

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: David Tomlinson	
	Preacher: John Saxon	
	4.00pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	President: Angela Want	
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	President: Jeremy Collingwood	
	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader: Home Team	

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

- 8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Communion - *Joseph*

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- 8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- 8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

- 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION - PASSION READING</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISMS</b>
	4.00pm	<b>CELEBRATE@4</b>
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + PROCESSION</b>
		<i>(joint service with Wimbish)</i>

# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**18th March 2018**

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Hebrews 5.5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Gospel: John 12.20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



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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:** Laraine Connolly, Samuel Dodridge, Doris Lucy & Audrey Start

**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

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION** this **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, alongside other Christians across the UK. *David*

A return **CONCERT** by Cantate Junior and Training Choir on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 6pm in All Saints Church, Ashdon; doors open 5.30pm. Tickets available on the door and from [www.cantate.co.uk](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

**BIBLE STUDY AND COMPLINE** in the North Chapel at 8pm. On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Rachel will be talking about John 18:1-14 and I will be talking on John 18:15-24 on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**. I would encourage you to look at the Bible Reading before you come. All welcome. *David*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March:** David needs 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*

Looking to find out more about where you fit into God's plans for his church and world? The Deanery **SHAPE** course begins in April. Speak to a member of the clergy team if you are interested? *David*

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** is taking place during **13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May**. Once again we are looking for collectors to play our part in the town's contribution to the vital work of Christians addressing poverty around in the world. Edward Gildea and Louise Scott-Richter are jointly organising it this year and would love to hear from our loyal band of regular collectors and from those of you who might like to devote a few hours for the first time. Email Edward at [edward@edwardgildea.co.uk](mailto:edward@edwardgildea.co.uk) to volunteer or find out more.

**'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))

**THE WEEKEND AWAY 29<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)). £50 deposit required. Closing date is 12<sup>th</sup> June. For more details contact Sarah on [s.nicholas180@gmail.com](mailto:s.nicholas180@gmail.com) or 584617.

## NOTICES

TODAY

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

**COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** at **3.00pm** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY** 90 response forms have been returned and 11 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. We are very grateful, once more, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL** I am recruiting another governor for the school. If you are interested, do speak to me. *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*

**HEATING** You may have noticed that St Mary's church SW was not as warm as usual last Sunday. This was due to a problem with the electrical supply to the heating pump caused, almost certainly, by the work to install the new WC in the south west corner of the church. As such this was a one-off problem which should not recur. *Steve Hasler*

A revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** will take place between 18<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:gillianlovegrove98@gmail.com)) *Gillian Lovegrove, Electoral Roll Officer*

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. *Dawn Saxon*

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to everyone for their warm wishes on my special birthday. *Heather Finch*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by **9am on Wednesdays**.

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