

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	Home Team
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Chris Bishop

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*5.00pm Evening Prayer *in the North Chapel*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

6.30pm In Spirit and Truth *at Ashdon*NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Ashdon	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	11.00am	<b>IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH</b>
Debden	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>VILLAGE WORSHIP</b>

See St Mary's church, SW, website at  
[www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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# The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Collect**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**Gospel: John 6.56-69**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Post Communion**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In August please pray for SW Baptist church & RA Butler Schools.

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

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Elizabeth Robson

## EVENTS

The **COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES** is a two year course exploring the Christian faith with others. It will be taking place in Great Dunmow on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 and starts in **September**. Many people have found it to be stimulating, challenging, and inspiring! For more info please explore the course page on the Chelmsford diocesan website or speak to Rachel.

'The Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock' a registered Charity, will be holding a **JUMBLE SALE** on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** to help raise funds towards the £30,000 costs for the repairs to the nave ceiling. The jumble sale will take place in the Village Hall, Church Path, Hadstock CB21 4PH. Doors open at 2pm - 4pm. There will be a raffle, tea, coffee and biscuits. *Karen Beaumont*

**RIDE AND STRIDE 2018** is on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sep.** and details are on display near to the servery in St Mary's SW if you wish to take part. David and Steve are joining Archdeacon Robin to ride the boundary of the Archdeaconry, 150 miles, on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> and Sun 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sponsor them, half comes back to St Mary's, there are sponsorship forms and a link to their Just Giving websites on the display.

**Paula** is leading the **RIDE AND STRIDE WALK** for Hadstock on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** (not 150 miles!!!) - sponsorship forms in Hadstock church, or contact her direct ([paula.greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.greatford@btinternet.com), 01799 599141).

**TIM HARDINGHAM AND NELL BACON** invite all members of our church family to our wedding on **15<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.30pm, please feel free to come to any parts of it. It would help us in the organisation if you could RSVP to the website [www.NellandTim.com](http://www.NellandTim.com) or send an e-mail to [tim&nell2018@gmail.com](mailto:tim&nell2018@gmail.com).

Reminder that our **HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE** will be on the **16<sup>th</sup> September** which gives you an opportunity to bring food to offer which will go to Jimmy's Night Shelter. *Matt Williamson*

The forthcoming dates for **THURSDAY PRAISE** are **20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct and 29 Nov.** We meet at 7.45pm in the parish rooms for teaching, worship and friendship. If you can help set up and serve coffee from 7.30pm on any of these evenings, do let my secretary, Jill, know on [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) Thank you. *David*

**4\*\*\*\* Review** from Edinburgh Fringe and 10 full houses for the character comedy show **WOMAN OF THE YEAR!** Fundraising event for the Building Project, **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** 7.30pm at St Mary's. Written and performed by Anna Nicholson with Bobby Goulder, piano. Tickets from Caroline Goulder, the churchwardens or St Mary's Parish Office.

**SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at the Abbey Lane URC 3.00pm and 5.30pm. Theme: 'Christlike living in today's world' Speaker: John Risbridger, Chairman, Evangelical Alliance. Further details: [www.waldenbiblefocus.com](http://www.waldenbiblefocus.com) or email: [swbible.focus@gmail.com](mailto:swbible.focus@gmail.com)

## NOTICES

**LIVING QUESTIONS** Want to know more about what it means to 'follow Jesus Christ'? Then this 7 week course which begins on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 7.45pm is for you. Let me know if you'd like to book a place. *David*

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Matt and Rachel will be running sessions for young people aged 11+ in preparation for the Confirmation Service at St Mary's on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please let Matt or Rachel know if you or someone you know is interested.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** on **25<sup>th</sup> 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 **NEW WC** is now finished and will be unlocked and available for use during all services and other events in St Mary's church, SW. *Denis & Gill*

We will be holding our **CHRISTMAS FAIR** on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November** on the theme of Pantomime characters. Join us for a fun day to raise funds for St Mary's, SW, and start our Christmas celebrations. Richard Garvey, a recent arrival to Saffron Walden, is coordinating the arrangements, tel. 521129, email [aptonfields@supanet.com](mailto:aptonfields@supanet.com) with support from an experienced team who have seen and done it all before! Pamela Mugliston tel. 521697, email [pjinteddybear@btinternet.com](mailto:pjinteddybear@btinternet.com) would like to hear from anyone willing to run the Tombola stall. New volunteers will be very welcome to join us at a meeting of stallholders on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.00pm in St Mary's church, SW.

Please note that **THE TRANSITION PROJECT** will *not* be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. *Graham Cottam*

**JIMMY'S:** Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 2nd September. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, SW, gives you details. Thank you.

**SMMA BURSARY** St Mary's Music Association is offering up to £250 to support the musical training and education of a young musician in St. Mary's parish in full time education. It can be used for music lessons, training courses or sheet music but not for the purchase of a musical instrument or accessories. Preference will be given to applicants who use their skills in music-making at St Mary's, SW. Applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and the bursary will run from September 2018 to August 2019. For further details, conditions and/or application form, please contact the SMMA Chairman, Bron Ferland, Tel: 07928 339310, Email: [music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

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