

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: David Tomlinson	
	10.00am	<b>HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader: David Tomlinson	
	Talk: Rachel Prior	
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: David Tomlinson	
	6.30pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
	President: Angela Want	
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Jeremy Collingwood	
	Preacher: John Saxon	
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader: John Saxon	

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

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 19<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Thursday Praise

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Matthew*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	4.00pm	<b>CELEBRATE @4</b>
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
Little Walden	11.15am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (HARVEST)</b>
Debden	9.30am	<b>MATTINS</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</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

**Harvest Festival**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Collect**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Proverbs 1.20-33**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

**Gospel: Mark 8.27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In September please pray for Chrishall School and the Society of Friends, SW.

Charles Ractliff **thinks everyone** for their prayers over recent weeks

**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:**

Christopher Cook & Kimberley Vincent (SW and Littlebury), Michael Williams & Gillian Turner (Wimbish)

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:**  
Derek Green

## EVENTS

Come and enjoy **TABLE TALK** - 'a game of conversations': a chance to talk in friendly surroundings over a cup of coffee about the things that matter. Hadstock Village Hall (Church Path, Hadstock), **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** 2.30 - 4 pm. All welcome: no need to book. Contact Paula Griffiths 599141 for further information.

**NEXT THURSDAY PRAISE** is on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** in St Mary's parish rooms. The theme is 'thirsting for God' and the Bible reading Psalm 42. Come from 7.45pm onwards for teaching, worship and conversation. Further dates are **18<sup>th</sup> Oct and 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**. If you can help set up and serve coffee from 7.30pm on any of these evenings, do let me know. *David*

**BREAKFAST WITH BIG ISSUES** Three discussions on topical issues in Hadstock Village Hall on **Saturdays 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November**. In the first talk on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, From Saffron Walden to the United Nations, local resident David Barrs will reflect on his work with young people and the United Nations including the UK UN Association. Coffee and pastries at 9am: talks begin at 9.30am followed by discussion and questions. Finish by 10.30am. No charge, but donations invited to meet cost of refreshments with the balance going to a charity of the speaker's choice. All welcome: no booking needed. Contact me for more information. *Paula*

**FAREWELL TO THE TAYLORS!** Peter and Margaret Taylor are planning to move to Hampshire in October to be nearer their family. There will be an opportunity to join them for A Bring and Share Lunch, and to say goodbye, in St Mary's Parish Rooms, next **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at 12.15 for 12.30pm. If you would like to come, please sign up on the board at the back of St Mary's church, SW. *Judith Felgate*

The **DEANERY CLERGY SPOUSES** will meet for coffee on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30 at the Clavering Lakes Cafe. Please ring Lesley Sibson, 520007, if you would like a lift.

Anna and Bobby received a 5\*\*\*\*\* review from Edinburgh Fringe for **WOMAN OF THE YEAR** show! Plus regular full houses with people turned away for some performances! Do come to see the show at St Mary's on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** 7.30pm and support the Building Project. Tickets from Caroline Goulder, the churchwardens or St Mary's parish office.

**RACHEL PRIOR AND JOHN SAXON** are to be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at St Mary's Saffron Walden at 3pm. The parishes of Debden and Wimbish, where John spends most of his time, are buying him a gift to mark the occasion. Contributions to Rachel's gift from SW parish can be handed in to the parish office, cheques payable to 'Saffron Walden PCC.' Thank you. *David*

**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)

**FOREST CHURCH Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, 4pm to 5.30pm. An outdoor, all age service at Noakes Grove Nature Reserve, nr Swards End. See poster at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden.

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**CHARLES COWPER** is to be commissioned as the new Parish Assistant for St Mary's, Saffron Walden.

Do pray for him. *David*

**HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2-5pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. See display of Life under the Normans and parts of the church not normally reached: bell tower, organ loft, Audley tomb, church records, biographies of Extraordinary Women after whom local schools named, refreshments.

*Clifford Want*

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

The **HOME GROUP** that meets at the home of Sue and Graeme Walker is reconvening on the evening of **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October** to study Henri Nouwen's now classic book **The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming**. It is a profound meditation on Jesus' parable and a Rembrandt painting of the same. If you would like to delve deeper into this story then please join us for these six sessions finishing early Dec. For more info and to book your place please speak to Sue Walker (523007) or Andy Colebrooke (732970).

**LIVING QUESTIONS** Want to know more about what it means to 'follow Jesus Christ'? Want to be confirmed? 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*

**FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE**  
David and I completed Le Tour de Stansted last weekend with the Archdeacon. More details are on the display close to the servery at St Mary's SW. Sponsorship money can be given to either of us or dropped into the parish office in an envelope addressed to me and clearly marked with your name and which of us you sponsored. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Thank you. *Steve Hasler*

**COORDINATOR FOR CATERING TEAM** There are quite a number of 'Indians' but no 'Chief!!' Is there someone who would be prepared to fulfil this important role? There is no need to be a cook! For further information contact Pete Taylor 500292 [peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com) Many thanks.

**XL MENTORING Saffron Walden** are looking for new mentors to help support the new Year 10 students. Mentors meet weekly with a young person, to drink tea, play sport, talk homework and share adventures. If you think you might be interested please come along to our next free training course: **Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.15pm, St Mary's Parish Rooms. There's no commitment and we'd love to see you there. Questions? Email [xlmentoringsw@gmail.com](mailto:xlmentoringsw@gmail.com) or phone Sarah on 584617 (evenings)

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