

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 23rd February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Quinquagesima
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant:	Andy Colebrooke
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Alan Currer
Sewards End	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH FOLLOWED BY AGM
	Leader:	Chris Bishop
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Caroline Currer
Debden	9.15am	MATINS
	Leader:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 24th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 25th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

9.30am St Mary's Tinies in the Parish Room

12 noon Thanksgiving Service for Alan Dawson

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion + Ashes *at St Mary's*7.00pm Holy Communion + Ashes *at Debden*7.30pm Holy Communion + Ashes *at Hadstock & Ashdon*8.00pm Choral Eucharist + Ashes *at St Mary's***Thursday 27th February**

8.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Funeral of Anne Rose

Friday 28th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 29th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

1st March 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S

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



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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Sunday next before Lent

23rd February 2020

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In February please pray for:
Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church, St Thomas More School

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Alan Stride, Pamela Pinner, Anne Rose, Alan Dawson, Ethel McCallum, Allan Cooper
Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:
Ben Christopher Maurice Broadwood

EVENTS

BISHOP STEPHEN WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST WITH ASHES at Thaxted Church on Ash Wednesday - **26th February** at 7.30pm. This will be one of the last occasions that Bishop Stephen will be visiting the Deanery before he takes up his new post in York. All are welcome - please let St Mary's Parish Office know if you plan to go so that we can give an indication of numbers and could possibly arrange lifts. NB. Choral Eucharist with Ashes will take place at St Mary's, SW, at 8.00pm that evening according to our usual pattern. *Judith Hasler*

ANNE ROSE Bill and family thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and kind offers of help during Anne's long and debilitating battle with cancer and for your heartfelt expressions of sympathy following her death on 1st February. We are truly humbled by the breadth and depth of your love and compassion in our tragic loss. Thank you. The funeral and service of thanksgiving for Anne's life will be here at St Mary's on **Thursday 27th February** at 3pm and all are invited. The committal will be at Cam Valley Crematorium, family only please. Following the service all are warmly welcomed to refreshments in the Parish Room. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Compassion or St Clare's Hospice or The Dogs Trust via Anne's In Memory page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk or alternatively may be sent to Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden CB11 3AQ.

"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 01799 523007.

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next **Sunday 1st March**. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

There will be another time of **PRAYER** during the interregnum on **Monday 2nd March**, 2.30 – 3.00pm and on **Thursday 19th March** at 7.30-8.00pm, both in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. For further information contact Sue Walker 523007.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER has been prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe. It is an interesting and thought provoking service and you are invited to share in this worldwide event. We are pleased to be hosting the Service in the Parish Room on **Friday 6th March** at 10.30am followed by refreshments. It is an opportunity to share the same Service with other Christians all around the world over 36 hours, starting in Samoa as the sun rises and later back in the Pacific as it sets over American Samoa. We shall hear of some of the challenges facing the people in Zimbabwe now. You will be warmly welcomed. *Ruby Parsons*

QUIET MORNING, Saturday 7th March "Becoming Human" taken by Rachel from 9.30 - 12 noon in St Mary's Parish Rooms. These are wonderfully refreshing and reflective mornings, if you want to come there is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church, SW. For further details contact Sue Walker email suewalker619@btinternet.com or 523007.

The **SMMA AGM** will take place at approximately 11.45am (after the morning service) in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Sunday 8th March**. All are welcome. *Bron Ferland*

"LET PRAISE ARISE!" CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR (finalists in the 2019 BBC Gospel Choir of the Year) will be at Chrishall Holy Trinity Church on **Sunday 8th March** at 3.30pm followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

NOTICES

TODAY

DIOCESE DAY OF PRAYER - Reimagining Ministry. The Bishop has asked all churches in the Diocese to pray for God's guidance as the diocese consider how ministry is funded and organised across the diocese. Further details on www.chelmsford.anglican.org *Gill and Denis*

ST MARY'S CMS LINK PARTNER LYNN TRENEARY is coming to visit us on **Sunday 15th March**. She will be interviewed in the 10am Eucharist, give a presentation in the Parish Rooms followed by a potluck lunch and will be with Aftershock in the evening. Lynn has much to inspire and challenge us with, so do come and listen to what God is doing in South Sudan. For further info. contact Sue Walker suewalker619@btinternet.com or 523007.

EASTER CARD FOLDING We will be holding a working party to fold 7500 Easter cards on **Thursday 19th March** 9.30am – 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. ALL WELCOME to come and help for as little or as long as you are able. Refreshments and excellent company guaranteed! *Dawn Saxon*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 20th March** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Neil MacGregor's book Germany: Memories of a Nation**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

RACHEL'S LAST SERVICE BEFORE SHE STARTS MATERNITY LEAVE will be the 10am Holy Communion on **29th March**, at St Mary's, SW, when we will present her with a gift and enjoy wine and nibbles after the service. Contributions to her gift should be given to one of the wardens or sent to the Parish Office in an envelope marked 'For Rachel's gift'. (Cheques payable to 'Saffron Walden PCC'.) *Denis & Gill*

WEEKEND AWAY 12th - 14th June, Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk. There is still time to book our Weekend Away. Come for the day or the whole weekend and enjoy a time of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. En-suite rooms as well as non-ensuite rooms still available. Our speaker is Bishop Roger Morris. There are activities for under 11s and 11-17 year olds, who can come for free. Pick up a booking form or go to St Mary's website (www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) for more details. Any questions about room availability contact Sarah Nicholas s.nicholas180@gmail.com 07415 632658.

MANY THANKS to all who bought homemade marmalade from me. I have been able to give £176 to the Building Project Fund. *Lesley*

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Trip to Lincoln Cathedral **Mon 8th June**. Full details and forms are available on the Friends Bookstand at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. *Pamela Mugliston*

COPY for next month's "**PARISH NEWS**" must be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 1st March. *Andy Colebrooke*
"**PARISH NEWS**" is published this weekend and is available from the Bookstall in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden.

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

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