

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 17th June 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
	President:	David Tomlinson
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS
	Leader:	Home Team

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

Monday 18th June	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 19th June	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>at Hadstock</i>
9.30am	St Thomas More School Mass
2.00pm	St Mary's Tinies
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in the North Chapel</i>
Wednesday 20th June	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21st June	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
7.45pm	Thursday Praise
Friday 22nd June	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 23rd June	
9.00am	Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 24th June 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE @ 4
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sewards End	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	MATTINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Third Sunday after Trinity
17th June 2018

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In June please pray for Saffron Walden Assemblies Team & Stort Valley Trust.

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Lynn Treneary, St Mary's CMS Link Partner.

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: Richard Slade & Rosemarie McArdle, William Rees & Elspeth Wild, William Rawles & Amelia Ballard, David Reynolds & Faye-Eves Glover

Those whose wedding banns are being called at All Saints, Ashdon: Adam Nix & Rosanna Kennard

EVENTS

SMMALUNCHTIME CONCERTS take place weekly on Wednesdays at 1.10pm (refreshments available from 12.30pm) until **18th July**. The fourth concert will feature chamber music from Siu Chui Li (piano), Charys Green (clarinet) and Tim Steggals (cello) on **20th June**. *Bron Ferland*

DEANERY SYNOD on **Wednesday 20th June** at Thaxted Church Hall at 7.45pm. Anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Church's mission and ministry across the Diocese from the Dean of Mission and Ministry, the Rev'd Canon Dr Roger Matthews, is warmly invited to come. *David*

MU WAVE OF PRAYER DAY **Thursday 21st June** 2.00 – 4.30pm at The Salvation Army, Abbey Lane. Please bring Roundabout booklet. All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

THURSDAY PRAISE is on **21st June**, 7.45 for refreshments, 8pm start. The theme is 'forgiveness.' Do come along for discussion, prayer and worship. All welcome. *David*

JOYFUL NOISE will be presenting 'Noah and Friends' at 4pm on **Friday 22nd June** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. Retiring collection for Unicef Syrian children's fund. All welcome. For more details contact *Kate Beare* 523591.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 22nd June** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Harper Lee's** novel **Go Set A Watchman**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

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*

Visit from the **GARDNER FAMILY** on **Sunday 24th June**. The family will join us for the 10am service and then give a presentation of their work to date and a chance to chat over a shared lunch in St Mary's Parish Rooms 12noon for 12.30pm. Please sign up on the board at the back of St Mary's church, SW. *Pamela Mugliston*

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. *David*

DAVID SHEPPARD, erstwhile member of St Mary's church, SW, is to be ordained deacon at St Albans Cathedral on **Sunday 1st July**. There is a card from the parish of Saffron Walden to sign at the back of St Mary's SW this Sunday and on 24th June. *David*

AFTERNOON TEA at The Old Manse, 55 Audley Road on **Friday 13th July**, 3pm to 5pm in aid of the new servery for Wimbish Church. Entry £5 per head. For further details contact *Jeremy Collingwood* on 529055.

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*

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

NOTICES

TODAY

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

GIFT DAY RESULT The money is still being counted but it looks as the amount given is around £45,000 including Gift Aid. That's a significant boost to our Building Project funds. Thank you very much for your prayers and generosity. *David*

Keith Lovell who celebrated with us the **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION** at St Mary's, SW, last Sunday, along with his wife, Pauline, thank you for your warm welcome and congratulations. *David*

LYNN TRENEARY is feeling much better. Thank you for your prayers; please continue to pray that she will make a full recovery. I have spoken to CMS about our donation and it is ready to be sent to Chaima but we are waiting to hear that it is safe to send money through the Chaima account. Please pray that this will go through smoothly and be spent wisely. *Sue Walker*

SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES We will once again be presenting a Good News Bible to each Year 6 pupil leaving St Mary's School at the end of term. If you would like to make a donation for these Bibles (approx. £9 each) please put it in an envelope, clearly marked, and leave in St Mary's Parish Office. Thank you. *Dawn Saxon*

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

DUSTING ROTA The July - December Rota is ready for collection at the back of St Mary's church, SW. Thank you to the volunteers especially Catherine and Margaret (who are unable to continue) and welcome to Daniele and Chis. *Anne Rhodes*

IT'S YOUR MOVE PROJECT 2018 Stort Valley Schools Trust workers will be visiting over 20 primary schools soon to help Year 6 children prepare for their move to secondary school and to give them a copy of the Scripture Union "It's your move" booklet. Please pray for the project; donations towards the cost of the booklets (£1.20 each) can be sent, payable to Stort Valley School Trust, to Mrs L Petts, 1, The Gardens, Great Hyde Hall, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9JA. Online donations can be made via their website www.svst.org.uk

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who gave time to collect for **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**. Including donations from the collection at St Mary's church, SW, we collected a total of £867.86 with 40 donations including gift aid. *Edward & Louise*

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*

CLERGY TEAM

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