

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 18th August 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Rachel Prior
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	President:	Rachel Prior
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Michael Lovegrove
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	MATTINS
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 19th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 20th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 21st August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 23rd August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 24th August

8.30am Holy Communion - Bartholomew (please note change of time)

No Morning Prayer

Saffron Walden 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION 1662

NEXT SUNDAY 25th August 2019

Sewards End	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	
	11.45am	BAPTISM	
	6.30pm	EVENSONG	
	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE	
	Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
		Hadstock	9.30am
	Ashdon		9.30am
		Debden	9.15am
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	

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COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN, WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK.

Welcome to our services today
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
18th August 2019**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: *Hebrews 11.29-12.2*

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: *Luke 12.49-56*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Diane Smyth

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's,

Saffron Walden: David Curtis & Alicia Rippingale, Martin Greenwood & Jessica Porter, Peter Flack & Amie Jones

Those who are preparing to get married at St Mary's,

Saffron Walden on 31st August: James Butler & Ya-Hsiang (Yvonne) Huang

EVENTS

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.

Yvonne and Jim would be pleased to see any members of St Mary's congregation who would like to join us at our **WEDDING CEREMONY** at 2pm on **Saturday 31st August**.

WWW This group is for ladies of working age (or thereabouts). We normally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 8pm. The venue is at Gill Caswell's. Our next meeting is on **10th September**. We would love you to come and meet with one another and discuss topics for future meetings. Further info - gill.cas@hotmail.com *Gill Caswell*

CHRISTMAS FAIR 30th November – STEWARDS MEETING. Date for your diary - there will be a planning meeting in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thurs 12th September** at 7pm. Previous and new Stewards are all welcome. *Pamela Mugliston*

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*

Cyclists and walkers: take part in the annual **RIDE & STRIDE** on **14th September** and see how many of Essex's beautiful churches you can visit. All funds raised will be split between your nominated Church and Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Further details friendsof Essex churches.org.uk or contact John Pickthorn (jepickthorn@gmail.com)

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION Please note that we'll be collecting food for Jimmy's Night Shelter at the next Family Service on **18th September**. Many thanks. *Rachel*

SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS Saturday 21st September at United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane, SW. 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Adult Sessions: Theme: "Who is Jesus?" Speaker: Alasdair Paine, St Andrew the Great, Cambridge, tea provided. Children and Youth Programme (ages 4 - 14): "Who on earth is Jesus?" For further details email: swbible.focus@gmail.com

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

Please note that **COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** will not be held today. *Marisa Baltrock*

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*

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.

PARKING ON SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST Due to the cycling event in town, access to St Mary's church, SW, by car will be difficult and parking restricted. Crocus surgery has kindly said they will allow parking in their car park. This is limited, so please only use to drop off items for the flower festival or if you have mobility issues to come to the services. The parking is for Sunday only. Museum Street will be 2 ways on this day. *Gill Caswell*

HELP NEEDED If you work in Chelmsford and would be able, from time to time, to pick up items we need as a parish office from Chelmsford Diocesan bookshop please phone 01799 506024. Many thanks. *Dawn*

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*

WEBSITE CALENDAR This has been updated until the end of December. If you spot any inaccuracies please let me know. Martin (website@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

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*

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

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