

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 4th February 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 <i>Sexagesima</i>
	President:	David Tomlinson
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	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	Leader:	Matt Williamson
	Talk:	Rosie Wilson & Ellie Chambers.
Hadstock	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S MISSION ROOM
	Leader:	John Saxon

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Lent
Stewardship of Money
4th February 2018

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: 1 Chronicles 29.10-22a

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision." Then David said to the whole assembly, "Bless the Lord your God." And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the Lord and the king. On the next day they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the Lord, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their libations, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; and they ate and drank before the Lord on that day with great joy.

Gospel: Luke 21.1-4

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

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

Monday 5th February	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 6th February	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>at Hadstock</i>
2.00pm	St Mary's Tinies
2.30pm	Funeral of Nora Woolner <i>at Debden</i>
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in the North Chapel</i>
Wednesday 7th February	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
2.00pm	Funeral of Keith Bird
Thursday 8th February	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Friday 9th February	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 10th February	
9.00am	Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 11th February 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 <i>Quinquagesima</i>
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Debden	4.00pm	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

Post Communion (cont'd from front page)

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.



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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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Albert Cundell, Keith Bird, Harold Grayling & Nora Woolner

Those whose wedding banns are being called: Kelvin Kaliyati & Jessica Stuckey

EVENTS

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next get together at The Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 7th February** from 12:15pm. All welcome - bring a friend and join us for a convivial hour or so of fellowship and good food. *Bill Rose*

ST MARY'S BRANCH MU Thursday 8th February at 2.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. AGM chaired by Revd Canon Chris Bishop. Speaker - John Read on the work of the Church Guide. All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT?' – A production by Searchlight Theatre Company, which received great reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, will be held on **Thursday 8th February** at Saffron Walden Baptist Church @ 7.30pm. Tickets available at £10 from the Church Office (523031), Tourist Information or searchlighttheatre.org *Rosemary Timms*

MEN'S BREAKFAST Our first breakfast of the 2018 programme will be on **Saturday 10th February** in St Mary's Parish Room. Coffee and tea available from 8:15am and a freshly cooked full English breakfast will be served at 8:30. Our Guest Speaker will be Dr Pamela Jenner who will give a talk entitled "Young People and Mental Health" in which she will describe the challenging work of the Open Door Counselling Service for Young People that she established in Uttlesford some 20 years ago. All welcome - bring a friend. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or contact Pete Taylor (email: peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com or tel: 01799 500292) by Thursday 8th February.

WOMEN WHO WONDER (WWW) will meet for the first time in 2018 on **Tuesday 13th February** at Gill Caswell's home, 59A Claypit Piece, Saffron Walden at 8pm when we will hear about Gillian Brace's ministry using Godly Play. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to join this friendly group for fellowship, faith and fun. *Alison Knights*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 23rd February** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Zadie Smith's** novel **NW**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). **21st February** Speaker: Fr David Clemens "The Gospel of Matthew and the Cross" at Our Lady of Compassion RC Church, **28th February** Speaker: Revd Caroline Vodden "The Gospel of Mark and the Cross" at Abbey Lane URC. **7th March** Speaker: Revd Canon David Tomlinson "The Gospel of John and the Cross" at SW Baptist Church. **14th March** Speaker: Revd Jonathan Burton "The Gospel of Luke and the Cross" at SW Community Church. All welcome.

CHELMSFORD DIOCESAN LENT MODULES Across the diocese between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday there will be a series of courses offered under the title Lent Modules. The courses are open to anyone and the cost has been kept to a minimum, starting at £7.50 for a one day course, rising to £40 for 5 session courses. Please contact Diane Hardy at the Diocesan Office: Tel: 01245 294449, email: dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - EASTER CARD FOLDING We will be holding a working party to fold 7000 cards on **Thursday 8th 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*

NOTICES

TODAY

STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY We need an extra £4000 to cover our expenditure in 2018. We should be pleased if you would collect your envelope from the back of St Mary's church, SW. Those remaining on Monday 12th February will be sent out by post. If you cannot find one addressed for you, do take one that starts 'Dear Friend.' Thank you. *David, Denis and Pam.*

MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM are available to offer prayer for yourself or someone you care about. Simply go to the clergy vestry after you have been to the altar for communion or a blessing. *David*

There will be **HOMEMADE MARMALADE** for sale at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, after the 10 o'clock service. £2 a pot for the Church Building Project. *Lesley Green*

DEANERY TREASURER NEEDED If you are numerate and interested in the work of the Saffron Walden Deanery, then contact Graham Cook (01799 586343) or I would be pleased to hear from you. *David*

TEAM JC If you can help some Sundays with Team JC, do let Matt Williamson know. *David*

THANK YOU to Liz Lingley who has stepped down, after many years of service, from being the press secretary for St Mary's church, SW. Clifford Want takes up the role, whilst Liz becomes secretary of our Communications Committee. *David*

ISAAC GAME is being baptised at the Baptist Church on Wednesday 28th March at 3.30pm. All welcome. *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

THANK YOU to those who bought copies of the St Botolph's Winter Quiz. It has raised £202 for the Friends of St Botolph's Hadstock to help with the current building works. 28 completed quiz sheets were returned, five of which were fully correct. The winning entry, drawn after last Sunday's service, was the Greenwell family from Helions Bumpstead. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who took part. *Janice and Paula*

CMS LINK PARTNER Lynn Treneary's latest Newsletter is at the back of St Mary's church, SW. It is an inspiring letter, please do take one and keep on praying. Thank you. *Sue Walker*

RESOURCES CUPBOARD This large walk-in cupboard is in serious need of a tidy-up! If, like me, you use it or have used it for storage, would you please contact me so that we can arrange a time to put it in order. *Pete Taylor (500292)*

COPY for next month's "PARISH NEWS" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 11th February.

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