

**PARISH DIARY**

**TODAY 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	<b>FOREST CHURCH</b>
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	President:	Richard Spencer
<b>Wimbish (Joint service with Debden)</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon

# The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN, WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK.

**Welcome to our services today  
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

**First Reading: Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

**Gospel: Mark 9.38-50**

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**THIS WEEK** (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>at Hadstock</i>
2.00pm	St Mary's Tinies
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in the North Chapel</i>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
1.00pm	Healing Service
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
9.00am	Prayer Meeting in the Parish Room
6.30pm	In Spirit and Truth <i>at Ashdon</i>

**NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION,+ TEAM JC</b>
	6.30pm	<b>DEANERY SERVICE @ CHRISHALL</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	11.00am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	11.00am	<b>IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>

**Post Communion** (cont'd from front page)  
We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In September please pray for Chrishall School and the Society of Friends, SW.

**Those who are unwell:** Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Nancy (known as Nan) Harrison

## EVENTS

The **HOME GROUP** that meets at the home of Sue and Graeme Walker is reconvening on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 7.30 for 7.45pm (finish at 9.30pm) to study Henri Nouwen's now classic book **The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming**. It is a profound meditation on Jesus' parable and a Rembrandt painting of the same. If you would like to delve deeper into this story then please join us for these six sessions finishing early Dec. For more info and to book your place please speak to Sue Walker (523007) or Andy Colebrooke (732970).

**LIVING QUESTIONS** Want to know more about what it means to 'follow Jesus Christ'? Want to be confirmed? Then this 7 week course which begins on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 7.45pm is for you. Let me know if you'd like to book a place. *David*

**M5 MEN'S LUNCH** Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

*Bill Rose*

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

*Anne Rose*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

There will be a fund raising coffee morning on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** in the URC Hall from 10am-12noon for the **BIBLE SOCIETY**. There will be a cake stall, books, raffle, etc. Come for coffee, cake, conversation and make a contribution. *Ruby Parsons*

**SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY ANNUAL SERVICE** which, this year, is a Youth Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** @ Holy Trinity, Chrishall, 6.30pm. All welcome - there will be cake!

**MEGAN HUELIN'S** ashes are to be interred on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** in London. Megan was a long-standing member of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *David*

Our next **MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be at The Kings Arms, Market Hill on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** when we look forward to hearing our Guest Speaker, Revd John Saxon, one of David's clergy colleagues, giving his talk entitled 'The road to Ordination'. Tea and coffee will be served from 08:15 and we will sit down to a full English breakfast at 08:30. **Places are limited to the first 24** who commit by signing up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or by contacting Bill Rose tel. 516609 or email [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com)

**HARVEST SUPPER** **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at Swards End Village Hall. Two course meal £5. Speaker: Joe Horderm "Thoughts of a Christian Soldier". Contact Judith Hasler for tickets SW525041 or [judithhasler@bopenworld.com](mailto:judithhasler@bopenworld.com)

**FRIENDS AGM** The AGM for the Friends of the Parish Church will take place after the 10am Service on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. New members always welcome. *Pamela Mugliston*

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** on **25<sup>th</sup> November** at 10am at St Mary's church, SW. If you are interested in being confirmed, I'd be pleased to hear from you. *David*

**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 2019** There is to be a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, over the bank holiday weekend. Please put the date in your diary. We will be needing help with various duties. Why not invite family and friends to Saffron Walden over the weekend. The flower festival could be part of a great visit. *Gill Caswell*

## NOTICES

TODAY

**HOME MADE JAM** will be on sale at the back of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, after the 10 o'clock service, £2 a pot for the Building Project. *Lesley Green*

**FOREST CHURCH 4pm to 5.30pm** -an outdoor, all age service. You can go direct to the Noakes Grove Nature Reserve, nr Swards End or to the Common or St John's, Little Walden, where you can get a lift. *David*

**THANK YOU** to all those who give financially to St Mary's church, SW. The PCC treasurer reported at our September meeting that we are likely to cover our expenditure of £260,000 in 2018. We are grateful to all those on our planned giving schemes. *David, Denis and Gill*

**WOMAN OF THE YEAR** was a success with an audience of 150 and £1,200 raised for our Building Project. Thank you to Caroline Goulder and the two performers, Anna Nicholson and Bobby Goulder, and all those who supported this event. *David*

**SPONSORSHIP FOR FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE** Much of the sponsorship money has been received, thank you. Donations yet to be made can be given to either the Rector or me or dropped into the parish office in an envelope addressed to me and clearly marked with your name and which of us you sponsored. Cheques should be made payable to **Friends of Essex Churches Trust**. You can check how much you pledged on the display near to the new servery. Thank you. *Steve Hasler*

**PETE & MARGARET** would like to thank everyone for their love, good wishes and prayers and a wonderful farewell lunch which we shall never forget!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL** How about putting a big smile on the face of a child this Christmas by filling a shoebox with presents - the only presents they will receive? To find out more take a look at the noticeboard at the back of St Mary's church, SW, then pick up a shoebox and leaflet with suggested things to fill it with! Return your filled box to the noticeboard, or take directly to SW Baptist church. Thank You. *Judith Felgate*

**COORDINATOR FOR CATERING TEAM** There are quite a number of 'Indians' but no 'Chief'!! Is there someone who would be prepared to fulfil this important role? There is no need to be a cook! For further information contact Pete Taylor 500292 [peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com) Many thanks.

**A PAIR OF GLASSES** found in the Parish Rooms following the farewell lunch for the Taylors. Please speak to Dawn in the Parish Office if they are yours. Thank you.

**GOOD NEWS!** Lynn Treneary is back in Maridi so please keep her in your prayers. A link letter is coming out soon which will tell us more. She is happy to be back but needs to keep well and is really grateful for the all of the support. *Sue Walker*

**JIMMY'S:** Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 7th October. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, gives you details. Thank you.

"**PARISH NEWS**" is published this weekend and is available on St Mary's Church SW Book Stall.

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