

PARISH DIARY

TODAY

14th January 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE+BAPTISM
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
	Talk:	David Tomlinson
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Paula Griffiths
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	4.00pm	EVENING SERVICE
Debden	Leader:	Richard Spencer
	4.00pm	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	Leader:	John Saxon
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 15th January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 16th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer *in the North Chapel***Wednesday 17th January**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

2.00pm Funeral of Edna Butcher

Thursday 18th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Thursday Praise *in the Parish Rooms***Friday 19th January**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 20th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

21st January 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.30am	UNITED SERVICE @ BAPTIST CHURCH
	6.30pm	EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Baptism of Christ**14th January 2018****Collect**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gospel: Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Charles White

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Edna Butcher & Ronald Shepherd

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW: Imogen Green

EVENTS

BUILDING WORK inside and outside St Mary's church SW continues this week and it will not be possible to drive around the west end of church during the working day and possibly on weekday evenings also. For more details please read the display next to where coffee is served after the 10am service. *Steve Hasler*

THE SEWING CIRCLE On **Monday 15th January** the Sewing Circle will meet at 8 Highfields instead of at The Priory.

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 18th January**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

The **Agape Meal** will be held on **Thursday 18th January** at 6.30pm for 7pm in the United Reformed Church Hall in Abbey Lane. Please sign the notice at the back of St Mary's church SW if you would like to come by Sunday 14th January. All welcome. The **UNITED SERVICE** will be at the Baptist Church on **Sunday 21st January** at 10.30am. There will be a **LUNCH-TIME PRAYER EVENT** on **Thursday 25th January** at 12 noon at the Baptist Church. *Kathryn Fiddock*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 19th January** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **John le Carré's** novel **A Delicate Truth**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520 291). *Robin O'Neill*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY: **Sunday 21st January** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

A SERVICE OF CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY will be held at St Mary's SW on **Sunday 21st January** at 6.30pm. All welcome. *David*

Starting in the New Year: **THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE**. Free five week course for mums and dads of children 0-10 years on Friday mornings at 9.30-11.30, from **26th January**. For more information and to book your place, please contact Rachel, 500047.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY will be observed on **Friday 26th January**. This will be a service aimed specifically, but not exclusively, at the schools at 13.40 in St Mary's SW. The speaker will be the Revd Dr Jos Strengholt, who for many years was a missionary in Egypt. He will focus on the persecution suffered by the peoples of the Nuba Mountains in the Sudan. On **Thursday 25th January** at 19.30 Dr Strengholt will speak and answer questions in St Mary's, SW. His talk will be entitled: 'Persecution in Sudan today'. *Jeremy Collingwood*

COLCHESTER AREA CONFERENCE on 'Sounding Sweet – Becoming Communities of Grace' is on **Saturday 3rd February 9.30 - 3pm** at Colchester High School. £5 each or 5 places for £20. Further information and booking forms from St Mary's parish office. So we can co-ordinate the booking and the travel, let me know if you are interested in coming. *David*

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in old stamps and coins for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Please do continue to hand them in to St Mary's Parish Office. *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

Please note that because of the current building works **MORNING PRAYER** will be downstairs in St Mary's Parish Rooms and not in the North Chapel. *David*

BRUNCH We would like to offer brunch on a more regular basis starting after St Mary's SW Family Service in February, subject to the availability of the kitchen. However, we need more volunteers. If you would like to know what is involved, please contact Pete Taylor 500292 or peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICES Thanks to the very generous response at the two Christmas Eve services we have sent 30 sacks of gifts to East Anglia's Children Hospices and £995 was donated for the mayoral charity "Together in Sound". *Denis*

OUR WHEELCHAIR We are grateful to our friends in Bridge End Gardens who found our wheelchair and kindly brought it back to St Mary's SW. *Denis*

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE QUIET MORNING Some of you may have seen a Quiet Morning advertised in The Parish News. We have had to move this from Saturday 3rd February to **Saturday 28th April**. It will still be from 9.30 - 12.30 with David leading the morning. There will be further notices and a sign-up sheet nearer the time. *Sue Walker*

The last few quiz sheets are still available for the **WINTER QUIZ** for The Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock. £2 per sheet, with £10 prize for most correct answers (or first out of a hat). Copies from St Mary's Parish Office or from Janice Snell, jimjanhadstock@outlook.com or telephone 01223 892338. Closing date 20th January. All proceeds support the repair programme at Hadstock Church. *Paula and Janice*

AFTERSHOCK would like to say a massive thank you to all who attended the Jimmy's Fundraising Meal. Together we raised £2,033 for the work of Jimmy's Night Shelter. *Matt*

'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 14th October**. 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) Rufus has been approached by a lady in Saffron Walden who would be interested in sharing a room with another lady to avoid the single supplement. If this would be of interest to anyone, please get in touch.

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical Insurance **WILL DONATE £130 TO ST MARY'S CHURCH SW** for every new home insurance policy taken out before 31st December 2018. Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call 0800 783 0130 quoting TRUST130. As a church, we are unable to give any advice about the appropriateness of an Ecclesiastical policy to any individual, Ecclesiastical will undertake this when called. See poster at back of St Mary's church SW for terms and conditions. *Clifford Want*

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