

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 10th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 5)
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
	Preacher:	John Saxon
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Hadstock	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Richard Spencer
Wimbish	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 11th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13th February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Sue West

Friday 15th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 17th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Septuagesima)
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

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



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

Welcome to our services today

Fourth Sunday before Lent

10th February 2019

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:
Sue West & Anne Green

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

Thomas Magness & Abigail Thurgood-Buss (Wimbish & Debden), Luke Williams & Emma Duncan (St Mary's SW),
Damion Smyth & Rebecca Brennan (Hadstock)

EVENTS

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will meet on **Tuesday 12th February** 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.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION meet on **Thursday 14th February** 2pm in the Parish Rooms for their AGM followed by Nicola Williamson speaking on the work of the Stort Valley Trust. All welcome *Eunice Harris*

COLD COMFORT FARM St Mary's Book Group will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 15th 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*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY **Sunday 17th February** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Please pray for **Charles Cowper** as he prepares to test his vocation to ordained ministry at a three day conference in the **week beginning 18th February**. *David*

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS The next meeting of St. Mary's Camera Group will be on **Thursday 28th 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*

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

EDITOR OF ST MARY'S PARISH NEWS Thank you to John Sibson for his work and commitment in this role. As he is stepping down, we are looking for an enthusiastic person who has experience of using the IT Publisher programme to take on this role. The new co-ordinator will work with the Communications Committee to review the content, format and style of the magazine. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Rufus Barnes, Chairman of the Communications Committee on SW 523776 or by email on loavesandfishes@gmail.com *David*

JOYFUL NOISE Our youngest singing group is looking for new members! Joyful Noise is a singing group for children in school years 1-3, who love music, singing and having fun. We meet on Friday's in the Parish Rooms, with sessions running from 5.15pm—6pm. Many of our current Junior Choir members started off in Joyful Noise, and there are many opportunities to take part in Family Services, Celebrate @4 and other special occasions in the Church Year. For more information, please contact Anne Cass (annecass@btinternet.com) Tel SW 650083

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*

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*

SHAPE COURSE starting in March—flyers and information at the back of church. If you are interested, please speak to Rachel of me. Thank you. *David*

THE CHILDRENS' SOCIETY boxholders Feb/Mar 2019. Please hand in boxes in of two ways 1) to the Parish Office OR 2) Count your contribution and hand in cheque payable to 'The Children's Society' to *Eunice Harris 1 Sedop Close, Saffron Walden CB11 4DD*. Thank you

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*.

JIMMY'S CHRISTMAS Envelope Appeal raised £507. Thank you to all who contributed. *Tim Game*

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*

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 10th March** even if you are on the existing roll. The proposed new roll will be displayed in St Mary's church, SW, from 24th March to 7th 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 - 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 Many thanks. *Martin Hugall*

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

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