

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
Hadstock	6.30pm	<b>H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Matt Williamson
	Talk:	Soul Survivor
	9.30am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Ashdon	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>VILLAGE WORSHIP</b>
	Leader:	John Saxon
	Talk:	David Tomlinson

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

3.00pm Funeral of Edward O'Connor

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Wedding of Mark How &amp; Bryony Hoy

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>HARVEST</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	9.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://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  
**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

**Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:** *Jeremiah 2.4-13*

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**Gospel:** *Luke 14.1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**Post Communion**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In September please pray for Society of Friends, Saffron Walden & Chrishall School  
**Those who are unwell:** Ella Martin, Ken Ryles  
**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Edward O'Connor, Pauline Hill & Ronald Bacon  
**Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on 6<sup>th</sup> September:** Mark How & Bryony Hoy

## EVENTS

**M5 MEN'S LUNCH** Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**BRYONY HOY IS GETTING MARRIED!** Our daughter Bryony, who was involved in the life of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, from birth and into her teens, is getting married to Mark How on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. We are sorry we cannot ask you all to the reception but you are very welcome to join us in St Mary's for the service at **1pm**. We would love to see you there! *Diana & David Hoy*

**DUE TO THE ABOVE WEDDING, PLEASE DON'T PARK** in St Mary's churchyard after 11am. Thank you for your co-operation. *Caroline Goulder, Weddings Co-ordinator*

The September **MEN'S WALK** is being undertaken on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** to avoid a clash with the Essex Churches Ride and Stride event on 14<sup>th</sup>. We will reprise the walk from St Mary's Church to Great Chesterford with three significant changes. We will stop off at St Mary's, Little Chesterford then at All Saints, Great Chesterford before having lunch at The Plough. We expect to return on board the number 7 bus. All welcome. Enquiries to Anthony Armon-Jones (07736 070508)

**AFTERNOON TEA** at All Saints Church, Wimbish, CB10 2XG on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, 3.00-5.00pm. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a very special place. There will be cakes and produce for sale. Please join us for Evensong at 5.00pm. *Fran Johnson, Treasurer Wimbish PCC*

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

**CHRISTMAS FAIR 30<sup>th</sup> November STALLHOLDERS MEETING.** There will be a planning meeting in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm. Previous and new Stallholders are all welcome. If you would like to run a stall or help with an existing one please come along with your ideas. Contact: Pamela Mugliston [pjmteddybear@btinternet.com](mailto:pjmteddybear@btinternet.com) or 521697.

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

**OPEN DAY** at All Saints Church, Ashdon on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 11am to 4pm. Musical entertainment, church tours, children's activities; BBQ and bar in the churchyard; teas and cakes in the church rooms. Entrance free; everyone welcome. *Robert Gardner for Friends of All Saints Church*

Cyclists and walkers: take part in the annual **RIDE & STRIDE** on **14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://friendsof Essex churches.org.uk) or contact John Pickthorn ([jepickthorn@gmail.com](mailto:jepickthorn@gmail.com))

**COPY** for next month's "**PARISH NEWS**" must be in St Mary's Parish Office by **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

## NOTICES

TODAY

**MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** are available to offer prayer for yourself or someone you care about. Simply go to the clergy vestry after you have been to the altar for communion or a blessing. *David*  
**THE TEAM RECTOR** I am at Debden and Wimbish this morning. *David*

All welcome to come to **H2H** to hear about the young people's experiences at Soul Survivor, **6:30-7:30pm** with cake! *Matt Williamson*

**MUSIC BY GEORG F HANDEL**, St Mary's **Wendens Ambo**, **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30pm, preceded by a glass of wine and canapés, music at 8pm. Presented by Karin Fischer -Buder (soprano), Stephen Penton (organ; piano) and Ellie Beare (cello), with guest performers. Free admission; retiring collection in aid of St Mary's heating project.

**HERITAGE OPEN DAY WELCOMERS Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, 2 - 5pm at St Mary's church, SW. We need people to welcome visitors, give them handouts and keep a count. Please contact me if you are able to give an hour or more: [cliffordwant@btinternet.com](mailto:cliffordwant@btinternet.com)

**HERITAGE OPEN DAY** We are participating in the national Heritage Open Days on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, 2 - 5pm when parts of St Mary's church, SW, will be open which are not usually accessible to the public, including the bell tower and the north chapel containing the Audley Tomb. The national theme this year is "People Power" in commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre and there will be a display about Christians who have made a special contribution to society since that date. *Clifford Want*

**HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION** Please note that we'll be collecting food for Jimmy's Night Shelter at the next Family Service on **15<sup>th</sup> September**. Many thanks. *Rachel*  
**SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:swbible.focus@gmail.com)

**RECTOR'S PLANS** I've decided that it's time to set a date for my departure to Birmingham. I'll be moving house in the last week of November, which means my final service will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at 10am. In the meantime, I continue to look for my next post and to value your prayers. *David*

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** Spectacular displays, warm hospitality, multitudes of impressed visitors ... and about £9,000 raised. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this remarkable event. We appreciate the huge effort and considerable skill that you contributed. *David and Gill*

I would like to thank everyone who made sandwiches, baked cakes and helped serve the refreshments. It was a great team effort and appreciated by all who came. *Gill Lovegrove*

**CONFIRMATION COURSE** If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and being confirmed in the Autumn term, please speak to Rachel or David.

## CLERGY TEAM

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