

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 17th March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Hadstock	President:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
	President:	Rachel Prior
Ashdon	3.00pm	SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	Talk:	Bishop Roger
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop
Wimbish	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	MATTINS
	Leader:	John Saxon

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 18th March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*9.30am Holy Communion - *Joseph*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Funeral of Olga Moore

Thursday 21st March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 22nd March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 23rd March

9.00am Morning Prayer

12 noon Wedding Blessing of Geoffrey Etherington & Jadwiga Szmidt

NEXT SUNDAY 24th March 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	BAPTISM
Hadstock	4.00pm	CELEBRATE @ 4
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	MATTINS
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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
Second Sunday of Lent
17th March 2019

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In March please pray for Abbey Lane & Newport URC, incorporating the Methodist Church, Dame Bradbury's School

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Christine Coughlan & Cherry Bryant

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Olga Moore & Ian Barclay

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

Saffron Walden: James Kirk & Joanna Kay, Christopher Clout & Courtney Meichen

Those who are receiving a wedding blessing at St Mary's

SW on 23rd March: Geoffrey Etherington & Jadwiga Szmiedt

EVENTS

EASTER CARD FOLDING We will be holding a working party to fold 7500 cards on **Thursday 21st March** 9.30am – 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. ALL welcome to come and help for as little or as long as you are able. Refreshments and excellent company guaranteed! *Dawn Saxon*

LENT COURSE ON PRAYER Thursday evenings 7.30 - 8.30pm at All Saints, Great Chesterford. **21st March** – Celtic Prayer, **28th March** – Lectio Divina, **4th April** – The Jesus Prayer, **11th April** – Praying the Eucharist Each session will be led by a clergy member of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team. *Elizabeth Marshall*

PETER AND KATI KAROLYI are going to be in St Mary's Saffron Walden at the 10am service on **Sunday 24th March** following their move to Holland. *David*

MEN'S SUPPER Our next supper will be at The Yuva, Debden on **Thursday 28th March**, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring a friend. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or contact Bill Rose - email: wjr2163@gmail.com – tel. 01799 516609 - before 26th March.

FLOWER FESTIVAL Flower Arrangers we need you, please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 3rd April** at 10.30am in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Pam and Jane*

THE DEANERY CLERGY WIVES will meet on **Thursday 4th April** from 2.30pm at 73 Thaxted Rd. Please ring me on 01799 520007 if you would like, or can offer, transport. *Lesley Sibson*

ANNUAL MEETINGS 7TH APRIL Nomination forms are available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and in the daughter churches, to fill one vacancy on Deanery Synod for one year, and six standard vacancies for members of the PCC for three years. The formal requirements for nominees are printed on the forms, but if you wish to find out more, please talk to myself, David, the churchwardens or any of the existing members. Kindly return completed nomination forms to me in person or via St Mary's parish office by **24th March**. *Lisa Brook*

RURAL CHURCH BUILDINGS CONFERENCE on **Thursday 2nd May** from 10am to 5pm at Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House. See poster at the back of St Mary's, SW and for further information, contact gdowling@chelmsford.anglican.org

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*

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

NOTICES

TODAY

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

BISHOP ROGER will be preaching at 3pm this afternoon at St Botolph's Hadstock at a Service of Thanksgiving for the work carried out to the church in 2017-2018. All welcome.

Paula

JENNY TOMLINSON'S installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12th May** at 3.30pm. A coach will depart from Swan Meadow Car Park at 11.45am, returning back to Saffron Walden by approx. 8.40pm. Coach tickets, £15, and more information are available from Dawn in the Parish Office.

DAVID IS ON SABBATICAL from May to July, and his first Sunday back is 4th August. Do hold Jenny (and David) in your prayers.

DAVID'S BOOK Thank you to those who came to the Book Launch on Tuesday. I am happy to sell and sign my book after church **today** and, over coffee, on **Saturday 23rd March** from 9.45 to 11.15am at 29 Saxon Way. Thank you. *David*

TEAM JC To keep it going, two/three extra volunteers are needed. If you can offer a Sunday every half-term or more, then do speak to Matt. Thank you. *David*

The Team is planning another **WEEKEND AWAY** in summer 2020; please send testimonies from the 2018 weekend to rd.spencer@virgin.net. *Richard Spencer*

DRIVERS NEEDED The group who give older members of our congregation lifts to the 10am Service urgently need more help. 2 drivers are allocated per Sunday and as we have a growing number of requests for help; we are in need of new drivers. No previous experience necessary. Please contact *Carolyn Mann* 500311 or carolyn1062@gmail.com

TWAM (Tools With A Mission) are a Christian charity who repurpose all sorts of tools, machinery, fabrics etc. for ongoing use mainly in Africa. They are used to enable local people to set up small businesses and become self-supporting of their families. A list of what is needed is in St Mary's Parish Office. I am happy to collect and store prior to transportation to the main charity warehouse. Please let me know if you might be able to help. *Sue Birchall* 521297 sbirchall29@gmail.com

EDITOR OF ST MARY'S PARISH NEWS Thank you to John Sibson for his work and commitment in this role. As he is stepping down, we are looking for an enthusiastic person who has experience of using the IT Publisher programme to take on this role. The new co-ordinator will work with the Communications Committee to review the content, format and style of the magazine. If you are interested, please contact Rufus Barnes, Chairman of the Communications Committee on SW 523776 or email loavesandfishes@ymail.com *David*

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

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