

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 2nd December 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	John Saxon
Hadstock	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
	6.30pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	ADVENT MUSIC & READINGS
Ashdon	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
	4.00pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 3rd December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 4th December

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 5th December

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 6th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 7th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Funeral of Joe Harris

Saturday 8th December

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 9th December 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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

First Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2018

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Gospel: *Luke 21.25-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In December please pray for the New Life church & Great Chesterford Primary School
Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:
Alex & Archie Hughesdon, Florence Hills
Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Simon Gore & Christine Coughlan
The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Terence Quinn, Blanche Cant & Joe Harris

EVENTS

ADVENT STUDY COURSE 7:30pm, **Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th December** at the Vicarage, Radwinter Road, Ashdon, CB10 2ET. We will continue the course: *Living by the Indwelling Life of Christ*. It is delivered by the American writer, Frank Viola who has a heart to help us all know that Jesus' resurrection is not just about heaven; we can know him living in us here on earth. Our local churches can re-present him to the world, by allowing him to work through us. More info: Richard Spencer, 584171, rd.spencer@virgin.net

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 6th December** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 6th December** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

Our **M5 CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be at the Kings Arms, Market Hill on **Wednesday 5th December** (12:15 for 12:45). All are welcome including friends. Please sign up stating your selection from the menu, as displayed on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW or email Bill Rose at wjr2163@gmail.com, (phone 516609).

THE DEANERY CLERGY SPOUSES will meet for lunch on **Thursday 6th December** at 1pm at Clavering Lakes Lodge. As always, please let me know if you would like a lift, or can offer one. *Lesley Sibson* tel: 520007

FRANKENSTEIN St Mary's Book Group will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 7th December** at 4 Castle Street, to discuss **Mary Shelley's** classic short novel. Please contact me if you would like a copy (520291). New members are always welcome. *Robin O'Neill*

LITTLEBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 8th & 9th December, 11am-4pm. Stalls, refreshments, lunchtime music. Admission £1 in aid of the church. *Janice Rust*

TABLE TALK: GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS Join us in Hadstock Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th December**, 2.30 - 4pm for discussion with friends over a cup of coffee about the things that matter. All welcome. More details from Paula.

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will be enjoying a Christmas social evening together on **Tuesday 11th December** at 7.30pm (please note earlier start time as we will be eating together) at the home of Gill Caswell, 59A Claypit Piece, Saffron Walden. We welcome any women of working age or thereabouts to join this friendly group – please bring a plate of food to share – drinks provided. Further information alisoncinque@hotmail.com

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Kenya presentation evening. It was encouraging to have so many people take an interest in our trip. If you missed it, you are welcome to join John giving a presentation in St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish, 2.30pm **Wednesday 12th December**. *John & Rachel*

UNA-UK Saffron Walden & District Branch **1918-2018 - 100 YEARS ON: STRIVING FOR PEACE LECTURE, Wednesday 12th December**, 7.30pm @ SW County High School, "Conflict or Peace, as seen by the International Committee of the Red Cross" - Charlotte Lindsey, Director of Communications, International Red Cross. Free admission.

CAROL SINGING AT MORTIMER'S GATE (new housing development near Ridgeons). Come and welcome some of the newest residents to Saffron Walden at our carol singing event on **Saturday 15th December 6.30-8.00pm**. Share a mince pie and some songs with our new neighbours and let's make them welcome in our community! *Rachel*

NOTICES

TODAY

MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM are available to offer prayer for yourself or someone you care about. Simply go to the clergy vestry after you have been to the altar for communion or a blessing. *David*

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL All members of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, congregation will be welcome at the card-writing table to send a message of support and solidarity to courageous individuals who campaign for basic rights in the face of intimidation and violence. *David*

PHOTOS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, SW Martin Hugall will be taking some photos of our 10am Holy Communion service, mostly of what happens in the Chancel and Sanctuary, for our website. If you are not happy being in those photos, can you please let Martin know. Thank you. *David*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Wendens Ambo Church, **Saturday 15th December** at 7 for 7.30pm. Karin Fischer-Buder (soprano) and Jeffrey Dyball (harp & organ) will be presenting a Christmas concert with music by Orazio Michi dell'Arpa, Bach, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Humperdinck, Michael Lorenc, Joni Mitchell, Sarah McLachlan and others. The evening will feature several guest singers and instrumentalists, including our organ scholar Elliot Randall. There will be carols for everyone to sing along to. Join us for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies at 7pm; music at 7.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection in aid of St Mary's building fund and WaterAid.

Please note there will be no **IN SPIRIT & TRUTH SERVICE** at Ashdon today. *Richard Spencer*

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR To all the Alices, Aladdins, Peter Pans, Robin Hoods, Captain Hooks, Ugly Sisters, Little Red Riding Hoods, Babes in the Wood, Little Pigs and all the other wonderful characters, to all in Cinders' Kitchen, to our magnificent musicians and singers and bell ringers, to our publicists, printers, setters up and clearers away, to all who came to support and help in every way - **THANK YOU**. The Christmas Fair would have been nothing without you. We raised a marvellous £6,000 plus for Church Funds but more importantly brought hundreds of people into St Mary's and enjoyed ourselves in the process. Well done! *Richard Garvey*

A HUGE THANK YOU TO RICHARD for all his hard work! *David*

PHOTOS OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR can now be seen on St Mary's, Saffron Walden, website. *Martin Hugall*

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE READY TO BE DELIVERED to all homes in Saffron Walden. We need your help. Please pick up the cards today as we hope to deliver them all this week and next weekend. *Dawn Saxon*

St Mary's School are looking for a new **CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNOR** to start at the end of January. If you are interested, and have some suitable experience or expertise, do let me know. Thank you. *David*

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