

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President: Rachel Prior	
	Preacher: David Tomlinson	
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	Officiant: Rachel Prior	
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
	Officiant: David Tomlinson	
	Preacher: Rachel Prior	
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
	Leader: Caroline Curren	
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>HARVEST</b>
	Leader: Michael Lovegrove	
	Talk: Tracey Nicholls	
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
<b>Debden</b>	9.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader: John Saxon	
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: John Saxon	

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Holy Cross*NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity & Patronal Festival

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 18.1-11*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

### Gospel: *Luke 14.25-33*

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

### Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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:** Ronald Bacon, James Halsey & Doreen Ketteridge  
**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:** Isabella, Aurelia & William Jopling

## EVENTS

**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

**SAFFRON WALDEN MU BRUNCH Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** 2pm Holy Communion in the north chapel. Eunice Harris, MU Honorary Secretary

**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))

**RIDE AND STRIDE** A group from Hadstock will be striding around the churches of the Essex countryside to raise funds for St Botolph's and Friends of Essex Churches! Could you help sponsor us? Very many thanks! Paula 01799 599141 or [paula.greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.greatford@btinternet.com)

**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.

**COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

**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, the organ loft 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

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**HOMEMADE JAM** will be on sale at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, after the 10am service. £2 a pot for the Building Project. Lesley Green

**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

**CAKE SALE - NEXT SUNDAY** James Razzell will be hosting a cake sale in aid of endangered animals after the Harvest Family Service at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, on **15<sup>th</sup> September**. Please support James and bring along some change. Thank you. 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  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL PHOTOS** A selection of photos of our magnificent flower festival can be seen on the news and photo gallery pages of St Mary's website - [www.stmaryssafronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssafronwalden.org) Martin

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that St Mary's Parish Office will be open from **11am-12 noon on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Many thanks. Dawn Saxon

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](mailto: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](http://www.transitionproject.co.uk)

## CLERGY TEAM

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