

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 28th April 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Michael Lovegrove	
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader: Rachel Prior	
	Talk: Tracey Nicholls	
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Rachel Prior	
	6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	President: Angela Want	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
Ashdon	President: Paula Griffiths	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.15am	MATTINS
Wimbish	Leader: Home Team	
	11.00am	MATTINS
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THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)

Monday 29th April8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion - *George***Tuesday 30th April**8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
9.30am Holy Communion - *Mark*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 1st May8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion**Thursday 2nd May**8.30am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Healing Service**Friday 3rd May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 4th May

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY 5th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	1.00pm	WEDDING OF JAMES KIRK & JOANNA KAY
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
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.Follow the Rector on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RectorSW>Please 'Like' our Facebook page so we reach more people! Click on the link on our website, or go to: www.facebook.com/saintmaryschurchsaffronwalden

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday of Easter
28th April 2019**Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 & Christine Coughlan

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Cherry Bryant

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 being baptised today at St Botolph's,

Hadstock: Eden Henriette Swann

EVENTS

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 1st May** 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 2nd May** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 2nd May** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

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

DEBDEN CHURCH PLANT & BOOK SALE **Sunday 5th May**, 2-4pm. Live music from Bishop's Stortford Wind Band; Children's Art & Craft activities; Tea and Cakes. Everyone is warmly welcome. *Hilary Davey*

CALLING CAKE BAKERS On **8th May** we have a large service at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. It would be helpful if members of the congregation baked some cakes. There will be a list at the back of church, please sign up and say what cake you will be baking. *Gill/Carolyn*

MEN'S WALK Our next Walk will be on **Saturday 11th May**, meeting at 10am at the west door of St Mary's, Saffron Walden. The 2 hour, 5 mile walk will start in Arkesden and take in Clavering Lakes, ending with lunch at the Axe & Compasses. All welcome so bring your friends. Further details from Anthony Armon-Jones (07736 070508)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is taking place on **12th - 18th May**. Louise Scutt-Richter and Edward Gildea are joint organisers and would love to hear from our loyal band of house to house collectors and from those who might devote a few hours for the first time. How about hosting a 'Big Brekkie'? Go online to Christianaid.org.uk and sign up to receive a pack of everything you need to invite your friends to a fun fundraiser! Email edward@edwardgildea.co.uk to volunteer or find out more.

WWW We will be meeting on **14th May** at 59a Claypit Piece at 8pm when we will be looking at the story of Esther. This group is for all women of working age or thereabouts. Further details - gill.cas@hotmail.com

COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES taster evening on **Tuesday 11th June** at 8pm at St Mark's College. If you want to know more about the course, speak to Rachel and Sam Prior, and Dawn Saxon. *David*

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

PLANTS, BOOKS AND TEAS 2-4pm at Littlebury Church.
All welcome. *Janice Rust*

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, are available from the Parish Office until Thursday 9th May.

THANK YOU all very much indeed for your good wishes, lovely comments and very generous gift as I leave for Birmingham. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the parish over the past ten years, and particularly the opportunities to lead worship and to preach in this amazing church. I am very appreciative of your friendship and kindness. *Jenny*

EXTENDED STUDY LEAVE I am grateful to all those who have taken on extra responsibility to allow me to take some extended study leave. I look forward to being back to work on 1st August and my first Sunday on my return is 4th August. *David*

EASTER LILIES Once again a heartfelt thank you to those who so generously made donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. *Pam Russell*

UNWANTED TOOL COLLECTION The Rotary Club of Saffron Walden are collecting for Tools With A Mission (TWAM). TWAM are a Christian charity sending tools across the world. Please pick up an information sheet, from St Mary's Parish Office, that tells you what they are collecting and see the Noticeboard that sets out the collection points.

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

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*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9am on Wednesdays.

"**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 5th May. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion. Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden www.transitionproject.co.uk

CLERGY TEAM

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