

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 11th August 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Marisa Baltrock
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	President:	Chris Bishop
	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Hadstock	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 12th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.30pm Funeral of Cyril Thake

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 14th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 15th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - BVM

Friday 16th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Phyllis Delderfield *at Debden*Saturday 17th August

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 18th August 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
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

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
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
11th August 2019

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: *Luke 12.32-40*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In August please pray for Saffron Walden Baptist Church, R A Butler Schools

Those who are unwell: Ella Martin, Ken Ryles

The family and friends of those who have died

recently: Phyllis Delderfield, Cyril Thake

Those whose wedding banns are being called: David Curtis & Alicia Rippingale, Martin Greenwood & Jessica Porter, Peter Flack & Amie Jones (**at St Mary's, Saffron Walden**), James Smith & Michelle Barnes (**at St John's, Little Walden**)

Those who are preparing to get married at St Mary's, Saffron Walden on 31st August: James Butler & Ya-Hsiang (Yvonne) Huang

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's Saffron Walden: Gabriel Parker

EVENTS

Please note that **COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** will not be held on Sunday 18th August. *Marisa Baltrock*

CLAYDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, from Buckinghamshire are performing a concert of Music for Strings at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, on **Saturday 24th August** at 7.30pm as part of the Flower Festival - **FREE** with a retiring collection for Church Funds. The programme includes Handel Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 10, Suk's Serenade for Strings and works by Elgar and Vaughan Williams. Perfect music for a late summer afternoon!

CLAYDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Sunday 25th August, 3.00pm at Gt Chesterford Parish Church. Free admission - retiring collection in aid of 'Lifeline Romania' and church funds. *Alex Jeewan*

SUMMER BARBEQUE at Debden Church on **Saturday 31st August** - 12 noon - 3pm. Pimms, tea, cakes, ice-cream and activities for all ages. All proceeds to Debden Church.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13th September** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Amor Towles's novel '**A Gentleman in Moscow**'. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS The Children and Youth Programme (ages 4 – 14), "Who on earth is Jesus?" on **Saturday 21st September**, 2.30pm – 7.00pm at United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane, SW. Places must be pre-booked by 31st August at swbible.focus@gmail.com

We would like to produce a **CHURCH GUIDE** for our Portuguese visitors. We would just need our English Church Guide translated into Portuguese. Please make contact with St Mary's parish office if you can help or know someone who speaks Portuguese. *Dawn Saxon*

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

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

NOTICES

FLOWER FESTIVAL – 23RD – 26TH AUGUST

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE SPONSORED for £80, £40 and £30 in memory of a loved one which can be taken away on the 27th. Cheques should be made payable to SW PCC and handed in to St Mary's Parish Office. Thank you. *Pam and Jane*

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL SOUVENIR PROGRAMME, which is the access ticket to the Flower Festival, is now available from Dawn in St Mary's Parish Office and it is only £2 when bought before the Festival opens on 23rd August. *Chris Knight*

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*

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN, are being sought to assist in welcoming and preparing, especially for the 2nd Sunday service each month. If you would like to volunteer, or seek further information, then please contact Richard Peet at richardpeet@btinternet.com or call on 01799 521482.

SMMA BURSARY St. Mary's Music Association is offering up to £250 to support the musical training and education of a young musician in St. Mary's parish in full time education. It can be used for music lessons, training courses or sheet music but not for the purchase of a musical instrument or accessories. Preference will be given to applicants who use their skills in music-making at St. Mary's, Saffron Walden. **Applications must be received by 31st August 2019.** The bursary will run from September 2019 to August 2020. Please contact Bron Ferland for further details.

Denis is now home and progressing well. **THANKS TO EVERYBODY** for their prayers, cards and messages. *Elizabeth Tindley*

PLEASE NOTE St Mary's Parish Office will be closed all day on Wednesday 14th August as we have electrical inspections taking place. *Dawn Saxon*

The **BANNER BOOK** is missing in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden; if you have it, please let the office know. *Dawn Saxon*

OFFICE REQUEST If anyone has any old used large A4 envelopes that would be ok to reuse, please can you let St Mary's parish office have them. Many thanks. *Dawn Saxon*

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