

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 12th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Rachel Prior 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: Rachel Prior Preacher: Tim Hardingham 12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant: Rachel Prior 6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	Officiant: Tim Hardingham 9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Chris Bishop 6.00pm	FOREST CHURCH
Little Walden	Leader: Helen Nash Talk: Tracey Nicholls	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Hadstock	President: Paula Griffiths 9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Richard Spencer	
Ashdon		
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE & BAPTISM
	Leader: John Saxon	
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: John Saxon	

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

Monday 13th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*9.30am Holy Communion - *Matthias*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th May

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 16th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Cherry Bryant

Friday 17th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 18th May

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 19th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssafronwalden.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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
12th May 2019

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Ella Martin
The family and friends of those who have died recently: Cherry Bryant, Michael Yorke (former Vicar at Ashdon)
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 being baptised today: Devon Leigh Searle **at St Mary's SW**
Oliver James Watson **at St Mary the Virgin, Debden**

EVENTS

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

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*

COME AND ENJOY A BIG CHOIR EXPERIENCE
On Thursday 16th May, Saffron Walden Choral Society are coming to St Mary's for an informal "Open Rehearsal", including the "Hallelujah Chorus". Whatever your previous singing experience (or none), you are invited to join them for the evening (7.30 to 9pm with refreshments afterwards) – or even just come and listen. David Hoy

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY Sunday 19th May
3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

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.

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, **16, 23, & 30 May, 13 & 27 June**. Enquiries and register of interest to Rev John Saxon, 541619, debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com

St Mary's Book Group will hold their next meeting at 8.15 p.m. on **Friday 31st May** 2019 at 4 Castle Street to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's novel **Unsheltered**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520 291). Robin O'Neill

NOTICES

TODAY

St John's Church is holding its **FOREST CHURCH Service at 6pm** at Noakes Grove, a beautiful ancient woodland near Swards End (Redgate's Ln, SW, 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. *Helen Nash*
INVITATIONS TO GOSPEL SUNDAY 30th June 10am
Please pray about who you might invite.

Friends visit to Peterborough Cathedral 6th June
There are **2 seats available** on the coach and for the tour. For further details and to book please contact Pamela Mugliston pjmteddybear@btinternet.com or 01799 521697.

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. To register an interest contact: andy.colebrooke@gmail.com (01799 732970)

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 anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk, so that you can discuss this with him.

Lynn Treneary's (St Mary's C M S Link Partner) letter has arrived and is packed full of news and inspiration. Do please pick one up from the back of the church. Your faithful prayers and support are so appreciated by Lynn and do make a difference. *Sue Walker*

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

SEEDS WANTED The Eco Team are collecting seeds for future community and church planting. Please save wildflower seeds from your gardens, put them in a used envelope and place them in the flower shoe box on the table at the back of St Mary's church, SW. Many thanks for your help in enhancing the existing flower areas and increasing biodiversity! *Jackie Damary-Homan & Rachel Prior*

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

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