

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY

15th October 2017

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
	Speaker:	David Tomlinson
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	<b>DEANERY SERVICE @ HENHAM</b>
	Speakers	Matt and Nicola Williamson
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	Preacher:	John Saxon
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	Home Team

**THIS WEEK** (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 16th October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 17th October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*2.00pm St Mary's Tinies *in the Parish Room***Wednesday 18th October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Luke***Thursday 19th October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 20th October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

11am Funeral of David Mansfield

**Saturday 21st October**

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Wedding of Benjamin Buttery &amp; Imogen Hudson

**NEXT SUNDAY**

22nd October 2017

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISMS</b>
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>MATTINS</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>



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We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**15th October 2017**

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 4.1-9***

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel: *Matthew 22.1-14***

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:**  
David Coe, Roy Green, 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 whose wedding banns are being called:**  
Laurence Ellis & Susan Hatch  
**Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on 21st October:** Benjamin Buttery & Imogen Hudson

## EVENTS

**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 **17<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.45pm. Interested? Speak to David

**WOMEN'S OWN** meets again on **Saturday 28th October** from 9.00-10.00am for breakfast, and "The Pathways of Discernment" with Sue Walker. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the board at the back of church, or telephone Margaret Taylor 500292, or email [judithfelgate@gmail.com](mailto:judithfelgate@gmail.com) by 25 October. All Ladies welcome!

**CAPPADOCIA—ON THE TRAIL OF THE APOSTLES:** slide show for building project funds, **Thursday 2nd November** at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Photos of this amazing and unusual part of Turkey: Ancient cave churches, Fairy chimneys and whirling dervishes! Light refreshments from 7.10pm and retiring collection. Further info from Chris Knight [Chris@limes26.co.uk](mailto:Chris@limes26.co.uk)

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15 p.m. on **Friday 3rd November** 2017 at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Jane Austen's** novel **Persuasion**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520 291). *Robin O'Neill*.

**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](mailto:suewalker619@btinternet.com)

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**WALDEN WALKS Saturday 21st October—meet in St Mary's SW at 3.30pm** for an informal walk and reflection on the "Roots of the Reformation in Saffron Walden" for an hour and enjoy tea afterwards at SW Community Church. Children welcome. More information from John Martin SW 501117

**COLCHESTER AREA CROSSROADS (VOCATIONS) DAY - "THE PATH" Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

### WEEKEND AWAY—29 June to 1 July at Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk

Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love' and our speaker is Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

Come and enjoy a weekend of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. The weekend offers comfortable accommodation (including many en-suite rooms) and delicious fully catered meals from Friday dinner to Sunday tea.

There will be a creche and activities for under 11s and 11-18 year olds.

Cost £140-£170 per person full board, day rates available, under 18s FREE.

Pick up a booking form or go St Mary's website ([www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)) for more details. £50 deposit required by 1 December. Don't miss out!

## TODAY - Sunday 15th October

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

**SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY SERVICE** on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.30am at Henham parish church. Matt and Nicola Williamson will be speaking at this service. I encourage you to come along. *David*

**Sunday Coffee & the old £1 coins** – if at all possible please avoid putting old £1 coins in the donations box for coffee. Many thanks *Pete Taylor*

## NOTICES

**MARISA BALTRÖCK** was licensed to the Saffron Walden and Villages Team ministry as a Lay Minister by Bishop Stephen yesterday at Chelmsford Cathedral. Do continue to pray for Marisa as her ministry continues to develop. *David*

**EXCAVATION IN THE CHURCHYARD** The digging in the pathway down to Castle St is complete and the contractors will start to work at the west end of the churchyard from Mon 16th Oct. Please continue to take care when in the churchyard and if you move a bollard, e.g. to access the parking beside the north chapel, please put it back in position afterwards as a courtesy to other drivers.

**DEC APPEAL – RETIRING COLLECTION for people fleeing Myanmar** More than 500,000 people, mostly Rohingya women and children, are in urgent need of shelter, medical care, water and food as they arrive exhausted and traumatised in overflowing camps and settlements in Bangladesh. St Mary's SW will have a retiring collection at the 10am service for the next three Sundays to respond to this desperate situation. Please give generously.

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

**ANONA CLARK** is retiring after almost 21 years as church verger. On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:matt.williamson20@me.com)

### 'A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE'

**Saturday 25th November in St Mary's, Saffron Walden**  
Volunteers to assist our Stallholders and to help with set-up needed on 24th and 25th November. Please add your names and times to the Fayre notice board at the back of church. All stallholders would appreciate donations of goods to sell - their details are also on the board.

*'Paddy' Carver*

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