

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 23rd June 2019

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| Saffron Walden | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | President: Chris Bishop | |
| | 10.00am | HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC |
| | President: Michael Lovegrove | |
| | 12 noon | BAPTISM |
| | Officiant: Rachel Prior | |
| | 1.00pm | MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ISOBEL BERNSTEIN |
| | Officiant: Rachel Prior | |
| | 4.00pm | CELEBRATE @ 4 |
| | Leader: Rachel Prior | |
| Sewards End | Talk: Tim Hardingham | |
| | 6.30pm | EVENSONG |
| | Officiant: Marisa Baltrock | |
| Little Walden | 9.30am | CAFÉ CHURCH |
| | Leader: Tracey Nicholls | |
| Hadstock | 11.15am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | President: Chris Bishop | |
| Ashdon | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | President: John Saxon | |
| Debden | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | President: Richard Spencer | |
| Wimbish | 9.15am | MORNING PRAISE |
| | Leader: Paula Griffiths | |
| | 11.00am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | President: Paula Griffiths | |

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

Monday 24th June

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion - *John the Baptist*

Tuesday 25th June

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

Wednesday 26th June

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th June

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 28th June

8.30am Morning Prayer
12 noon Funeral of Stan Bradley

Saturday 29th June

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion - *Peter & Paul*

NEXT SUNDAY 30th June 2019

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| | 10.00am | HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC |
| | 12 noon | BAPTISM |
| | 1.00pm | BAPTISM |
| | 6.30pm | TAIZÉ SERVICE |
| | Hadstock | 9.30am |
| Ashdon | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Wimbish (joint service with Debden) | 11.00am | HOLY COMMUNION |

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
First Sunday after Trinity
23rd June 2019

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: *Galatians 3.23-29*

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel: *Luke 8.26-39*

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In June please pray for Saffron Walden Assemblies Team, Stort Valley Schools Trust
Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick Ella Martin
The family and friends of those who have died recently: Stan Bradley
Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW: Enid Rocks

EVENTS

THE FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT at St Mary's, Saffron Walden on **26th June** at 1.10 pm will be given by Students from Saffron Walden County High School. Refreshments available from 12.30pm. All welcome. *Bron Ferland*

STAN BRADLEY'S FUNERAL will be on **Friday 28th June** at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden at 12 noon .

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 28th June** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Anthony Trollope's novel **The Eustace Diamonds**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (520291). *Robin O'Neill*

ARMED FORCES DAY in Saffron Walden **Saturday 29th June** – please note that the Commons Car Park will be closed all day and late morning. Many roads in the town centre will be closed for the march itself.

On **Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm** our Assistant Organist , Jeremy Allen will be giving the second concert in this year's organ recital series. We hope that this will be well supported by our own congregation. The programme includes pieces by Robert Schumann, Peter Dickinson, Sir James MacMillan and Henri Mulet. *Bron Ferland*

VISIT TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL Saturday 13th July.
The choir will be singing Choral Evensong at 4pm at the Cathedral. There are some spaces on the coach leaving Swan Meadow at 9.30am returning after Evensong arriving back in Saffron Walden approx. 8pm. Cost £20. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Goulder—
carolinegoulder@hotmail.com or 07775518892. *First come, first served!*

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.*

St Mary's, Saffron Walden, has signed up to become an **ECO CHURCH!** This will be a long journey, involving all aspects of church life, from our worship and buildings to our engagement with the community and our lifestyles.
If you would like to be involved in any way in the vital work of preserving God's creation, do contact either Rachel Prior or Edward Gildea (edward@edwardgildea.co.uk)

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Self-help and support, CV writing and improving. Interview practice, job search, discussions.

Tuesdays 10am—12noon

In the Parish Rooms, besides St Mary's Church SW
www.transitionproject.co.uk

NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

GOSPEL SUNDAY AT St Mary's 10am service where Rev'd Tim Hardingham will be our speaker. Please think about whom you would like to invite.

TAIZE SERVICE 6.30pm led by Marissa Baltrock.

FLOWER FESTIVAL – 23RD – 26TH AUGUST

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

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED to help serve refreshments and to make cakes/sandwiches. If you can help in any way would you please sign up on one or all of the lists which are on the special notice board at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. With thanks. *Gill Lovegrove*

I have been asked to run a **PLANT STALL** at the Flower Festival. Please remember when doing your garden to pot up any house plants or herbaceous cuttings for sale at the above event. *Jean Wooderson (01799 520121)*

WEEKEND AWAY 12 - 14 JUNE 2020
THEME: SHARING GOD'S LOVE "COME AND SEE"
DO JOIN US FOR
ST MARY'S & TEAM CHURCHES WEEKEND AWAY
SPEAKER: BISHOP ROGER MORRIS

VENUE:
BELSEY BRIDGE NEAR BUNGAY, SUFFOLK
Thank you to all those who have signed up, please do consider coming, deposit £25 pp required by 30th June, UNDER 18'S FREE
Please do pick up a leaflet with more information or speak to Rachel in person.

CYCLING IRELAND FROM BOTTOM TO TOP The Rector and I are cycling from Mizen Head to Malin Head in Ireland, 530 miles and 24,500 feet of climbing, over 7 days starting on Fri 21st June. As there was for LEJOG in 2016, there's a blog if you'd like to follow us, which we will update each evening once we've refuelled! The blog is live with route details at <https://mizmal2019.blogspot.com> *Steve Hasler*

PHOTOS OF ST MARY'S Over 80 photos taken recently by the U3A Photography Group can be seen in the News and Photo Gallery sections of the church website. *Martin*

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

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