

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 5th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Paula Griffiths	
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: Andy Colebrooke	
	1.00pm	WEDDING OF JAMES KIRK & JOANNA KAY
Hadstock	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	Leader: Matt Williamson	
	Talk: Charles Cowper	
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President: 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 6th May (Bank Holiday)

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7th May

8.30am Morning Prayer
 8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
 2.00pm St Mary's Tinies
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 8th May

8.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Holy Communion
 8.00pm Visitation Service

Thursday 9th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 10th May

8.30am Morning Prayer
 11.30am Funeral of Roy Frewin

Saturday 11th May

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 12th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	6.00pm	FOREST CHURCH
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENING SERVICE
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

Post Communion (cont'd from front page)

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Third Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 9.1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Gospel: John 21.1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' (Cont'd on back page)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In May please pray for Swards End & Little Walden CofE, Radwinter Primary School

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

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

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

Samuel Gray & Hannah Harpum, Andrew Basham & Fiona Macleod, Nicolas Kitchener & Sophie Purkiss, Peter Darton & Rosalind Holder **at St Mary's, Saffron Walden**

David Sandwell & Elizabeth Cowell **at All Saints, Wimbish**

Those who are getting married today at St Mary's SW:

James Kirk & Joanna Kay

EVENTS

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*

ST MARY'S MU BRANCH MEETING 9th May at 2.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. "The Sheaths' Journey to Bermuda". All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

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)

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.

On **Sunday 12th May** at 6pm St John's Church is holding its second **FOREST CHURCH SERVICE**. The venue is Noakes Grove, a beautiful ancient woodland near Swards End (Redgate's Ln, Saffron Walden, CB10 2LW). The theme is *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above*. The service lasts for approx. 1 hour and will include activities and quiet times to help us explore this. Please bring your own chair and suitable footwear. For further details please contact Helen Nash (helen_nash@hotmail.co.uk)

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@gildea.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

CHERRY BRYANT'S FUNERAL will be held at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, on **Thursday 16th May** at 11.00am. There will be a reception afterwards at the Museum. All welcome. *Jonathan Bryant*

MEN'S SUPPER Our next supper will be at Jade Garden, Market Hill on **Friday 24th May**, 7:00 for 7:30 pm. 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: wjr2163@gmail.com tel. 516609)

TEAM SERVICE 26th May, 4pm at Holy Trinity, Littlebury. A relaxed and informal Rogation Sunday service with activities for all ages and refreshments. Rogation is when we seek God's blessing on the emerging growth of our crops in the fields. It is also an opportunity to come together as team churches to give thanks for our community, the beautiful countryside and to think about our own responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Speaker is the Revd Janet Nicholls, Agricultural Chaplain and Rural Adviser to the Diocese of Chelmsford.

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*

PLANTS, BOOKS & TEAS, 2-4pm at Debden Church. All welcome. *Hilary Davey*

PILGRIM – THE LORD'S PRAYER Themed on one of the greatest Christian treasures, The Lord's Prayer, this six week course explores prayer and reveals more about what God is like through a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow Pilgrim travellers. Wednesdays 8.00 to 9.30pm, at the Rectory, Mill Rd, Debden CB11 3LB, **29 May, 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July**. Thursdays 2.30 to 4.00pm, at St Pauls Mission Hall, Wimbish, CB10 2XE, **9, 16, 23, & 30 May, 13 & 27 June**. Enquiries and register of interest to Rev John Saxon, 541619, debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.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/Sam Prior and Dawn Saxon. *David*

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*

FLOWER FESTIVAL Helpers needed! Shortly there will be a Flower Festival noticeboard near the South Porch of St Mary's, SW. Gill Lovegrove will be asking for helpers for the catering/refreshments and Pamela Mugliston will be asking for stewards to cover the event. Please sign up if you can. *Chris Knight*

PRAY FOR SCHOOLS FORTNIGHT runs from **12-26 May**. Please join Stort Valley Schools Trust in praying for our local schools, staff and pupils. Resource packs are available to help guide your prayers, please contact Nicola Williamson for more details - nicola@svst.org.uk

PRAYER DIARY Following the Church Annual Meeting the 2019 - 2020 Prayer Diary is now available. Please note that the colour has remained unchanged to provide continuity. Any comments to Joe Hordern: j.hordern@ntlworld.com please.

COPY for next month's "PARISH NEWS" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 12th May.

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S GRAPEVINE should be sent to: office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

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