

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 27th May 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am President: David Tomlinson Preacher: Marisa Baltrock	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am President: David Tomlinson	HOLY COMMUNION
	12 noon Officiant: Rachel Prior	BAPTISMS
	6.30pm Officiant: David Tomlinson	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am Leader: John Saxon	MORNING PRAISE
Little Walden	11.15am President: Michael Lovegrove	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am President: Paula Griffiths	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am President: Richard Spencer Preacher: Tracey Nicholls	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am Leader: Home Team	MATTINS
Wimbish	11.00am President: Jeremy Collingwood	HOLY COMMUNION

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

Monday 28th May

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday 29th May

8.30am Morning Prayer
 8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
 2.30pm Funeral of Roy Swann *at Hadstock*
 5.00pm Evening Prayer *in the North Chapel*

Wednesday 30th May

8.30am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 31st May (Corpus Christi)

8.30am Morning Prayer
 2.00pm Funeral of Sarah Rumsey *at Sewards End*
 8.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 1st June

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 2nd June

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms
 6.30pm In Spirit and Truth Service *at Ashdon*

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd June 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 HOLY COMMUNION H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH
Ashdon	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 HOLY COMMUNION IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH SERVICE
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Trinity Sunday
27th May 2018

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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: Romans 8.12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In May please pray for St James', Swards End St John's, Little Walden & Radwinter Primary School and our Gift Day today.

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Lynn Treneary, St Mary's CMS Link Partner. Due to a lack of energy. It has been decided that it would be best for Lynn to come back to the U.K. to be able to fully recover.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Doris Willment, Roy Swann, Doreen Vettewinkel, Sarah Rumsey & Joan Liddle

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St James', Swards End:

Alexander Tarrant & Alexandra Newton

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW: Leonard & Isla Heath

EVENTS

SMMA LUNCHTIME CONCERTS begin on **Wednesday 30th May** and take place weekly at 1.10pm until **18th July**. Volunteers still needed to help with refreshments. Please contact Gill Gibson/Bron Ferland if you can help.

COME AND SING: Durufle Requiem **Saturday 2nd June** in St Mary's church, SW. Registration from 1.30pm, fee £15 (£5 for U18's, who must be accompanied by an adult). Concert performance at 5.15pm. All welcome, retiring collection. Full details on the Church website

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH Last month we experienced God in a wonderful way at In Spirit and Truth: healing, equipping, encouragement, refreshing. We give Jesus all the glory and praise! If you have a hunger for the presence of God and to hear His voice then we warmly invite you to our open to all spontaneous worship, **Saturday 2nd June** at 6.30pm and **Sunday 3rd June** at 11am at All Saints Church, Ashdon, Saffron Walden, CB10 2HG. For more details contact Richard Spencer on 01799 584171 or www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST Our next breakfast will be on **Saturday 9th June** when our speaker, Joe Hordern, will inspire us with his talk entitled "A Christian Soldier", an account of his life and service as a Christian in the Army. All are welcome so do bring a friend to join us in St Mary's Parish Rooms for a delicious full English breakfast at 8:30. Coffee and tea will be available from 8:15. *Bill Rose*

EVANGELISM SUNDAY is **10th June**. As part of a deanery-wide initiative, I'll be preaching about the universal call to 'follow Christ.' Besides this being an opportunity for everyone to take a step of faith, it is a good opportunity to invite someone to come with you to hear the good news at the centre of our faith. They'll also be an opportunity to discuss the sermon with me afterwards. *David*

ASHDON OPEN GARDENS with the Ashdon Quilters in All Saints Church, and other local crafts on **Sunday 10th June**; 11am – 5pm; programmes from outside Village Hall (CB10 2ET) and from All Saints church rooms; admission £5 adults, children free. Coffees/lunches in the village hall; coffees/teas in the church rooms. Disabled facilities. Proceeds to All Saints Church, Ashdon. Enquiries 01799 584945. *Robert Gardner, PCC Treasurer*

David & Jenny Tomlinson will be celebrating their **SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** in June, and warmly invite everyone from across the Team ministry to join them for drinks and cake after the 10am service on **Sunday 24th June** at St Mary's SW. *David*

LIVING QUESTIONS Want to know more what it means to 'follow Jesus Christ'? Have questions about faith? Then this 6 week course which begins on **Tuesday 26th June** is for you. Let me know if you'd like to book a place. (Please note change of date). *David*

CONFIRMATION SERVICE on **25th November** at 10am at St Mary's church, SW. If you are interested in being confirmed, I'd be pleased to hear from you. *David*

NOTICES

TODAY

GIFT DAY If you have not had an information pack yet, do pick up one from the back of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, on the table near the new servery. Thank you. *David*

SAFFRON AND VILLAGES TEAM NEWS I am delighted that Paula is considering extending her licensed ministry for a further two years beyond June 2019, her current retirement date. *David*

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION: PCC has approved the **Data Privacy Notice** which sets out our obligations to protect your personal information. The Notice may be viewed on St Mary's, SW, website and the board at the back of church. Copies are also available at the back of church or from the Parish Office.

CONSENT: if you are on the Electoral Roll or in the Stewardship (planned giving) scheme, the church's legitimate interests permit us to contact you to inform you of all church activities. If you are **not** on the Electoral Roll or Stewardship scheme and wish to be kept in touch with all church events, please collect a Consent form from the back of church or St Mary's Parish Office. Please do not hesitate to ask me or Gill if you have any questions. *Denis*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE COORDINATOR We are looking for a new catering coordinator. This person does not necessarily need to be a cook, since we have a very good team. He/she just needs to be prepared to be the recognised person to be called on to organise members of the team to provide for catering events in St Mary's church, SW. Please contact me for further details but with no obligation. *Pete Taylor* 500292 peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com

ST MARY'S SW is looking for volunteer sides people to assist at the 10am Sunday services. Sides people welcome and assist the congregation before, during and after the service. They help prepare the service sheets, books and Grapevines for use in the service and assist in clearing up afterwards. If interested or need more details please contact Richard Peet 01799 521482

JIMMY'S: Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 3rd June. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, gives you details. Thank you.

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

SERVICE SHEET: If you would like a copy of the Service Sheet in large print, please ask one of the Welcomers at St Mary's church, SW. All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by **9am on Wednesdays**. *Thank you.*

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY** and any British coins and notes that are no longer in circulation - please hand to myself or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *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

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