

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T22</b>
	President: David Tomlinson	
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE + BAPTISM</b>
	Leader: Rachel Prior	
	Talk: David Tomlinson	
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: David Tomlinson	
	4.00pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
	President: Angela Want	
	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Little Waldent</b>	President: Michael Lovegrove	
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
<b>Debden</b>	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: 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 18<sup>th</sup> November**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Funeral of Marian Sell

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	4.00pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**  
**17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**Gospel: Luke 21.5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

**Post Communion**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In November please pray for All Saints, Ashdon, Wimbish & Debden Schools  
**Those who are unwell:** Ella Martin, Ken Ryles  
**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Marian Sell  
**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:** Fleur Emily Romans

## EVENTS

Please note that the **FUNERAL** of Marian Sell will be held at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.00am. *David*

**QUET MORNING, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:suewalker619@btinternet.com)

**STORT VALLEY PRAY FOR SCHOOLS EVENT Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. *Nicola Williamson*

**HADSTOCK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, 6pm-9pm in Hadstock Village Hall. On behalf of the Friends of St Botolph's, raising money for the Church Building Fund. Arts, Ceramics, Crafts, Jewellery, Candles, Gifts, Festive Foods, Raffle. £2 entry includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Join us for this enjoyable evening. *Paula*

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** This year's Fair will take place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the theme of "Follow that Star". Volunteers needed to help before, after and during the Fair. Please sign up on St Mary's, SW, noticeboard, by the vestry, if you are able to help in any way. Several stalls require donations, bric-a-brac, jewellery, accessories, tombola, jigsaws etc. Your help is invaluable. **NB:** All donations to the relevant stallholder (see the noticeboard) or please deliver to St Mary's church on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 6pm, due to lack of access on the morning of the Fair. Many thanks. *Pamela Mugliston*

**TICKETS FOR THE GRAND DRAW** at the Christmas Fair are available at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Simon Potter*

All Saints Church Wimbish, **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** 12.00-3.00pm in Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches, refreshments, stalls including raffle, cakes, tombola and produce. Everyone is very warmly welcome. *Fran Johnson*

**M5 CHRISTMAS LUNCH** For our next lunchtime meeting on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, 12:15 for 12:45, The Kings Arms will be offering a Christmas Menu in addition to the usual bar menu. All are welcome, but if you wish to make a choice from the Christmas Menu it must be ordered in advance. Please look at the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, for details and sign-up with your menu selection by 27<sup>th</sup> November. Email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) or tel. 01799 516609 for order collation. Please note that the table accommodation limits us to 25. *Bill Rose*

**PRAYER EVENING Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 7.30-8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The prayer team are organising prayer times during the interregnum, with an emphasis on praying for the appointment of a new Rector. As the Bishop will be meeting the Church Wardens and PCC on 4<sup>th</sup> December we thought it would be a good idea to begin after that date. We hope this will be the first of many, so do come and join us in prayer. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Thomas Hardy's** novel **Jude the Obscure**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

## NOTICES

### TODAY

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

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



**DAVID'S FAREWELL BARN DANCE** on **23<sup>rd</sup> November** at Great Chesterford Community Centre starts at 7.00pm. There will be complimentary wine and soft drinks provided with the food. **Please bring** your own choice of drinks for the remainder of the evening. **All Welcome**, but please **sign-up** at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by **TODAY**.  
*Gill Caswell*

**DAVID'S FAREWELL** There is a card at the back of St Mary's church, SW, on a Sunday and in the Parish Office during the week. Any donations to Parish Office or the wardens. Cheques made payable to 'St Mary's Saffron Walden PCC'. *Denis and Gill*

Yesterday morning the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers was planning to ring the peal *Cambridge Surprise Maximus* as a **FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO DAVID TOMLINSON**, prior to his leaving St Mary's after 11 years as Rector. Roger Collins describes this as, "A 'gold standard' ringing performance during which the bells are rung continuously in over 5000 different sequences." The peal was expected to take about 3 hours and 20 minutes due to the size and weight of the bells. *Clifford Want*

**NEW ADDRESS** A number of people have asked where Jenny and I are going to be living. Our new address is 23, Carisbrooke Road, Birmingham B17 8NN. *David*

**NORTH CHAPEL FLOWERS NEEDS YOU!** I am short of people for the rota, all it entails is a bunch of flowers in a vase once a year. Please speak to Pam Russell.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to everyone who generously filled 71 Operation Christmas Child **SHOEBOXES**. These gifts will be sent to very excited children in Liberia, Belarus and Albania. **Please** continue to **pray** for the children who will receive them. A thank you too, for those who contributed towards the much needed freight costs. *Mike/Judith Felgate*

**RICHARD PEET IS STEPPING DOWN AS THE SIDESMAN CO-ORDINATOR** on 31<sup>st</sup> December after five years and hopes that a volunteer will step forward before this date in order to facilitate a handover. The position is mainly administrative and only requires a pc, Excel spreadsheet, 'phone and a couple of hours. If you are interested please contact Richard at [richardpeet@btinternet.com](mailto:richardpeet@btinternet.com)

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by 9am on Wednesdays.

## CLERGY TEAM

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