

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 13th January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 1)
	President: David Tomlinson	
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: David Tomlinson	
Sewards End	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant: David Tomlinson	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Jenny Tomlinson	
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Andy Colebrooke	
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Paula Griffiths	
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Richard Spencer	
	4.00pm	EVENING SERVICE
Debden	Leader: Richard Spencer	
	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	Leader: Home Team	
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Chris Bishop	

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

Monday 14th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 16th January

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 17th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 18th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 19th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

20th January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 2)
	10.00am	UNITED SERVICE + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

See St Mary's church, SW, website at 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

Baptism of Christ
13th January 2019

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: *Isaiah 43. 1-7*

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Gospel: *Luke 3.15-17,21-22*

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle:

In January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church, Saffron Walden County High School and XL Mentoring

Those who are unwell:

Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick & Christine Coughlan

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden:

Andrew Wright & Emiliana Dimova

EVENTS

EVENING PRAYER starts again on **Tuesday 15th January**, followed by mulled wine and light bites at 3 Springhill Road. For further information contact Sue Walker, 01799 523007.

PILGRIM a course for the Christian journey. John will be hosting 'Turning to Christ,' a six week course exploring issues of faith, particularly the promises made at Baptism. Co-authored by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm **16th Jan – 20th Feb @** the Rectory Debden **or** Thursdays 2.30-4.00pm **17th Jan – 21st Feb @** St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish. Suitable for everyone, at whatever stage of Christian Discipleship. Please register interest by contacting Rev John Saxon, Assistant Curate 01799 541619.

UNITED SERVICE on **Sunday, 20th January**, at 10am. We are hosting the Churches Together Annual Service next Sunday. Team JC meet as usual in the parish rooms with chocolate waffles served from 9.45am. Come to worship with our brothers and sisters from across our town. The collection will be shared between Christian Aid and VBS. *David*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY **Sunday 20th January** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019
The **AGAPE MEAL** will be on **Thursday, 24th January** at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in St Mary's Parish Room. We are hosting the meal this year for Churches Together. All are welcome to this simple supper, shared with members of the other churches in the town. Please sign the list on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by next **Sunday, 20th January**, if you would like to come. *Kathryn Fiddock* (tel. 500844)

MEN'S SUPPER Our first Supper of 2019 will be held at The Mogul, High Street, Saffron Walden on **Friday 25th January**, 7:00 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW or contact Bill Rose (tel. 516609 email: wjr2163@gmail.com)

AREA CONFERENCE **Saturday 26th January**, 9.30-3.30pm, at St John's, Colchester. Nick Shepherd, the Programme Director for Setting God's People Free, is giving the keynote address. Also, there are workshops on 'thriving through creativity' and 'thriving through exercise and activity.' Booking forms from the parish office. There is a discount for each group of 5, we take. *David*

NOTICES

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICES

Thanks to the very generous response at the two Christmas Eve services, we have sent many gifts to East Anglia's Children Hospices and £950 was donated to the church, and the same amount was shared between 'Street Pastors' and the Salvation Army. *David*

HOME GROUPS SURVEY At St Mary's, Saffron Walden, we are developing our home group ministry. We are asking everyone to complete a survey about home groups and to leave your responses in the basket at the back of church. Alternatively, you can find an online link to the survey on the church website. *Rachel*

ECO-TEAM We are looking to form an eco-team to explore how we can care better for God's creation at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. If you are interested, please speak to Rachel.

LOST PROPERTY Over Christmas the lost property has built up again. If you are missing coats, hats, gloves etc. please check. The lost property still there by the end of the month will be disposed of. *Denis and Gill*

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY & BRITISH COINS** and notes that are no longer in circulation, please hand to me or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *Margaret Walter*

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

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

CLERGY TEAM

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