

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 22nd September 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: David Tomlinson	
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Little Walden	6.30pm	President: Rachel Prior
	Officiant: Alan Currer	EVENSONG
	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	President: Michael Lovegrove
	President: Paula Griffiths	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.30am	Preacher: David Tomlinson
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (HARVEST)
	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.15am	MATTINS
Debden	Leader: Home Team	
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Andy Harding	

David Tomlinson will be preaching at the Harvest Service, Littlebury Green at 4.00pm.

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

Monday 23rd September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 24th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25th September

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 26th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Funeral of Ronald Bacon

2.00pm Funeral of Maureen Rayner *at All Saints, Wimbish*Friday 27th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Funeral of Gladys Bayne *at All Saints, Wimbish*Saturday 28th September

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 29th September 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	BAPTISM
Sewards End	6.30pm	TAIZÉ SERVICE
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (joint service at Baptist Church)
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (joint service with Wimbish)

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org to find out more.



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

Welcome to our services today
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
22nd September 2019

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 8.18 - 9.1

The word of the Lord through the prophet: My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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, Maureen Rayner, Gladys Bayne & Brenda Luckings

EVENTS

HERITAGE OPEN DAY DISPLAY - "People Power" there is a special display in the north aisle of St Mary's church, SW, for this week only, about Christians who have made a special contribution to society since the Peterloo Massacre 200 years ago. Well worth a look. *Clifford Want*

SPRINGFIELD ROAD HOMEGROUP reconvenes on **Monday 23rd September** when we will begin a study of St. Mark's gospel. New members welcome. Contact Sue Walker 523007

LINK LETTER FROM LYNN TRENEARY (St Mary's CMS link partner) As always Lynn's letters are full of love and challenge as well as inspiring faith. Do pick one up from the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, as Lynn, South Sudan, Maridi and Chaima need our prayers. The next prayer evening for Lynn will be at 3 Springhill Rd on **27th September** at 6.30pm followed by bring and share supper. For further information contact Sue Walker 523007, email suewalker619@btinternet.com

LITTLEBURY SEPTEMBER FEST Sunday 29th September, 12 noon - 4pm, Littlebury Church, BBQ, teas, scarecrow making, games, live music. £2 per adult - children free. Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury. *Janice Rust*

Pedro and Annu Santos from the **CHURCH'S MINISTRY AMONGST JEWISH PEOPLE** (CMJ) in Israel will be speaking in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's between 2.30pm and 4pm on **Sunday 6th October**. They will talk about their work at the CMJ centre in Jaffa as well as Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, which begins this year on the evening of 8th October. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Rufus Barnes SW 523776.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 11th October** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's novel **The Invention of Wings**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

MEN'S BREAKFAST Our next Breakfast will be on **Saturday 12th October** at the Kings Arms, Market Hill, Saffron Walden, when our guest speaker will be Rev'd Alex Jewan, Team Vicar for the Cam Valley parishes. The title of his talk is "Nick Drake - A Lost Son Comes Home". Coffee and tea will be available from 8:15 and we sit down to a full English breakfast at 8:30. All are welcome but place numbers are limited so please commit to coming as soon as possible and no later than Monday 7th October, by signing up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, or by contacting Bill Rose (email: wjr2163@gmail.com, tel. 01799 516609).

NOTICES

TODAY

THE RECTOR I am at Hadstock Parish Church this morning, preaching at the 9.30am service. *David*

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*

DEANERY SERVICE Do put this in your diaries: **Sunday 20th October** at 6.30 pm at All Saints', the Parish Church of Great Chesterford. *David*

CELEBRATE on 24th November at 4pm at St Mary's, SW, has been cancelled because it coincides with my final Sunday. With a new Headteacher at St Mary's School, it is also time for a review. *David*

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 24th November** at 10am. In the meantime, I continue to look for my next post and to value your prayers. *David*

ST MARY'S SCHOOL If you are interested in serving as a governor in our church school, then I'd be pleased to hear from you. Thank you. *David*

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.

YOUNG ADULT HOME GROUP Anyone interested in joining this new group please speak to Rachel or Matt.

PARISH NEWS The October edition of our magazine will be available to view online next Sunday 29th Oct : www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews. Do take a look at it if you can. Free paper copies will also be available on St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, bookstall. *Andy Colebrooke*

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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