

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 9th December 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End		
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Little Walden		
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Rachel Prior
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock		
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Ashdon		
	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Debden		
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Wimbish		
	Leader:	John Saxon
	11.00am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
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THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)

Monday 10th December	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 11th December	
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>
Wednesday 12th December	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 13th December	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Friday 14th December	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 15th December	
9.00am	Morning Prayer
4.00pm	Marriage Blessing of Stuart Will & Tracey de Lisle

NEXT SUNDAY 16th December 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
Hadstock	9.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	6.30pm	CAROL SERVICE
Wimbish	3.00pm	CAROL SERVICE

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday of Advent
9th December 2018

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading: Malachi 3. 1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org to find out more.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In December please pray for the New Life church & Great Chesterford Primary School

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Simon Gore & Christine Coughlan

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Eileen Agnew

Those whose marriage is being blessed on 15th December at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: Stuart Will & Tracey de Lisle

EVENTS

TABLE TALK: GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Join us in Hadstock Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th December**, 2.30 -4pm for discussion with friends over a cup of coffee about the things that matter. All welcome. More details from Paula.

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will be enjoying a Christmas social evening together on **Tuesday 11th December** at 7.30pm (please note earlier start time as we will be eating together) at the home of Gill Caswell, 59A Claypit Piece, Saffron Walden. We welcome any women of working age or thereabouts to join this friendly group – please bring a plate of food to share – drinks provided. Further information alisoncinque@hotmail.com

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Kenya presentation evening. It was encouraging to have so many people take an interest in our trip. If you missed it, you are welcome to join John giving a presentation in St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish, 2.30pm **Wednesday 12th December**. *John & Rachel*

UNA-UK Saffron Walden & District Branch **1918-2018 - 100 YEARS ON: STRIVING FOR PEACE LECTURE, Wednesday 12th December**, 7.30pm @ SW County High School, "Conflict or Peace, as seen by the International Committee of the Red Cross" - Charlotte Lindsey, Director of Communications, International Red Cross. Free admission.

CAROL SINGING AT MORTIMER'S GATE (new housing development near Ridgeons). Come and welcome some of the newest residents to Saffron Walden at our carol singing event on **Saturday 15th December** 6.30-8.00pm. Share a mince pie and some songs with our new neighbours and let's make them welcome in our community! *Rachel*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Wendens Ambo Church, **Saturday 15th December** at 7 for 7.30pm. Karin Fischer-Buder (soprano) and Jeffrey Dyball (harp & organ) will be presenting a Christmas concert with music by Orazio Michi dell'Arpa, Bach, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Humperdinck, Michał Lorenc, Joni Mitchell, Sarah McLachlan and others. The evening will feature several guest singers and instrumentalists, including our organ scholar Elliot Randall. There will be carols for everyone to sing along to. Join us for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies at 7pm; music at 7.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection in aid of St Mary's building fund and WaterAid.

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion. Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden
www.transitionproject.co.uk

NOTICES

TODAY

LITTLEBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
11am-4pm Stalls, refreshments, lunchtime music.
Admission £1 in aid of the church. *Janice Rust*

PILGRIM a course for the Christian journey. John will be hosting 'Turning to Christ,' a six week course exploring issues of faith, particularly the promises made at Baptism. Co-authored by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm **16th Jan – 20th Feb** @ the Rectory Debden **or** Thursdays 2.30-4.00pm **17th Jan – 21st Feb** @ St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish. Suitable for everyone, at whatever stage of Christian Discipleship. Please register interest by contacting Rev John Saxon, Assistant Curate 01799 541619

St Mary's School are looking for a new **CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNOR** to start at the end of January. If you are interested, and have some suitable experience or expertise, do let me know. Thank you. *David*

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE READY TO BE DELIVERED to all homes in Saffron Walden. We need your help. Please pick up any remaining cards today. *Dawn Saxon*

HADSTOCK QUIZ Test your brains over the Christmas and New Year break with the ever-popular and fun Hadstock Quiz. All proceeds to the Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock. Quiz sheets (£2 each) available from St Mary's Parish Office, from Janice Snell (jimjanhadstock@outlook.com , 01223 892338) or Paula Griffiths (paula.greatford@btinternet.com , tel. 01799 599141), to be returned to Janice by 12th January 2019.

AMNESTY CHRISTMAS CARDS A huge thank you to everyone who wrote a card in support of those being persecuted for their beliefs. It is enormously important for both them and their governments to know that they are not forgotten. *Petronella Oelman*

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY & BRITISH COINS** and notes that are no longer in circulation, please hand to me or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *Margaret Walter*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9am on Wednesdays.

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