

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 23rd September 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	John Sibson
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE @4
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Officiant:	Rachel Prior	
Sewards End	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
Leader:	Jenny Tomlinson	
Little Walden	11.15am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Leader:	Tracey Nicholls	
Talk:	David Tomlinson	
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
President:	Paula Griffiths	
Preacher:	David Tomlinson	
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (HARVEST)
President:	Richard Spencer	
11.00am	BAPTISM	
Officiant:	Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.30am	MATTINS
Leader:	John Saxon	
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
President:	Jeremy Collingwood	

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

Monday 24th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 25th 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 26th September

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 28th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

12 noon Wedding of Adam Trimnell & Viera Liscakova

Saturday 29th September

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Michael & All Angels*

3.00pm Ordination Service

NEXT SUNDAY 30th September 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	4.00pm	FOREST CHURCH
	Ashdon	9.30am
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Joint service with Debden)

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org to find out more.



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

Welcome to our services today
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
23rd September 2018

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 31.10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and no harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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 **thanks 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.

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

Those who are being baptised today: Archie Ayres (at **St Mary's, SW**) & Joseph Totty (at **All Saints', Ashdon**)

Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on

Friday 28th September: Adam Trimnell & Viera Liscakova

EVENTS

The **DEANERY CLERGY SPOUSES** will meet for coffee on **Tuesday 25th 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 26th September** 7.30pm and support the Building Project. Tickets from Caroline Goulder, the churchwardens or St Mary's parish office.

The next meeting of **ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will be at 8.15pm on **Friday 28th September** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Rachel Joyce's** novel **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**. I have copies: please let me know if you would like one (SW 520291). New members are always welcome. *Robin O'Neill*

RACHEL PRIOR AND JOHN SAXON are to be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday 29th 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 29th 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 or email: swbible.focus@gmail.com

FOREST CHURCH Sunday 30th September, 4pm to 5.30pm -an outdoor, all age service. You can go direct to the Noakes Grove Nature Reserve, nr Swards End or to the Common or St John's, Little Walden, where you can get a lift. See poster at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *David*

The **HOME GROUP** that meets at the home of Sue and Graeme Walker is reconvening on the evening of **Monday 1st 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 2nd October** at 7.45pm is for you. Let me know if you'd like to book a place. *David*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY ANNUAL SERVICE which, this year, is a Youth Service on **Sunday 7th October** @ Holy Trinity, Chrishall, 6.30pm. All welcome - there will be cake!

Our next **MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be at **The Kings Arms**, Market Hill on **Saturday 13th October** when we look forward to hearing our Guest Speaker, Revd John Saxon, one of David's clergy colleagues, giving his talk. Tea and coffee will be served from 08:15 and we will sit down to a full English breakfast at 08:30. **Places are limited to the first 24** who commit by signing up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or by contacting Bill Rose tel. 516609 or email wjr2163@gmail.com

NOTICES

TODAY

HOME MADE JAM will be on sale at the back of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, after the 10 o'clock service, £2 a pot for the Building Project. *Lesley Green*

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 at **12.15 for 12.30pm**.

Judith Felgate

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 **25th November**. Please let Matt or Rachel know if you or someone you know is interested.

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*

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 S/W. 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 Many thanks.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 2019 There is to be a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, over the bank holiday weekend. Please put the date in your diary. We will be needing help with various duties. Why not invite family and friends to Saffron Walden over the weekend. The flower festival could be part of a great visit. *Gill Caswell*

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 27th September, 4th, 11th and 18th October**, 7.15pm, St Mary's Parish Rooms. There's no commitment and we'd love to see you there. Questions? Email xlmentoring@ntlworld.com or 'phone Sarah on 584617 (evenings)

CHURCH LEAFLETS We have now updated Children & Young People and Welcome to St Mary's, Saffron Walden, leaflets. *Dawn Saxon*

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9am on Wednesdays.

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