

PARISH DIARY

TODAY

8th October 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
	President:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	Leader:	Jenny Tomlinson
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	Leader:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
	Preacher:	John Saxon

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 9th October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

Wednesday 11th October

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 12th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 13th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 14th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

15th October 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	DEANERY SERVICE @ HENHAM CHURCH
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	MATTINS

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

Welcome to our services today
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
8th October 2017

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: *Philippians 3.4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Matthew 21.33-46*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
David Coe, David Mansfield, Jean Swann
Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In October please pray for Ashdon Baptist Church and Wimbish School
Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Irene Stapleton
Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:
Frederick Whitaker
Those whose wedding banns are being called:
Laurence Ellis & Susan Hatch

EVENTS

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will meet next on **Tuesday 10th October** at 59A Claypit Piece, Saffron Walden at 8pm when we will be learning more about the Street Pastor ministry in our town. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to come along to this friendly group. Further information from alisoncinque@hotmail.com.

Interested in helping others come to faith in Jesus Christ? Then come to a presentation on evangelism by Nigel Bolitho, Evangelism Consultant, at the Deanery Synod meeting at **Great Chesterford Community Centre on Tuesday 10th October, at 7.45 pm.** All are welcome.

THE DEANERY CLERGY SPOUSES will meet for a cup of tea and a chat on **Thursday 12th October** from 2.30 at the Courtyard Café at Debden Barns. Please phone Lesley Sibson on 520007 if you need, or can offer, a lift.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 14th October at 8.30am in the Parish Room with speaker, Hamish Walker's intriguing talk "As the Good Book says". All welcome so do bring a friend and enjoy a full English Breakfast. Please sign up at the back of church or confirm with Pete Taylor on 500292 before Friday 13th October (email: petertaylor.farming@ntlworld.com)

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY: Sunday 15th October 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

All Saints', Ashdon have been meeting after most morning services to pray for our community according to the pattern of **Local Houses of Prayer** from the retreat house in South Wales, Ffald-y-Brenin. We are getting together on **Wednesday 11th October** at 7:30pm (in the Vicarage, Radwinter Road, Ashdon, CB10 2ET) to refresh our understanding of this unique approach to prayer. Everyone is very welcome to join us to find out more. Please ring me on 01799 584171 or rd.spencer@virgin.net *Richard Spencer*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY SERVICE on Sunday 15th October at 6.30m at Henham parish church. I encourage you to come along. *David*

LIVING QUESTIONS Want to know more? Want a place to ask your questions? Six Tuesday evenings exploring the Christian faith at the Rectory, starting on **17th October** at 7.45pm. Interested? Speak to David

QUIET MORNING IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS on Saturday 4th November 9.30 - 12.30. This promises to be a great morning of reflection, prayer and time out and will be led by Rachel Prior. If you would like to come there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Sue Walker 523007 email suewalker619@btinternet.com

Journeymen Theatre presents **THE BUNDLE, AN ASYLUM SEEKER'S STORY, Saturday 14th October** 7.00-9.30pm at The Quaker Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden. Age range 16+. There is no charge but there will be a collection for organisations working closely with asylum seekers and refugees. There will be a Q&A discussion. *John Capper*

"REFORMATIONS: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT" Sunday 15th October 2pm, Water Lane United Reformed Church, Bishops Stortford. A Talk by Revd Dr David Cornick, General Secretary, Churches Together in England. Time for questions will follow. *Revd Roy Fowler*

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM MARTIN LUTHER? To mark the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation there will be a talk by Dr Ian Radall. **Wednesday 18th October** 8pm, Saffron Walden Baptist Church. Light refreshments from 7.30pm.

NOTICES

ENTRIES FOR THE GRAPEVINE ON 15TH OCTOBER should be sent to the Parish Office office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org as the Rector's secretary is not going to be available during this period. *David*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN SAXON She is contactable on the usual Parish Office email and telephone numbers. Dawn has considerable church administration experience from her previous parish in Colchester; she is the wife of John Saxon, our newly ordained curate. Thank you very much to the office team who have provided huge support during the summer months.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS The finishing of the new welcome units has regrettably been delayed until October, all of the workmen are at Chelmsford Cathedral on the replacement of a part of the roof. The excavation in the churchyard will start on Monday 9th October and details are available in the flyer available at the back of St Mary's SW. *Steve Hasler*

RIDE AND STRIDE David and Steve rode 61 miles and completed their ride on Sat 16th Sept. Thank you for all who sponsored us, cheques are payable to Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Please hand in to St Mary's Parish Office or to Steve.

CMS LUNCH Thanks to all who supported the lunch for Lyn Treneary with food and gifts. Donations to CMS totalled £306 (incl Gift Aid). If you would like to join Lyn's prayer support group, please contact Sue Walker 523007 email suewalker619@btinternet.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD It's shoe box time again. Please see notice board, collect a box & return by Sunday 5th November. *Janet Damary* 516398.

ANONA CLARK is retiring after almost 21 years as church verger. On **Sunday 22nd October**, after the 10am service, we will thank Anona and mark her retirement over refreshments. Contributions to a leaving gift should be put in an envelope addressed to Denis Tindley and either handed in at St. Mary's church or the Parish Office by 15th October. Cheques should be made payable to 'Saffron Walden PCC'. *David*

NOT BEEN CONFIRMED? Like to be? There is a confirmation service at Wendens Ambo Parish Church on **Wednesday 15th November** at 7.30pm. Interested? Speak to David. There is also a **YOUTH CONFIRMATION** - If you are interested in being confirmed, or you know a young person who is, please contact Matt for more information matt.williamson20@me.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COLCHESTER AREA CROSSROADS (VOCATIONS) DAY - "THE PATH" Saturday 11th November 10am-4pm (coffee from 9.30am & free lunch provided), Holy Cross Church, Felsted. For people at every stage of exploring vocation to all sorts of ministry, lay and ordained with time to think and pray about your own direction in life, and an opportunity to talk with other people on similar journeys. For more information visit <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/thepath> *Margaret Davis*

We will hold our **'CHRISTMAS FAYRE' on Saturday 25th November**, in traditional theme based upon the Charles Dickens era and works. *'Paddy' Carver*

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