

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Rachel Prior Preacher: David Tomlinson 10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President: David Tomlinson Preacher: Rachel Prior 11.30am	<b>APCM</b>
	6.30pm	<b>SAID EVENSONG</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	Officiant: Marisa Baltrock 9.30am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader: Paula Griffiths	
<b>Ashdon</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Richard Spencer 9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	President: Richard Spencer 9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: John Saxon	
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: John Saxon	

**THIS WEEK** (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.30pm Wedding of Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland *at Ashdon***NEXT SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (Passion Reading)</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + PROCESSION</b>
<b>Debden (joint Service with Wimbish)</b>		

See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Philippians 3.4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: John 12.1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In April please pray for St Mary's Church of England & St Marys C of E Primary School

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

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:**

Brian Newman (Memorial Service at St Mary's, SW, on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 2.30pm) & Martti Tapani Leksis

**Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's,**

**Saffron Walden:** Daniel De'ath & Sarah Aslaksen, Adam Barrett & Victoria Coffey, Jack Wells & Lauren Wilson, Stephen Ewell & Polly Goddard, Kevin Smith & Lauren Cox

**Those who are getting married at All Saints, Ashdon on**

**13th April:** Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland

## EVENTS

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

**WWW** The next meeting is on **9th April @ 8.00pm** at 21 Gibson Gdns, SW. Come and share your favourite hymn (you don't have to sing it unless you wish to). For more information contact me on [gill.cas@hotmail.com](mailto:gill.cas@hotmail.com) *Gill Caswell*

**OPEN AFTERNOON** at Saffron Walden Wellbeing Hub, Faircroft Road, **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, 1pm to 3pm. Come and meet us for coffee, cake and mocktails, and find out what goes on in this busy centre. *Marisa Baltrock*

**LENT COURSE ON PRAYER Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Praying the Eucharist, 7.30-8.30pm at All Saints, Great Chesterford. This will be led by a clergy member of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team. *Elizabeth Marshall*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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*

At 7.30pm on Good Friday (**19<sup>th</sup> April**) the choir's annual **DEVOTIONAL OFFERING** will be Bob Chilcott's St John Passion. All welcome to hear our first performance of this relatively new work. It includes new hymns which are being introduced during morning services in Lent - we hope the congregation will be able to join in with these at the appropriate places. *Bron Ferland*

St Mary's church, SW, invite children aged 5-9, to **EASTER FUN** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:matt.williamson20@me.com) for a booking form.

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Our next Breakfast will be at The Kings Arms, Market Hill on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** when our Guest Speaker will be Revd David Sheppard who will present his talk intriguingly entitled 'So, were you serious?' Coffee and tea are available from 8:15 and we sit down to a full English breakfast at 8:30. All are welcome but numbers are limited, so please commit early to avoid disappointment. Sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW or contact Bill Rose (Email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) Tel: 516609)

I am delighted to announce that we have received a **HIGHLY COMMENDED DESIGN AWARD** for the re-ordering work at the west end of St Mary's SW in the Diocesan Advisory Committee's 2018/19 competition. Congratulations to KPTA (architects), Bakers of Danbury (contractors) and to Graham Cottam and Steve Hasler who put in so much time and effort in leading and managing the project. Our submission document is available to view at the back of church. *Denis*

## 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*

**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 next Sunday. If you can gift aid your donation, you are asked to use the blue envelopes in the pews. Cheques should be made payable to the Saffron Walden PCC. Thank you. *David*

**ANNUAL MEETINGS** 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** 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*

**JENNY TOMLINSON'S** installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> August. Do hold Jenny (and David) in your prayers.

**CAN YOU PLEASE HELP TO DELIVER THE LAST FEW EASTER CARDS?** Thank you. *Dawn Saxon*

**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*

**7<sup>TH</sup> SAFFRON WALDEN (ST. MARY'S) GUIDE UNIT** is in urgent need of leadership help after Easter. The unit, sponsored by St. Mary's Church, is thriving and has 19 girls aged 10-13 years. Please contact me if you would be willing to help. [margaret.jacobs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaret.jacobs@hotmail.co.uk) (522801). *Margaret*

**COPY** for next month's "**PARISH NEWS**" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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

## CLERGY TEAM

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