

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 2)</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	<b>UNITED SERVICE + TEAM JC</b>
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Chris Bishop
Debden	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tiniess

5.00pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm Holy Communion

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Conv of Paul***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 3)</b>
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE + BAPTISM</b>
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b>
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>ST JOHN'S DAY FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	9.15am	<b>MATTINS</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Isaiah 62.1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Gospel: John 2.1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Post Communion**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church, Saffron Walden County High School and XL Mentoring

### Those who are unwell:

Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick & Christine Coughlan

### The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Leonard (Len) Harrison, Isabella Skeat & Margaret Helmore

### Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden:

Andrew Wright & Emiliana Dimova

## EVENTS

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** from 5.30 - 7.30pm on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at St Mary's Church, SW with led prayers every 30 minutes, and a service of Holy Communion at 7pm. In addition, there'll be a prayer station, and the opportunity to pray alone or in two/threes. All welcome. *David*

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

The **AGAPE MEAL** will be on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in St Mary's Parish Room. We are hosting the meal this year for Churches Together. All are welcome to this simple supper, shared with members of the other churches in the town. Please sign the list on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by **today**, if you would like to come. *Kathryn Fiddock* (tel. 500844)

**MEN'S SUPPER** Our first Supper of 2019 will be held at The Mogul, High Street, Saffron Walden on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, 7:00 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW or contact Bill Rose (tel. 516609 email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com))

**AREA CONFERENCE Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, 9.30-3.30pm, at St John's, Colchester. Nick Shepherd, the Programme Director for Setting God's People Free, is giving the keynote address. Also, there are workshops on 'thriving through creativity' and 'thriving through exercise and activity.' Booking forms from the parish office. There is a discount for each group of 5, we take. *David*

**FLOWER FESTIVAL 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August** Flower Arrangers and anyone interested in helping are invited to a meeting on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.30am in St Mary's church, SW. *Jane and Pam*

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden at 1.40pm on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. George Szirtes, poet, whose mother was interned in two death camps during the second world war, is the speaker. All welcome. *David*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Our first breakfast of the new year will be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at The Kings Arms on Market Hill when our Guest Speaker will be Rev'd John Goddard, Minister at the Baptist Church in Saffron Walden, who will be giving his talk intriguingly titled, 'Baptist Postcards'. Coffee and tea will be available from 8:15am and we will sit down to a full English breakfast at 8:30. All are welcome but please note that The Kings Arms can only accommodate 24 of us so numbers are restricted to the first two dozen who sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or confirm with Bill Rose (email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) tel. 516609)

## NOTICES

TODAY

**COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY**  
3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

**COLD COMFORT FARM** St Mary's Book Group will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at 4 Castle Street, to discuss **Stella Gibbons'** novel. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). New members are always welcome. *Robin O'Neill*

### LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICES

Thanks to the very generous response at the two Christmas Eve services, we have sent many gifts to East Anglia's Children Hospices and £950 was donated to the church, and the same amount was shared between 'Street Pastors' and the Salvation Army. *David*

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL** are recruiting a new head teacher. I ask you to pray that he or she will be 'full of faith and the Holy Spirit,' and a gifted leader. Thank you. *David*

**HOME GROUPS SURVEY** At St Mary's, Saffron Walden, we are developing our home group ministry. We are asking everyone to complete a survey about home groups and to leave your responses in the basket at the back of church. Alternatively, you can find an online link to the survey on the church website. *Rachel*

**ECO-TEAM** We are looking to form an eco-team to explore how we can care better for God's creation at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. If you are interested, please speak to Rachel.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL** requires **BANK STAFF PRE-SCHOOL ASSISTANTS** Working term time only from February covering staff sickness, meetings and training. For more information, and an application form, contact the manager, Faye Jeffs (520358).

**LOST PROPERTY** Over Christmas the lost property has built up again. If you are missing coats, hats, gloves etc. please check. The lost property still there by the end of the month will be disposed of. *Denis and Gill*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by 9am on Wednesdays.

### 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](http://www.transitionproject.co.uk)

## CLERGY TEAM

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