

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 6th January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
Hadstock	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
Ashdon	4.00pm	SAID EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Marisa Baltrock
Debden	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
Wimbish	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
Wimbish	Preacher:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S
	Leader:	Home Team

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

Monday 7th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 8th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

Wednesday 9th January

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 10th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 11th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 12th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 13th January 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENING SERVICE
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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

Epiphany

6th January 2019

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Wendy Lightning & James (Jimmy) Barr

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: Amaya Carter

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: Andrew Wright & Emiliana Dimova

EVENTS

MOTHERS' UNION Next meeting is in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 10th January** at 1.30pm for 2pm. Speaker, Rachel Prior, talking about her trip to Kenya. All welcome. *Brenda Sheath*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 11th January** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Peter Doherty's** medieval detective novel '**A Pilgrimage to Murder**'. Please contact me if you would like a copy (520291). *Robin O'Neill*

MEN'S WALK Our first walk of 2019 will be on **Saturday 12th January**, meeting as usual at 10am outside the west door of St Mary's Church. The walk will be approximately 5 miles, 2 hours duration, taking a figure of eight route mainly along farm tracks from Wendens Ambo to Littlebury Green and back. Lunch will follow at The Bell, Wendens Ambo. Come and walk off those Christmas excesses and winter blues. Please contact Anthony Armon-Jones (tel. 51673 or email: toofromanthony@gmail.com) to confirm numbers for lunch. *Bill Rose*

EVENING PRAYER is taking a short break and will restart on **Tuesday 15th January**. *Sue Walker*

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.

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 on **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

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

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*

HADSTOCK QUIZ Test your brains over the Christmas and New Year break with the ever-popular and fun Hadstock Quiz. All proceeds to the Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock. Quiz sheets (£2 each) available from St Mary's Parish Office, from Janice Snell (jimjanhadstock@outlook.com, 01223 892338) or Paula Griffiths (paula.greatford@btinternet.com, tel. 01799 599141), to be returned to Janice by 12th January.

PETE AND MARGARET have finally moved! We want to thank you all for journeying with us over many years and especially for your love and support during these last stressful months. Our new address and other contact details are with the Parish Office.

THE KAROLYI FAMILY send their love to you. Peter, Kati, Kata, Gergely, Zsofi & Emese are moving to Holland in early January. They miss St Mary's and ask us to keep them in our prayers. *David*

COPY for next month's "**PARISH NEWS**" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by Sunday 13th January.

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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