

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 17th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Septuagesima)
	President:	Rachel Prior
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
	President:	Rachel Prior
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 18th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 21st February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 22nd February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 23rd February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 24th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (St Matthias Day)
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	MATTINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Third Sunday before Lent

17th February 2019**Collect**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 15.12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 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: Denis Woodley, Pamela Moy & Denis Digges La Touche

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

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*

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER has been prepared this year by Christian ladies of Slovenia. It is an inspiring, thought provoking service of prayer and song. Come and hear about life in Slovenia which is one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe. Ladies and gentlemen will be warmly welcomed at the Community Church at 2pm on **Friday 1st March** with refreshments afterwards. *Ruby Parsons*

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 noon. 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*

THE 2019 AGM of St Mary's Music Association will be held in St Mary's Parish Rooms at 11.45am on **Sunday 3rd March**, following the 10am service. All are welcome to attend. *Bron Ferland*

MEN'S WALK Our next Saturday Walk is on **9th March**, meeting at the west door of St Mary's Church, SW, at 10am. The Walk will be lead by Andrew Pickering, starting and ending at the Red Cow at Chrishall. It is an easy walk for the winter using byways, gravel paths, quiet country lanes and some field paths, taking us on a circular route of about five and a half miles via Elmdon. One stile but no steep hills! Please contact Andrew (email: andrew_pickering@hotmail.com tel: 01799 516093) to book your pub lunch at the Red Cow.

CONCERT AT ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN, Saturday 9th March 7.30pm. Cambridge University Symphony Chorus perform Dvorak Stabat Mater. Details on church website and flyers at the back of church. A proportion of the proceeds will go to the Building Project. *Caroline Goulder*

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 email loavesandfishes@ymail.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 Fridays 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*

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

DAVID'S BOOK called 'Leading a Church to maturity in love' is available for pre-order from Sacristy Press - go to their website - or any good book shop. ISBN: 978-1-78959-023-4, only £12.99. *David*

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*.

SHAPE COURSE starting in March - flyers and information at the back of St Mary's church, SW. If you are interested, please speak to Rachel or me. Thank you. *David*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS 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.

WE URGENTLY REQUIRE WELCOMERS to assist at the 8am Sunday services @ St Mary's, Saffron Walden. If you are on the church electoral roll and attend, or are happy to support, the 8am Sunday services then please contact either David Tomlinson or Richard Peet on 01799 521482 or email Richard on richardpeet@btinternet.com

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

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.*

LYNN TRENEARY'S LATEST LINK LETTER is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW. As always, it's full of action and inspiration with lots to pray for. Lynn has just become a grandmother and is spending time with her daughter and grandson in Aberdeen so lots to give thanks for too! *Sue Walker*

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