

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 4)</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	<b>H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Matt Williamson
	Talk:	Helena Auty, Tom Jeewan and Hayden Rocks
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b>
Leader:	Paula Griffiths	
Ashdon	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
President:	Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S</b>
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Margaret Helmore

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 5)</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	4.00pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
Debden	9.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Stewardship of Money 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

### Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by 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: Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In February please pray for Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church & St Thomas More School

**Those who are unwell:** Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick Christine Coughlan & Cherry Bryant

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Margaret Helmore, Sue West & Anne Green

**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:** Isla-Rae Violet Walsh

**Those whose wedding banns are being called:**

Thomas Magness & Abigail Thurgood-Buss (Wimbish & Debden), Luke Williams & Emma Ducan (St Mary's SW)

## EVENTS

**HOME GROUP RECONVENING** The Home group that meets at 7.30 for 8pm at 3 Springhill Road on Mondays, is reconvening on **4<sup>th</sup> February** for a further 5 sessions to explore the Book of Revelation. Andy Colebrooke will be leading it, aided by Eugene Peterson's book "Reversed Thunder". All welcome. For more information please contact Sue Walker (523007) or Andy Colebrooke (732970).

**M5 MEN'S LUNCH** Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** 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 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

**MARGARET HELMORE'S FUNERAL** is here at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 11am. Margaret was a long-standing member of the church who worshipped weekly at St Mary's, SW until recently. We thank God for her life of service and her witness to Jesus Christ. *David*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

Our first **MEN'S 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 with 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)

**WWW (Women Who Wonder)** will meet on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (not 13 Feb)** at Gill Caswell's home, 59A Claypit Piece SW at 8pm when Sarah Nicolas will be telling us about her work with the Prison Fellowship. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to join this friendly group. More information from Alison Knights at [alisoncinque@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncinque@hotmail.com)

**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*

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS** The next meeting of St. Mary's Camera Group will be on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** at 7:30pm in the Parish Rooms. This is a group for photographers of every level of expertise, who share their pictures through a 'closed' facebook page in order to deepen our appreciation of God and the world around us. Prospective new members are very welcome to join us. *Andy Colebrooke*

**FOR ONE WEEK ONLY** Any items for next week's **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to [office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) by 9am on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY AND ELECTORAL ROLL PACK** Do collect yours from the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. If there isn't one with your name on it, do take one addressed to 'Dear Friend.' Thank you. *David*

**MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** are available to offer prayer for yourself or someone you care about. Simply go to the clergy vestry after you have been to the altar for communion or a blessing. *David*

**HOMEMADE MARMALADE** will be on sale at the back of St Mary's church, SW, after the 10 o'clock service. £2 a pot for the Building Project funds. *Lesley Green*

**QUIET MORNING** David will be leading our next Quiet Morning entitled 'Be Faithful to Christ', on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and start at 10am - 12.30. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church, SW, next week. Please put this date in your diary. This promises to be a time of quiet reflection and challenge. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

**URGENT REQUEST** I need someone soon to co-ordinate our Christian Aid collection in May. This is not an onerous role but helps to raise over £1,000. If you are interested, I'd be pleased to hear from you. *David*.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** I am going to be on extended study leave from May to July when I hope to begin work on my second book. My first one, a labour of love for 10 years, is published in March. *David*

**DONATIONS AT THE AGAPE MEAL** Many thanks to all those who supported the Agape Meal on 24<sup>th</sup> January and for the generous donations made. As a result £200 has been sent for the work of Christian Aid. *Kathryn Fiddock*

A **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** has to be created every 6 years and is due this year. Every member of the Church of England who is resident in the parish or who is a habitual worshipper at St Mary's, St James' or St John's, and is 16 or over, is entitled to be on the roll. This enables you to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and is a requirement to stand for appointment as a sidesman or election as a member of the Parochial Church Council or the Deanery Synod. Application forms addressed to members of the existing roll, or for people not yet on the roll, may be collected in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. **Please ensure you complete and return an application form by 10<sup>th</sup> March** even if you are on the existing roll. The proposed new roll will be displayed in St Mary's church, SW, from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April. The new roll will subsequently be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers. *Clifford Want, Electoral Roll Officer.*

**NEW CHURCH WEBSITE** - same address - [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) - this is now live - if you see anything that needs updating or have other suggestions or queries then please speak to Charles or Martin or email [website@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:website@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) Many thanks. *Martin Hugall*

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