

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 20th October 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Rachel Prior
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	DEANERY SERVICE @ GREAT CHESTERFORD
Little Walden	4.00pm	FOREST CHURCH
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Hadstock	Talk:	Helen Nash
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Michael Lovegrove
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader:	John Saxon

David is preaching at Wendens Ambo at 9.30am and Littlebury at 11.00am.

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

Monday 21st October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 22nd October

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 23rd October

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 24th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 25th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 26th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 27th October 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
20th October 2019

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In October please pray for Ashdon Baptist Church, Ashdon Primary School
Those who are unwell: Ella Martin, Ken Ryles
The family and friends of those who have died recently: Desmond Lafferty
Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: Thomas Price & Charlotte Campbell

EVENTS

Bishop Stephen has asked all the churches in the diocese to **COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR GOD'S CREATION AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS** from 6th - 20th October. Please do join with us in praying this prayer throughout the week. "We hold before You God, our brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change. We hold before You God our planet and its precarious future. We hold before you the world's leaders, give them wisdom. May love inspire our actions, so that we care for people and for future generations. In Jesus' name, Amen." *Rachel Prior*

THE SEWING CIRCLE No sewing next Monday 21 October but we will be meeting the following week on Monday 28th October with Farida Read at 16 Thorncroft at 9.30am. *Tessa Hawkes*

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA Saturday 2 November 10am - 5pm, Westminster College, Cambridge. A course designed to develop understanding and help us think through Christian life and worship for those who live with dementia. Cost £30 incl. a hot lunch. For more information and booking contact: www.faraday.cam.ac.uk, 'phone 01223 330632

The All Souls service will be taken place this year at 4pm on **Sunday 3rd November** with an opportunity to remember those who have died. All welcome. *Rachel*

St Mary's Book Group will hold their next meeting at 8.15 p.m. on **Friday 8th November** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Bill Bryson's** short biography: **Shakespeare**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (01799 520 291). *Robin O'Neill*.

QUET MORNING, Saturday 23rd November 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". Please could you sign the sheet at the back of church so we know how many to arrange the rooms for and how much refreshment to bring! Thank you. For further information contact Sue Walker 01799 523007 or email suewalker619@btinternet.com

DAVID'S FAREWELL There is to be a Barn Dance at Great Chesterford Community Centre on **Saturday 23rd November** at 7.00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church, SW. If you attend one of our village churches you are welcome, but please let Dawn know if you wish to come as this will help with catering. There is also a card to sign at the back of church. If you wish to donate to a present for David, please hand to the wardens or parish office. On David's final Sunday, **24th November**, we will have drinks and nibbles after the 10.00am service. *Gill and Denis*

CHRISTMAS FAIR This year's Fair will take place on **Saturday 30th November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the theme of "Follow that Star". Please sign up on the board by the vestry in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, if you are able to help in any way. Several stalls require donations, jewellery, accessories, tombola, jigsaws etc. please see the noticeboard. Your help is invaluable. Many thanks Pamela Mugliston 01799 521697 or email pjmteddybear@btinternet.com

NOTICES

TODAY

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

St John's Church is holding its third **FOREST CHURCH SERVICE 4pm, meeting at 3.30pm** at Noakes Grove, Redgate's Ln, Saffron Walden, CB10 2LW. The theme is Isaiah 64:8 and the service will include activities and quiet times to help us explore this. Please bring your own chair and suitable footwear, *Helen Nash*

DEANERY SERVICE 6.30pm 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. Instead there will be a service of **EVENSONG** at 4pm. *David*

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

BAMBOO CANE REQUEST The eco group are planning a children's "mini bug hotel" making session at the end of the month. If you can help, please look out old bamboo canes you no longer want in the next 2 weeks and leave them behind the disabled parking sign by the south door of St Mary's church, SW. Bags of pinecones also appreciated or other items you think may be suitable. I am happy to collect if transport is an issue. Please contact Jackie Damary-Homan via the office or email uwpanj@uwclub.net. Thank you.

CAN YOU MAKE ROOM for an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Hosting an international student will bring a whole new dimension to your Christmas, with a chance to learn about another country's traditions and enjoy the connection and friendship that such sharing brings. HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits-one day, a weekend or, over the festive period, a three-day visit, with UK hosts. We warmly welcome new volunteer hosts to join us. To learn more, go to our website www.hostuk.org

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

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