swards End

No Services

St. John's, Little Walden

No Services

St. Mary's, Wendens Ambo

10.00am FAMILY COMMUNION

President: John Risby

Holy Trinity, Littlebury

11.15am FAMILY COMMUNION

President: John Risby

St. Peter's, Littlebury Green

No Services

All Saints, Ashdon

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

President: Wendy Moore

St. Botolph's, Hadstock

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous

Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Can WE pray for your family and friends?

Please give names to the Parish office by Wednesday each week.

Our thanks go out to each and every one of the Church family for the love, prayer and support given to us during Richard's illness and at this time of bereavement. The memories and appreciation of Richard's ministry conveyed through letters, cards, actions and the spoken word are an enormous comfort. Also, our thanks and gratitude go to the clergy, the choir, and the friends who provided the buffet lunch and the lovely flower arrangements.

Pamela

ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

The Grapevine is available on St. Mary's website,
www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today Seventh Sunday of Easter

Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Collect for the day

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through your word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are ill: Ernie Brown, Ken Caswell, David Manning, Richard Patston, Mary Swan, Doris Willment, and Rachel Musk.

Remember those who have died, their family and friends: Revd Richard Bray, Douglas Slade (David Cook's Father-in-Law), Peter Wood, and Barbara Vella.

Prayer Focus for May This month we will be celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We pray the Holy Spirit will come down on us, blowing through us with the wind of repentance, forgiveness and healing; filling us with love, for God, and for each other, and empowering us, so that this love can spill over our church walls to those beyond.

Churches Together Prayer Cycle In May the churches in Saffron Walden are praying for the Methodist Church and their minister David Keeble.

Anne Howson as she prepares for Ordination to the Priesthood on 27th June and **Philip Tarris** as he prepares for Ordination to the Diaconate on 4th July.

ST MARY'S SAFFRON WALDEN

Monday 17th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 18th	8.30am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer St Mary's Tinies
Wednesday 19th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thursday 20th	8.30am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Friday 21st	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 22nd May	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd May	8.00am 10.00am 12 noon 6.30pm	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion +Baptism Baptism Service Evensong

WELCOMERS WELCOME! Have you ever visited other churches and been pleased to be made welcome? Could you do the same for our visitors for a few hours between June and August? Contact Sheilah Girgis and Christine Coughlan for more information or come to our briefing meeting for Welcomers on Wednesday, **19th May at 10.30am** in the Church.

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS on Wednesday **19th May** at **7.30pm** at New Life Pentecostal Church. All welcome. Further details from Andy Finn 528731.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will discuss Giuseppe di Lampedusa's novel **The Leopard** at their next meeting at 8pm on Friday **21st May** at 4 Castle Street. New members are very welcome. Copies are available from the Reading Groups shelf in Saffron Walden Library.

PENTECOST PRAISE is to be held at the Baptist Church, S/W at **4.00pm** on Sunday, **23rd May**. Revd David Tomlinson will be preaching. All welcome.

WOMEN'S OWN meets for the last time before the Summer break on Saturday 22nd May in the Parish Rooms at 9.00am. Andy Finn will be joining us for "The Church of tomorrow", please come and enjoy food and fellowship, and lots of coffee! If you would like to come please sign up on the board at the back of church or telephone Margaret Taylor 500292 or Linda King on 500221. All ladies welcome.

ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, 5th June 9am to 12.30pm

Please see list of stalls at back of church - all appropriate contributions welcomed. Help also needed to set up and clear away -Please contact Bron Ferland 01799 521497

PARISH NOTICES

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR ST. JOHN'S LITTLE WALDEN are starting with a **BARN DANCE** at Stonebridge Farm on Friday, **21st May, 7.30 - 11.30pm**. Tickets and more information available from Julia (516111) or Kate (523591). All are warmly invited.

A FUND-RAISING BRIDGE DRIVE is being held at St Mary's, Little Chesterford on Saturday, **22nd May** from **2.00pm to 5.30pm** at the Gt Chesterford Community Centre. If you would like to take part should email littlechesterford-bridge@googlemail.com or ring 01799 531831.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION SERVICE for the Admission of Churchwardens will be held at St Mary's Saffron Walden on Tuesday, **25th May at 8pm**. All welcome.

The **BIGCHURCHDAYOUT**, UK's largest one day event for the church will be at Stanford Hall, Leicestershire on 29th May, and Wiston House, W Sussex on 30/31 May. Fliers available in church or visit www.bigchurchdayout.com.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CONFERENCE is on Saturday, **26th June, 10am to 1pm** at Emmanuel Church, Billericay. If interested, please see flier at St Mary's or contact Revd Lee Batson, Ecumenical Officer, on 01245 451087 or email lbatson@chelmsford.anglican.org

SEWARDS END OPEN GARDENS 2010 to raise funds for Support 4 Sight the local charity based in Saffron Walden. As usual, St James is involved in the organisation of this event which will take place on Sunday **13th June 2-6pm**.

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE Sat 3rd July 2010, 9.30 - 4.30 [approx], the Guest Speaker is the **Archbishop of York, Rev Dr John Sentamu!** If you are interested please contact Anne Howson on 500563 or email revanne@ntlworld.com by Monday, 17th May.

THE TRANSITION PROJECT meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Room, between 11am and 1pm, aimed at those who are currently out of work. 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.

AROUND THE PARISH - 23rd May

St. James, Swards End

Sunday 9.30am Family Communion

St. John's, Little Walden

Sunday 11.15am Family Service

St. Mary's, Wendens Ambo

Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Littlebury

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Sunday 9.30am Family Service

All Saints, Ashdon

Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

St. Botolph's, Hadstock

Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion 1662

The Revd. Paula Griffiths is on a placement in Littlebury, Littlebury Green and Wendens Ambo for two Sunday's a month from May to August inclusive.

CLERGY TEAM

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