

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 26th January 2020

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| Saffron Walden | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | President: Michael Lovegrove | E3 |
| | 10.00am | FAMILY SERVICE |
| | Leader: Tracey Nicholls | |
| Sewards End | Talk: Rachel Prior | |
| | 11.45am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Little Walden | President: Rachel Prior | |
| | 6.30pm | EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE |
| Hadstock | Leader: Rachel Prior | |
| | 9.30am | MORNING PRAISE |
| Ashdon | Leader: Chris Bishop | |
| | 11.15am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Debden | President: Michael Lovegrove | |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Wimbish | President: Paula Griffiths | |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Saffron Walden | President: John Sibson | |
| | 9.15am | MATINS |
| Sewards End | Leader: John Saxon | |
| | 11.00am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Little Walden | President: John Saxon | |
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THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)

Monday 27th January8.30am Morning Prayer
1.40pm Holocaust Memorial ServiceTuesday 28th January8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
9.30am St Mary's Tinies in the Parish Room
5.00pm Evening PrayerWednesday 29th January8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy CommunionThursday 30th January8.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Funeral of Norma Everitt *at Ashdon*Friday 31st January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 1st February

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Room

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd February 2020

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| Saffron Walden | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | | Feast of the Purification |
| | 10.00am | HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC |
| | 12 noon | BAPTISM |
| Hadstock | 6.30pm | H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE |
| | 9.30am | FAMILY COMMUNION |
| Ashdon | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Debden | 9.15am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 11.00am | VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S |

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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Third Sunday of Epiphany
26th January 2020**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In January please pray for: **Saffron Walden Community Church, Saffron Walden County High School and XL Mentoring**

Those who are unwell: **Anne Rose**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Ken Ryles, Margaret Lee, Norma Everitt, Virginia Chapman, Gillian Ram, Vera Bassett, Oswald ('Ossie') Davey

EVENTS

GILLIAN RAM'S FUNERAL We came to live and worship in Saffron Walden about four years ago and have met a number of people at St Mary's. Sadly, Gillian died on 27th December; her funeral service will be at St Peter's Church, Wrestlingworth, on **5th February** at 11.30am. Some refreshment will be provided. *Ron Ram*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 7th February** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Tara Westover's** remarkable memoir **Educated**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY EVANGELISM FOCUS MEETING with Bishop Stephen Cottrell. A meeting for all who attend churches in the Saffron Walden Deanery. 'Celebrate – Learn – Be Encouraged', **Saturday 8th February**, 9.30am – 12 noon at Great Chishill Village Hall, Hall Lane, SG8 8SH. No need to book – all welcome! *Gary Townsend*

"SHARING THE GOSPEL HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE" CMS Southern Conference 28th February - 1st March Come and hear more about the inspiring work of CMS at High Leigh. Those of us that go always return inspired and challenged. For more information contact Sue Walker 017995 23007.

KEN RYLES Following a private family cremation, there will be a Thanksgiving Service for Ken on **Friday 13th March** at St Andrew's Church, Plymouth.

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM The choir will be singing evensong at Birmingham Cathedral on **Saturday 20th June**. There will be a coach from Saffron Walden so if you'd like the opportunity to see David and Jenny again and hear the choir sing in this beautiful cathedral, do save the date. No need to book yet but keep an eye on the grapevine after Easter. *Caroline Goulder*

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

NOTICES

TODAY

A SERVICE OF CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY will be held at St Mary's SW at **6.30pm**. All welcome. *Rachel*

ST MARY'S CHURCH HEATING The repairs to the heating are progressing and we now have one boiler running, the other two boilers should be repaired soon. We expect the heating to be working fully by Sunday 9th Feb. Some of the items being replaced are on long delivery times and we are carrying out the work as quickly as we can. *Steve Hasler*

I AM DRAWING UP THE ROTA FOR THIS YEAR'S BRUNCHES and would be grateful for some extra help. 2 people are needed to buy, cook and serve sausages/ buttered rolls for brunch after the family services. These take place on the 4th Sunday of the month with a couple of exceptions. A place on the rota would generally occur approx. 3 x per year or less if there are enough volunteers. Full instructions and information can be provided. The treasurer will provide prompt payment of money spent. Please help support this important service to the congregation of St Mary's, SW. Contact Sue Birchall on sbirchall29@gmail.com or 'phone 07813 947157

WEBSITE PHOTOS A selection of photos from the Advent Carol Service rehearsal and Aftershock's Fundraising Dinner can be seen in the Latest News section of St Mary's church, SW, website. *Martin*

LENT MODULES Learning for Life run by the Diocese of Chelmsford. There are many opportunities to use the season of lent to find out more about the prayer, history, beliefs and habits of the Christian life. Please see poster near the West End door of St Mary's church, SW, and leaflets if you want to know more. Deadline to apply to the Diocese is 14th February. *Dawn Saxon*

PARISH NEWS DEADLINE Please note that the deadline for copy is now the first Sunday of each month. This is to ensure sufficient time for editing, printing, and delivery from Chelmsford. Therefore the deadline for the March edition is **2nd February**. *Andy Colebrooke*

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next **Sunday 2nd February**. 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.

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