

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 27th October 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am President: Rachel Prior 10.00am President: David Tomlinson 12 noon Officiant: Rachel Prior 4.00pm Officiant: Marisa Baltrock	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T19 HOLY COMMUNION BAPTISM EVENSONG HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
Sewards End	9.30am President: John Sibson	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am President: Michael Lovegrove	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am President: Paula Griffiths	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am President: Richard Spencer	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am Leader: Home Team	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am President: Andy Colebrooke	HOLY COMMUNION

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

Monday 28th October8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion - *Simon and Jude***Tuesday 29th October**8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Morning Prayer **at Hadstock**
1.00pm Wedding of Peter Flack & Amie Jones
5.00pm Evening Prayer**Wednesday 30th October**8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion**Thursday 31st October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 1st November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 2nd November

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Room

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd November 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am 10.00am 12 noon 4.00pm 6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T20 HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC BAPTISM ALL SOULS SERVICE H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Sewards End	4.00pm	ALL SOULS SERVICE
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am 4.00pm	CAFÉ CHURCH ALL SOULS SERVICE
Ashdon	8.00am 9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish (joint service with Debden)	3.00pm	ALL SOULS SERVICE

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org to find out more.Follow the Rector on Twitter:
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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

27th October 2019**Collect**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Joel 2.23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and 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 & Brian Carr

Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on

Tuesday 29th October: Peter Flack & Amie Jones

Those who are being baptised today: Freja Ellegaard at St James', Swards End & Sienna Lecky at St Mary's SW

EVENTS

Due to the **WEDDING** on **Tuesday 29th October** at 1pm, St Mary's churchyard, Saffron Walden, should be clear of cars from 11am please. Many thanks. *Caroline Goulder, Weddings Co-ordinator*

Please support a **COFFEE MORNING** on **2nd November** to raise funds for The Bible Society. It will be held in the URC Hall from 10am-12 noon. There will be a raffle, cake and gift stalls and a very warm welcome to everyone. *Ruby Parsons*

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA Saturday 2nd 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 taking place this year at 4pm on **Sunday 3rd November** with an opportunity to remember those who have died. All welcome. *Rachel*

IT'S TIME TO get shopping to fill up your shoebox for the **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal!** The last date to return them is **8th November**, so please bring your filled boxes back to St Mary's church, SW, and leave them by the noticeboard. **Have fun!** If you have any queries please telephone Mike and Judith Felgate 01799 524747

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm 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 520291). *Robin O'Neill*.

MEN'S SUPPER Our last supper of 2019 will be at **The Crown, Little Walden** on **Saturday 16th November**, 19:00 for 19:30. All welcome. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, indicating whether you require or can offer a lift. Alternatively, please contact Bill Rose (email: wjr2163@gmail.com or tel. 01799 516609 by Wednesday 13th November.

Rowan Auty, George Harpum, Bryony Randall, Elliott Randall, Joanna Randall and Clarice Ridley **ARE GOING TO BE CONFIRMED** on **Sunday 17th November** at 4pm at St John the Evangelist, Grays North, RM16 2RP. Do pray for them as they prepare and come along to support them on the day if you can. Thank you. *David*

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*

NOTICES

TODAY

JOIN US at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden for a **BUG HOTEL WORKSHOP** after the 10am service for the children. Come and reuse a plastic bottle and make an over winter habitat for insects. Half an hour supervised eco church group activity in the South porch. Parents **MUST** remain onsite in the church during this session. *Jackie Damary-Homan*

STORT VALLEY PRAY FOR SCHOOLS EVENT Sunday 24th November, Parish Rooms, St Mary's Church, SW. Refreshments available at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please join us as we learn about and pray for the vital work going on in our local schools.

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*

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 521697 or email pjinteddybear@btinternet.com

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

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next **Sunday 3rd November**. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

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

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*

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

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