

PARISH DIARY

TODAY		10 th March 2019
Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	Rachel Prior
	Preacher;	Tim Hardingham
Sewards End	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
Little Walden	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	David Tomlinson
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Debden	Preacher:	Marisa Baltrock
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Wimbish	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Richard Spencer
Wimbish	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon
	Preacher:	Brian Kerrison

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 11th March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 15th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY**17th March 2019**

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION <i>with prayers for wholeness & healing</i>
Hadstock	3.00pm	SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
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

First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Romans 10.8b-13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

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

EVENTS

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will meet on **Tuesday 12th March**, 59a Clay Pit Piece, SW at 8pm. Marisa 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

ST MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION meet in the Parish Rooms at 2pm on **Thursday 14th March** when our speaker will be Judith Meaden, Mothers' Union Diocesan President. *Jan Siewertsen*

A PLAY – MR DARWIN'S TREE **Thursday 14th March**, 5.30pm, St John's College Old Divinity School, All Saints Passage, Cambridge. Tickets £10 + booking fee www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk 01223 766766

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. Admission is free but you need to book a ticket on 01279 814285 or e-mail office@heuchurch.co.uk 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. **COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** **Sunday 17th March** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

EASTER CARD FOLDING We will be holding a working party to fold 7500 cards on **Thursday 21st March** 9.30am – 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. ALL welcome to come and help for as little or as long as you are able. Refreshments and excellent company guaranteed! *Dawn Saxon*

MEN'S SUPPER Our next supper will be at The Yuva, Debden on **Thursday 28th March**, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring a friend. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or contact Bill Rose - email: wir2163@gmail.com – tel. 01799 516609 - before 26th March.

ANNUAL MEETINGS 7TH APRIL Nomination forms are available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and in the daughter churches, to fill one vacancy on Deanery Synod for one year, and six standard vacancies for members of the PCC for three years. The formal requirements for nominees are printed on the forms, but if you wish to find out more, please talk to myself, David, the churchwardens or any of the existing members. Kindly return completed nomination forms to me in person or via St Mary's parish office by **24th March**. *Lisa Brook*

RURAL CHURCH BUILDINGS CONFERENCE on **Thursday 2nd May** from 10am to 5pm at Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House. See poster at the back of St Mary's, SW and for further information, contact gdowling@chelmsford.anglican.org

THE FRIENDS invite you to join us on a trip to

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL, 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, please contact Rufus Barnes, Chairman of the Communications Committee on SW 523776 or email loavesandfishes@ymail.com *David*

NOTICES

TODAY

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS - What can I do about it?

Saffron Walden Climate Change Alliance invites you to two talks at 5pm at The Friends Meeting House: Rev Caroline Vodden on 'Living without Plastics' and architect Mike Hibbs on 'Energy Efficient Homes Made Easy.' Free Admission.

Edward Gildea

JENNY TOMLINSON'S installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12th May** at 3.30pm. A coach will depart from Swan Meadow Car Park at 11.45am, returning back to Saffron Walden by approx. 8.40pm. Coach tickets, £15, and more information are available from Dawn in the Parish Office.

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'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 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 Today** 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 237 applications to go on the new electoral roll, which is only 60% of the number on the old roll. Of these at least 23 are new people not on the old roll. *Clifford Want*

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

DRIVERS NEEDED The group who give older members of our congregation lifts to the 10am Service urgently need more help. 2 drivers are allocated per Sunday and as we have a growing number of requests for help; we are in need of new drivers. No previous experience necessary. Please contact *Carolyn Mann* 500311 or carolyn1062@gmail.com

TWAM (Tools With A Mission) are a Christian charity who repurpose all sorts of tools, machinery, fabrics etc. for ongoing use mainly in Africa. They are used to enable local people to set up small businesses and become self-supporting of their families. A list of what is needed is in St Mary's Parish Office. I am happy to collect and store prior to transportation to the main charity warehouse. Please let me know if you might be able to help. *Sue Birchall* 521297 sbirchall29@gmail.com

CLERGY TEAM

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