

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 3rd March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Quinquagesima)
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
Hadstock	Preacher;	Tracey Nicholls
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	Leader:	Katy Jones and Amy Dunn
	9.30am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	11.00am	IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
	Leader:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 4th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion + Ashes @ **St Mary's & Hadstock**7.30pm Holy Communion + Ashes @ **Ashdon**8.00pm Choral Eucharist + Ashes @ **St Mary's**8.00pm Holy Communion + Ashes @ **Debden**Thursday 7th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 8th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Wedding of Andrew Wright & Emiliana Dimova

Saturday 9th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 10th March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

COPY for next month's "PARISH NEWS" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 10th March.

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

Sunday next before Lent

3rd March 2019

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel: Luke 9.28-36(37-43)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In March please pray for Abbey Lane & Newport URC, incorporating the Methodist Church, Dame Bradbury's School

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Beryl Matthews

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland (Ashdon), James Kirk & Joanna Kay (SW), Christopher Clout & Courtney Meichen (SW)

Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on 8th March:

Andrew Wright & Emiliana Dimova

EVENTS

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 6th March** from 12:15. All welcome; come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 7th March**

at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

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

PRAYER EVENING for Lynn Treneary/CMS on **Friday 8th March** at 6.15pm followed by Bring and Share Supper at 3 Springhill Road.

All welcome. For more information contact Sue Walker on

suewalker619@btinternet.com 523007.

FILM NIGHT IN ASHDON Finger of God 2 **Thursday 7th March**, 7pm in the Parish Rooms (on Church Lane by the churchyard, CB10 2HG). It's a powerful film of faith, hunger and the incredible God-

moments WP Films has become known for in all of its films. *Richard*

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. 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

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS - What can I do about it? Saffron Walden Climate Change Alliance invites you to two talks on **Sunday 10th March** at 5pm at The Friends Meeting House: Rev Caroline Voden on 'Living without Plastics' and architect Mike Hibbs on 'Energy Efficient Homes Made Easy.' Free Admission. *Edward Gildea*

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will meet on **Tuesday 12th March**, 59a

Clay Pit Piece, SW at 8pm. Marissa Baltrock will be leading us in a Taizé service. All women of working age or thereabouts are welcome.

More info from Gill Caswell - gill.cas@hotmail.com

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*

A QUIET DAY All are welcome to enjoy a day of rest and reflection led by Revd Janet Nicholls, Rural Adviser and Agricultural Chaplain, Diocese of Chelmsford (for more info. please phone 01371 851317).

Saturday 16th March 10.30am-3.30pm, St Andrews Church, Shalford.

THE FRIENDS invite you to join us on a trip to

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL on **6th June**. There are a

few seats left on the coach for this trip - full details on the

Friends bookstand. *Pamela Mugliston*

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

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*

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

JENNY TOMLINSON'S installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12th May** at 3.30pm. A coach is being arranged - details to follow. 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 LAUNCH is on **Tuesday 12th March** at 6.30pm at Harts in Saffron Walden. He'll also be happy to sign your book on **Sunday 17th March** after the 10am service and, over coffee on **Saturday 23rd** from 9.45 to 11.15am at 29 Saxon Way. All welcome on all three occasions. *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. We have received 188 applications to go on the new electoral roll, which is only 47% of the number on the old roll. Of these at least 16 are new people not on the old roll. *Clifford Want*

JOYFUL NOISE is looking for new members! It's a group for children in school years 1-3, who love music & singing. 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 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

The Team is planning another **WEEKEND AWAY** in summer 2020; please send testimonies from the 2018 weekend to rd.spencer@virgin.net. *Richard Spencer*

CLERGY TEAM

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