

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 24th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (St Matthias Day)
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	Present:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher;	John Saxon
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Marisa Baltrock
Sewards End	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
	Leader:	Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	Preacher:	Sandra Lloyd
Debden	9.15am	MATTINS
	Leader:	Home Team
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop

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

Monday 25th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

11.00am Funeral of Denis Woodley

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for Pamela Moy

Friday 1st March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 2nd March

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

6.30pm In Spirit and Truth *at Ashdon*NEXT SUNDAY 3rd March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Quinquagesima)
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S

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



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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Lent
24th February 2019

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25*

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Gospel: *Luke 8.22-25*

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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:
Denis Woodley & Pamela Moy

Those whose wedding banns are being called:
Damion Smyth & Rebecca Brennan (Hadstock) &
Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland (Ashdon)

EVENTS

MOTHERS' UNION WOMEN'S DAY Wave of Prayer at the Community Church, Castle Street on **Friday 1st March** at 2pm. Refreshments included. All welcome. *Jan Siewertsen*

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 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. 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. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

We are restarting **IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH** in Ashdon. Steve and Sam Rademan are back with us at 6:30pm on **Saturday 2nd March** at the Vicarage CB10 2ET and 11am on **Sunday 3rd March** at All Saints' Church CB10 2HG (in the Parish Rooms, next to the churchyard on Church Lane). All welcome. *Richard Spencer*

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. *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 led 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*

SALTMINE THEATRE are going to help us think about 'becoming an inviting church' on **Thursday 14th March**, 8pm at St Mary's Church, Henham, focusing on inviting people to church. All welcome to this fun but stimulating event. *David*

LENT IN THE 5 CHURCHES This coming Lent there will be a course on Prayer on Thursday evenings 7.30 - 8.30pm at All Saints, Great Chesterford. **14th March** - Prayer as Intercession, **21st March** - Celtic Prayer, **28th March** - Lectio Divina, **4th April** - The Jesus Prayer, **11th April** - Praying the Eucharist
Each session will be led by a clergy member of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team. *Elizabeth Marshall*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 15th March** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Millions Like Us: Women's lives 1939-1949**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (520291). *Robin O'Neill*

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*

NOTICES

TODAY

STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY AND ELECTORAL ROLL PACK If you have not had yours yet, do pick up one from the back of St Mary's church, SW. Thank you. *David*

JENNY TOMLINSON is to take up her post as Archdeacon of Birmingham on 12th May. David is on sabbatical from May to July, and his first Sunday back is 4th August. Do hold Jenny (and David) in your prayers. *David*

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 from 1st March. 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.

TEAM JC To keep it going, two/three extra volunteers are needed. If you can offer a Sunday every half-term or more, then do speak to Matt. Thank you. *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 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 be available for inspection by bona fide inquirers. To date, we have received 116 applications to go on the new electoral roll, which is only 29% of the number on the old roll. Of these at least 8 are new people not on the old roll. *Clifford Want*

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 info, please contact Anne Cass (annecass@btinternet.com). Tel. 650083

"**PARISH NEWS**" is published this weekend and is available on St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, Book Stall.

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 3rd March. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

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