

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
	Talk:	Rachel Prior
Hadstock	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Angela Want
	6.30pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
Wimbish	President:	Rachel Prior
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Wedding of Christopher Clout &amp; Courtney Meichen

NEXT SUNDAY

26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	9.15am	<b>MATTINS</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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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 Easter**

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

## First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## Gospel: John 13.31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## 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:**  
Michael Yorke, Winifred Head, Isobel Bernstein

**Those whose wedding banners 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 at St Mary's SW on 25th**

**May:** Christopher Clout & Courtney Meichen

## EVENTS

**GEORGE SZIRTES**, the speaker who came to our Holocaust Service in January is launching his book in Harts on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at 6:30. There will be drinks, live music and a conversation with George about the book which we used as the context for the Holocaust work with the children - tickets available from Harts. *Tim Hardingham*

The funeral of a previous Rector of Ashdon, **MICHAEL YORKE** will take place at 11am on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** in Norwich Cathedral. Michael's body will be interred in Ashdon Graveyard at 3pm on Saturday 1st June. Please pray for Frances and her family. *Richard Spencer*

**MEN'S SUPPER** Our next supper will be at Jade Garden, Market Hill on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) tel. 516609)

**TEAM SERVICE 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SUMMER WELCOMING** for visitors to St Mary's Church, SW will begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All past welcomers and new volunteers are invited to a short meeting to find out more over a coffee in the downstairs room in the Parish Rooms on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** at 11am. *Rita Ryan* [rita.ryan2@btinternet.com](mailto:rita.ryan2@btinternet.com)

**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, **23, & 30 May, 13 & 27 June**. Enquiries and register of interest to Rev John Saxon, 541619, [debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com](mailto:debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com)

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** 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*

**FRIENDS VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pjmteddybear@btinternet.com) or 01799 521697.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL 'FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS', 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June** from 12 noon at All Saints Church, Wimbish, CB10 2XG. Lunches, teas, stalls and entertainment. Further details [www.wimbishchurch.org.uk](http://www.wimbishchurch.org.uk). *Fran Johnson*

**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](mailto:andy.colebrooke@gmail.com) (01799 732970)

## NOTICES

TODAY

**COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY**  
3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Please take one of the invitations that are available near the welcome desk at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, for our **GOSPEL SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 10am. Please pray about who you might invite.

**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 IN AUGUST** Please sign up on St Mary's noticeboard if you are free to help with stewarding duties. Many thanks. *Pamela Mugliston*

**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](mailto:nicola@svst.org.uk)

**ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION** A huge thankyou to everyone who helped both before during and after the service. Bishop Stephen and Archdeacon Robin were very impressed with all the organisation and generous hospitality. *Denis/Gill*

To enable St Mary's, Saffron Walden, to continue to offer **BRUNCH** at our monthly Family Service we desperately need **MORE VOLUNTEERS**. If you can give up a few hours of your time then please get in touch with Carolyn London, email: [carolynlondon@live.co.uk](mailto:carolynlondon@live.co.uk)

**WEEKEND AWAY 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**, Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk. Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love: Come and See' and our speaker is Bishop Roger Morris. Come and enjoy a weekend of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. The weekend offers comfortable accommodation (including many en-suite rooms) and delicious fully catered meals from Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea. There will be a creche and, activities for under 11s and 11-17 year olds. Cost £140-£170 per person full board, day rates available, under 18s FREE. Pick up a booking form or go St Mary's website [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) for more details. £25pp deposit required by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Don't miss out! *Sarah Nicholas*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by 9am on Wednesdays.

**SEEDS WANTED** The Eco Team would like to collect seeds for future community and church planting. When tidying your garden, please collect dried seed heads of cowslips, primulas and other wild flowers, place them in a used envelope, and put 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*

## CLERGY TEAM

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