

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 19th November 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T23
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader:	Home Team

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

Monday 20th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st November

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

Wednesday 22nd November

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

3.30pm Funeral of Peter Wildblood

Thursday 23rd November

8.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Thanksgiving Service for John Parsons

Friday 24th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 25th November

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 26th November 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	1.00pm	BAPTISM
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE@4
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

Post Communion (cont'd from front page)

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.



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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Advent
19th November 2017

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: *Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18*

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel: *Matthew 25.14-30*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Peter Wildblood & John Parsons

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In November please pray for All Saints, Ashdon & Debden School

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant

EVENTS

SUPPORT GROUP FOR BEN FREETH: The next prayer meeting for Ben Freeth will be held at 1 Sedop Close on **Tuesday 21st November** at 7.30pm. Further details from Margaret Taylor.

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 23rd November**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, All Saints Church Wimbish, **Saturday 25th November** 12.00-3.00 in Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches and refreshments, Christmas gifts, cakes, raffle, tombola, home-made produce, bric-a-brac, books and children's activities. *Fran Johnson, Treasurer Wimbish PCC*

WOMEN'S OWN meets again on **Saturday 2nd December** at 9.00am for an hour, for breakfast and "Our Advent Retreat in Israel" with words and pictures by Kathleen Huey. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the list at the back of St Mary's church, or telephone Margaret on 500292 or email judithfelgate@gmail.com by Weds 29th November. All ladies welcome.

MEN'S SUPPER At The Crown, Little Walden on **Saturday 2nd December** 7:00 for 7:30pm. All welcome. As an out of town event we will be seeking to car share. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church or contact Bill Rose (516609) [email:wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) before Friday 1st December, indicating whether you can offer, or will need, a lift.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL on **Sunday 3rd December** All members of the congregation will be welcome at the card-writing table to send a message of support and solidarity to courageous individuals who campaign for basic rights in the face of intimidation and violence. *David*

EXPLORING ADVENT - through Biblical reflection, art, poetry and music. **Fridays 8th and 15th December** 9.30am-11am in Swards End. Contact Judith Hasler for more details and to book your place 01799 525041 judithhasler@btopenworld.com

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 8th December** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Terry Pratchett's** novel **Hogfather**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520 291). *Robin O'Neill*

'COME WITH US TO ISRAEL AND SEE THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE' Rufus Barnes will be leading his sixth tour of Israel from the **4th to the 14th of October 2018**. Previous tours have been enjoyed by both clergy and members of congregations from Saffron Walden and the surrounding parishes, as well as elsewhere in the country. If you would like to join this exciting tour of many of the places referred to in the Bible, please contact Rufus for more information and a brochure. (523776 or loavesandfishes@ymail.com)

THREE SIDED CLOTHES HORSE desperately needed to borrow for the Christmas Fayre Nativity scene. Please contact Pamela Mugliston 01799 521697 if you can help. Many thanks.

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 crèche 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 for more details. £50 deposit required by 1 December. Don't miss out!

NOTICES

TODAY

FAMILY SERVICE Besides the usual drinks, there'll be bacon sandwiches on offer after the service.
Do stay if you can! *David*

CHRISTMAS CARDS & FAYRE FLYERS are ready for collection at the back of St Mary's church for **DELIVERY THIS WEEK**. Also please pick up your named envelope of **CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE TICKETS**. *Dawn Saxon*

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

JOHN PARSONS There'll be a Service of Thanksgiving of John, a loved servant of God and God's church on **Thursday 23rd November** at 3pm at St. Mary's, Saffron Walden. *David*

PAULA GRIFFITHS has stepped down from her role in Little Walden with my agreement. I am very grateful to her for all she has given to the church and village over the last few years. *David*

DEC MYANMAR APPEAL Thank you very much for your generous response to our recent retiring collection which raised £2,279.63. *David*

BUILDING WORK The excavation contractors have left until Mon 8th January when they will return to complete another 2-3 weeks work. The installation of the WC in the south west corner will start on this same day and will take 3-4 months to complete. More details to follow in the New Year.

Steve Hasler

I need 2 volunteers for the **2018 DUSTING ROTA**. If you are able to help please 'phone me on 522912 or give your name to one of the Churchwardens and I will make contact. Many thanks. *Anne Rhodes*

THANK YOU to everyone who helped fold the Christmas Cards & Christmas Fayre flyers on Thursday. *Dawn Saxon*

Please join **MU PRAYING FOR MEMBERS** in Sierra Leon (affected by mudslides) and the Caribbean following Hurricane Irma. They are doing all they can to help their people.

FRIENDS DISPLAY CABINET FOR SALE Any reasonable offer. Contact Pamela Mugliston 521697

Please support the **GRAND DRAW** which makes a major contribution to the Christmas Fair. Named envelopes and spare tickets are at the back of St Mary's church for your collection. Thank you. *Denis*

CHAIRS FOR GOOD FRIDAY Do you happen to have 3 old dining room chairs stored away somewhere that you have no further use for? If so, Chris Bishop (Drama Group) would like to know. 523722. Thank you.

'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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