

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 29th September 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Rachel Prior 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: John Sibson	
	Preacher: David Tomlinson	
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant: Rachel Prior	
	6.30pm	TAIZÉ SERVICE
	Leader: Marisa Baltrock	
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President: Chris Bishop	
	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP (joint service at Baptist Church)
	Leader: Gavin Walter	
	Talk: Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (joint service with Wimbish)
	President: John Saxon	

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

Monday 30th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st October

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd October

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral of Ruby Banks

1.30pm Funeral of Dennis Miller *at St John's church, Stansted*Thursday 3rd October

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 4th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 5th October

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY 6th October 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	THANKSGIVING SERVICE
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

*Michael and All Angels*29th September 2019**Collect**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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: *Revelation 12.7-12*

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Gospel: *John 1.47-51*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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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: Ruby Banks, Audrey Stonham, Dennis Miller
Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW: India Lincoln, Lily & Freddie Bailey

EVENTS

Some of you may remember **THE LATE MR DENNIS MILLER**. His funeral will be held at 1.30pm on **Wednesday 2nd October** at St John's Church, Stansted. *David*

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 2nd October** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

SHIPS OF HEAVEN is the title of a talk being given at 8pm on **Wednesday 2nd October** at Saffron Hall by Christopher Somerville, the walking correspondent of *The Times*, in which he explores the private lives behind his favourite cathedrals. Tickets are £8 and can be booked at the TiC or online at www.saffronhall.com *Steve Hasler*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 3rd October** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 3rd October** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

The **DEANERY CLERGY SPOUSES** will meet on **Thursday 3rd October** from 3pm at 32, Saxon Way, by kind invitation of Marian Sell. Contact Lesley Sibson tel. 520007 for further info.

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.

STREET PASTOR OPEN EVENING on **Wednesday 9th October** at 8pm in the Town Hall. If you'd like to help - there is a particular need for people to pray when the Street Pastors are out and about - do come along. See the leaflet at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, for more information. *David*

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).

77TH SALE OF STAMPS The next sale, in aid of Church Building and Music Funds, will be on **Saturday 12th October**. Thousands of individual stamps at the Town Hall Council Chamber from 9.30 to noon. A warm welcome (and a cup of coffee) - even to those who are not dedicated stamp collectors! *David Hoy*

HARVEST SUPPER **Saturday 12th October** 7.30pm in Swards End Village Hall. Speaker: Robin King, Archdeacon of Stansted 'What's the point of the Church of England?' Tickets £6 (£3 children) available from Judith Hasler (525041).

NOTICES

TODAY

FAREWELL We will be saying Godspeed to Jenny and Graham Cottam; there will be drinks and nibbles after the 10 o'clock service. Everyone welcome. Please come and give them a heartfelt send off. *Gill Caswell*

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*

LITTLEBURY SEPTEMBERFEST 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*

THE RECTOR I am at Little Chesterford Parish Church preaching at the 5.30pm Harvest Service. *David*

DEANERY SERVICE Do put this in your diaries: **Sunday 19th October** at 6.30 pm at All Saints', the Parish Church of Great Chesterford. *David*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY **Saturday 23rd November:** Quiet Morning in St Mary's Parish Rooms from 9.30am - 12 noon, taken by David. With the imminence of Advent in mind the title of the morning is "Waiting for Christ". More details and a sign-up sheet will be put up in the back of St Mary's church, SW, by 29th October. For further information contact Sue Walker 01799 523007 suewalker619@btinternet.com

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. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st October** at 7.45pm.

CHILDREN'S CORNER We have a children's corner at the back right of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. This area is for babies and toddlers. For older children there are activity bags that are available at the doors. There is also team JC in term time. *Gill Caswell*

After nearly five years Richard Peet is stepping down as the Welcome Teams & Special Services Co-ordinator and a **REPLACEMENT VOLUNTEER** is required to take on this administrative task. The Co-ordinator looks after the Sunday Welcome teams as well as supporting some twenty six special services starting with Remembrance Sunday and ending with Corpus Christi. If you would like to take on this rewarding position then please contact Richard for further details at richardpeet@btinternet.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL Meeting critical needs of victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster whilst sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. You could give unimaginable excitement and hope to children in need around the world by filling a shoebox this Christmas. You can pick up a box and a list of suggested items from the back of St Mary's church, SW. Please return boxes by **8 November** so that they can be transported to the pick-up point by 11 November. Thank you very much. *Mike and Judith Felgate* 01799 524747

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 6th October. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

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