

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am President: 10.00am President: Preacher: 4.00pm Officiant:	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b> Michael Lovegrove <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Andy Colebrooke Tracey Nicholls <b>EVENSONG</b> Paula Griffiths
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am Leader:	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b> David Tomlinson
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am President:	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> David Tomlinson
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am President:	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Paula Griffiths
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am President:	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Richard Spencer
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am Leader:	<b>MATTINS</b> John Saxon
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am President: Preacher:	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Chris Bishop John Saxon

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

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 28<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Funeral of James Bayne *at Wimbish*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am 10.00am 12 noon 6.30pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>BAPTISMS</b> <b>H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
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<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM</b>

# The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Romans 4.13-25**

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Gospel: Mark 8.31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**Post Communion**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Those who are unwell:** Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant, Charles White, Pam Russell & Anthony Hazzard

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Gordon Burns, Oliver Hooper & James Bayne

## EVENTS

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** (please note that the day shown on the Lent and Easter Leaflet is incorrect) 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). **28<sup>th</sup> February:** Speaker: Revd Caroline Vodden "The Gospel of Mark and the Cross" at Abbey Lane URC. **7<sup>th</sup> March:** Speaker: Revd Canon David Tomlinson "The Gospel of John and the Cross" at SW Baptist Church. **14<sup>th</sup> March:** Speaker: Revd Jonathan Burton "The Gospel of Luke and the Cross" at SW Community Church. All welcome.

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 1st March** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 1st March** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 10.30am coffee, 11am Service at the URC, Abbey Lane. Theme: 'All God's Creation is very Good' prepared by the women of Suriname. Leader: Revd Caroline Vodden. All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

**REFLECTING WITH THE PREACHER** Tim Hardingham will lead a discussion on his sermon on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** from 11.30 to 12 noon in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *David*

**HOMEGROUP SUPPER** **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 7 for 7.15pm at 3 Springhill Road. Last year's group is reforming, led by Andy Colebrooke, to study a book, 'Looking through the Cross', by Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington. As the title suggests, it is not so much a book about the cross as an object, but a lens through which we can look at the rest of life. It can shape how we understand God, ourselves and the world around us. Please book your place, as numbers are limited, by contacting Sue Walker [suewalker619@btinternet.com](mailto:suewalker619@btinternet.com), 'phone 523007.

**EASTER CARD FOLDING** We will be holding a working party to fold 7000 cards on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30am – 12noon 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! Thank you. *Dawn Saxon*

**74<sup>TH</sup> SALE OF STAMPS** The next sale, in aid of St Mary's SW Church Building and Music Funds, will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Thousands of individual stamps at the Town Hall Committee Room from 9.30 to noon. A warm welcome (and a cup of coffee) - even to those who are not dedicated stamp collectors! *David Hoy*

**ST MARY'S MUSIC ASSOCIATION** The **SMMA AGM** will take place on **11<sup>th</sup> March** at 11.45am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Karin Fischer-Buder, SMMA Secretary*

Our next **MEN'S SUPPER** will be at The Yuva in Debden village on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, 7 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Do bring a friend. As an out of town event we will endeavour to car share. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW indicating whether you can offer a lift or will require one. Alternatively, please contact Bill Rose (email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) or tel. 01799 516609) before 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**ISAAC GAME** is being baptised at the Baptist Church on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.00pm. All welcome. *David*  
**ST MARY'S SAFFRON WALDEN HISTORY & GUIDE**  
Further supplies have recently been received from the printers, and are now available on the Friends stand at the west end of St Mary's church SW at a price of £5. All proceeds will go to the Friends of St Mary's Parish Church to help fund future projects. *John Read*

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY** 39 response forms have been returned – thank you. We are still some way short of the £4000 extra we need to cover our expenditure in 2018 and would be grateful if the remaining forms could be handed into St Mary's Parish Office or into the offertory tray on a Sunday by **4<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have not had a letter yet, do pick up one from the back of St Mary's church SW labelled 'Dear Friend.' Thank you. *David, Denis and Pam.*

**CAR PARKING AT THE WEST END OF ST MARY'S CHURCH SW** When parking at the West End, please ensure space is left for cars to pass. Thank you. *David*

**DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD LENT APPEAL** To raise vital money to support their link, Diocese of Marsabit, in northern Kenya, for a water bowser to be used during drought.

Further info: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal) *David*  
**BRUNCH** Thank you to all those who have offered to help with Brunch, which we are hoping to offer regularly after the Family Service. If you can be on the rota once-in-a-while, do let Pete Taylor know on 500292 or [peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com) *David*

**RESOURCES CUPBOARD IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS** There is a small working party tidying and clearing out the resources cupboard on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9.15. If you have NOT been contacted, but believe you have equipment stored there, please contact Pete Taylor asap.

The public notice of our proposals to install some **STORAGE AT THE FRONT OF THE NORTH AISLE** is now on display inside and outside of St Mary's SW. More details are available for viewing in the Parish Office for those who are interested. *Steve Hasler*

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated empty jam jars and/or has bought marmalade from me over the past three weeks. I have been able to give £280 profit to the Building Fund. *Lesley A Green*

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS** Please hand in during February/March in one of two ways: 1) to St Mary's Parish Office, 2) count your contribution and hand it in cheque payable to the Children's Society. Thank you. *Eunice Harris, Society Rep.*

Please remember to hand in your **OLD STAMPS & COINS** for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf by the end of **FEBRUARY** as they will no longer be accepting these after this date. Thank you. *Margaret Walter*

**JIMMY'S:** Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, gives you details. Thank you.

**THE MONTH** Diocesan Newspaper is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW.

"**PARISH NEWS**" is published this weekend and is available on St Mary's Church SW Book Stall.

**'COME WITH US TO ISRAEL AND SEE THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE'** Rufus Barnes will be leading his sixth tour of Israel from the **4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October**. 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. (523776 or [loavesandfishes@ymail.com](mailto:loavesandfishes@ymail.com))

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