

PARISH DIARY

TODAY	11 th March 2018	
Saffron Walden	8.00am President: Jenny Tomlinson 10.00am Leader: David Tomlinson 11.45am President: David Tomlinson 4.00pm Officiant: David Tomlinson Preacher: Paula Griffiths	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 FAMILY SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am Leader: Jenny Tomlinson	MORNING PRAISE
Little Walden	11.15am Leader: Richard Peet	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am Leader: Paula Griffiths	FAMILY SERVICE
Ashdon	9.30am President: Richard Spencer 6.30pm Officiant: Richard Spencer	HOLY COMMUNION EVENSONG
Debden	9.30am Leader: John Saxon	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am Leader: John Saxon	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S MISSION ROOMS

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

Monday 12th March	8.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13th March	8.30am Morning Prayer 8.30am Morning Prayer <i>at Hadstock</i> 2.00pm St Mary's Tinies 5.00pm Evening Prayer <i>in the North Chapel</i>
Wednesday 14th March	8.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 15th March	8.30am Morning Prayer 2.00pm Funeral of Colin Luckley <i>at Debden</i> 8.00pm Thursday Praise
Friday 16th March	8.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday 17th March	9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY	18 th March 2018	
Saffron Walden	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 HOLY COMMUNION HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	8.00am	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
Mothers' Sunday
11th March 2018

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Samuel 1: 20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

Gospel: Luke 2. 41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In March please pray for Abbey Lane & Newport URC, incorporating the Methodist Church & Dame Bradbury's School

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Olive Hooper, Patricia Hough, Colin Luckley & Laraine Connolly

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

Sam Edwards & Clare McPartland, Timothy Armon-Jones & Olivia Bailey, Alexander Farrow & Hannah Melvin, Christopher Bearton & Alice Carrington

EVENTS

WWW will meet next on **Tuesday 13th March** at Gill Caswell's home 59A Claypit Piece, SW at 8pm when Marisa Baltrock will be leading us in Taizé style worship. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to join us. Further details from alisoncinque@hotmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' TALK FOR LENT ON

Wednesday 14th March 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). Speaker: Revd Jonathan Burton "The Gospel of Luke and the Cross" at SW Community Church. All welcome.

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 15th March**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*

Our next **MEN'S SUPPER** will be at The Yuva in Debden village on **Friday 16th March**, 7 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Do bring a friend. 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 or tel. 516609) before 14th March.

ST MARY'S MUSIC ASSOCIATION The **SMMA AGM** will take place on **Sunday 18th March** at 11.45am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Karin Fischer-Buder, SMMA Sec.*

A return **CONCERT** by Cantate Junior and Training Choir on **Sunday 25th March** at 6pm in All Saints Church, Ashdon; doors open 5.30pm. Tickets available on the door and from www.cantate.co.uk. All proceeds for restoration of All Saints Church. Enquiries to Robert Gardner 01799 584945.

The Last Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples was a Passover meal. We will be having a **PASSOVER MEAL AND SEDER** (literally 'the telling of the story') in St Mary's Parish Rooms at 7.30pm on **Monday 26th March**. The cost will be £10, with children under 10 free. If you would like to join us, as we recreate this important Biblical feast, please sign up at the back of St Mary's Church SW (including children under 10); for catering purposes. There will be a maximum of 40 places, so sign up quickly! *Rufus Barnes*

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th March: David requires 12 volunteers for foot-washing at the 8pm service, and, as usual, we will be observing the Vigil until midnight and need to ensure the whole time is covered. Please sign up on the lists which are at the back of St Mary's church SW. Thank you. *Denis*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 6th April** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Gulliver's Travels** by **Jonathan Swift**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

THE WEEKEND AWAY 29th June - 1st July at Belsey Bridge nr Bungay Suffolk is getting booked up; only non en-suite rooms available. Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love' and the speaker is Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Enjoy friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. Activities for under 11s and 11-18 year olds. Cost £140 pp full board, day rates available, 18s and under are FREE. Pick up a booking form or go to St Mary's SW website (www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org). £50 deposit required. Closing date is 12th June. For more details contact Sarah on s.nicholas180@gmail.com or 584617.

NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY 77 response forms have been returned and 7 new people have joined one of our planned giving schemes – thank you. We have now comfortably covered the £4000 shortfall in the PCC budget for 2018. Once more we are very grateful for your generous response. Thank you. *David, Denis and Pam*

The Rev'd Alex Jeewan, currently serving as a curate in the Witham and Villages Team Ministry, has been **APPOINTED TEAM VICAR** of Great and Little Chesterford, Littlebury and Wendens Ambo in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry. His licensing service is on **Wednesday 25th July** at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford. I am delighted, and look forward to welcoming Alex and his family. *David Tomlinson, Team Rector.*

BRUNCH We are aiming to serve brunch after each Family Service this year. (There is no charge but there will be a 'donations bowl'.) Do stay to eat, drink and chat together. *David*

SCHOOL GOVERNOR I am recruiting a school governor for St Mary's School. If you might be interested, do speak to me. Thank you. *David*

EASTER LILIES Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones please give donations either to Welcomers or Wardens at St Mary's SW services, or St Mary's Parish Office. Easter flowers usually cost at least £300. Cheques should be made payable to: St.Mary's Church Fund Trust. Thank you. *Pam Russell*

A revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** will take place between 18th - 31st March. Anyone who is a regular worshiper and who is not on the Roll is encouraged to enrol by completing an application form which is available at the back of St Mary's church SW, from the parish office or from me. Those already on the Roll **DO NOT** have to re-apply but if your personal details have changed please advise me (email gillianlovegrove98@gmail.com) *Gillian Lovegrove, Electoral Roll Officer*

ST MARY'S C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUIRE A MID-DAY ASSISTANT This post is for 5 days a week, 1½ hours per day term time only (please see poster at the back of St Mary's church SW). Speak to Lorraine (523384) for further details and an application form.

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*

EASTER SERVICE CARDS are ready for delivering to every house in Saffron Walden. Please collect a pack from the back of St Mary's church SW and deliver asap and by 25th March. Spare cards are available to give out as invites to family and friends. A HUGE thank you to all those who came to help fold the cards last Thursday. *Dawn Saxon*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY: Sunday 18th March 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

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