

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 31st March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Chris Bishop
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Rachel Prior
	Talk:	David Tomlinson
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	TAIZÉ SERVICE
Sewards End	Leader:	Marisa Baltrock
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Little Walden	Leader:	Jenny Tomlinson
	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Ashdon	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
(joint service with Baptist Church)	President:	Richard Spencer
	Preacher:	Gavin Walter
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 1st April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 2nd April

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd April

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 4th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 5th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Ian Barclay

Saturday 6th April

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY 7th April 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	11.30am	APCM
	6.30pm	SAID EVENSONG
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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
Mothers' Sunday
31st March 2019

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2.1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gospel: Luke 2.33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 & Cherry Bryant

Christine Coughlan is better now and very grateful for your prayers. *David*

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Ian Barclay & Brian Newman (Memorial Service at St Mary's, SW, on Thursday 25th April at 2.30pm)

EVENTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL Flower Arrangers we need you, please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 3rd April** at 10.30am in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Pam and Jane*

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 3rd April** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 4th April** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 4th April** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

THE DEANERY CLERGY WIVES will meet on **Thursday 4th April** from 2.30pm at 73 Thaxted Rd. Please ring me on 01799 520007 if you would like, or can offer, transport. *Lesley Sibson*

LENT COURSE ON PRAYER Thursday evenings 7.30 - 8.30pm at All Saints, Great Chesterford. **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*

ANNUAL MEETINGS Sunday 7th April after the 10.00am Service The agenda and papers, including the Annual Review and financial statement, are available at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Lisa Brook*

THERE WILL BE NO H2H on 7th April instead you are warmly invited to join us at The Church in Great Notley to support Rosie Wilson and Ellie Chambers, from Aftershock, as they are commissioned after completing the Diocesan Young Leaders Course. 5:30 - 7pm with refreshments available from 5pm. *Matt Williamson*

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18th April We will be keeping the Vigil in St Mary's SW from 9pm to midnight. To ensure the whole time is covered, please sign up on the sheet at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. **FOOT WASHING** David needs 12 volunteers for the 8pm service. Kindly sign up @ back of church. *Denis*

St Mary's church, SW, invite children aged 5-9, to **EASTER FUN** on **Saturday 20th April** 10-12 in the Parish Rooms. An exciting time of singing, crafting, Easter egg hunt and learning about the Easter story. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential and numbers are limited. To apply email matt.williamson20@me.com for a booking form.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 26th April** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Julian Barnes's novel **The Noise of Time**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

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 gdownling@chelmsford.anglican.org

There will be a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** in the parish of the Icknield Way Villages on **Sunday 30th June**. Rev Dr Anand Sodadasi will be holding several sessions for those who would like to be confirmed prior to the service. If you are interested, please contact Anand, anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk, so that you can discuss this with him.

NOTICES

TODAY

CYCLONE IDAI has left a trail of devastation in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, resulting in hundreds of deaths and 2.6 million lives being disrupted. In line with the PCC's commitment to DEC appeals, there'll be a retiring collection this and the next two Sundays. If you can gift aid your donation, you are asked to use the blue envelopes in the pews. Thank you. *David*

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. We will be thanking Jenny and presenting her with a **FAREWELL GIFT** after Evensong on Easter Sunday. Contributions to her gift should be placed in an envelope marked "For Jenny's gift" and handed into the Parish Office or to one of the Churchwardens (*Cheques payable to Saffron Walden PCC*). Please sign her card at the back of St Mary's church, SW. Thank you. *Denis & Gill*

DAVID IS ON SABBATICAL from May to July, and his first Sunday back is 4th August. Do hold Jenny (and David) in your prayers.

A copy of the proposed **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** is being displayed in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, from 24th March to 7th April. If you completed and returned an application form by 10th March 2019, please check that your details are included and correct. If you applied after the deadline of 10th March, your name will be added to the electoral roll after the APCM on 7th April. *Clifford Want, Electoral Roll Officer.*

7TH SAFFRON WALDEN (ST. MARY'S) GUIDES The Guide Unit is in urgent need of leadership help after Easter. The unit, sponsored by St. Mary's Church, is thriving and currently has 19 girls aged 10-13 years. There is support available. Please contact me if you or someone you know would be willing to help. margaret.jacobs@hotmail.co.uk 01799 522801/07813 181835. *Margaret Jacobs*

EASTER LILIES Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones please give donations to Welcomers, Wardens, or St Mary's Parish Office. Easter Flowers usually cost at least £300. Cheques should be made payable to 'St. Mary's Church Fund Trust'. Thank you. *Pam Russell*

LEGO NEEDED for Thy Kingdom Come prayer spaces. If you have any unwanted Lego please let Matt know.

"**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 7th April. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY & BRITISH COINS** and notes that are no longer in circulation, please hand to me or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *Margaret Walter*

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