

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (Passion Reading)</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
Sewards End	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Charles Cowper
	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
Little Walden	Leader:	Jenny Tomlinson
	11.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Hadstock	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
	11.00am	<b>IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH</b>
	Leader:	Richard Spencer
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
Debden -Meet at shop (Joint Service with Wimbish)	Officiant:	Richard Spencer
	9.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + PROCESSION TO DEBDEN CHURCH SERVICE</b>
	10.00am	
	President:	John Saxon

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

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
8.00pm	Bible Study + Compline	St Mary's
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Hadstock
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	North Chapel
8.00pm	Bible Study + Compline	St Mary's
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
8.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
8.00pm	Bible Study + Compline	St Mary's
<b>Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
7.00pm	Holy Communion	Ashdon
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Hadstock
8.00pm	Agape Supper	Wimbish
8.00pm	Choral Eucharist with footwashing	St Mary's
9.00pm	- Midnight Vigil	St Mary's
<b>Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
10.00am	Procession of Witness	Debden
10.30am	Procession of Witness	Meet @ URC car park
12 noon - 3.00pm	At the Cross	St Mary's
12 noon - 1.00pm	At the Cross	Sewards End, & Ashdon
2.00pm - 3.00pm	At the Cross	Hadstock & Wimbish
7.30pm	Devotional Offering	St Mary's
<b>Easter Eve Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
6.30pm	Easter Worship	Ashdon
7.00pm	Lighting the Easter Fire incl. Admission of children to HC & renewal of Baptismal vows This is followed by a light Supper in the Parish Rooms	St Mary's

NEXT SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Saffron Walden	6.00am	<b>SUNRISE HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Sewards End	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Little Walden:	11.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Ashdon	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

# The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

**Palm Sunday****14<sup>th</sup> April 2019****Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: *Philippians 2.5-11***

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Dramatic Gospel Reading:**

See separate booklet.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.



See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In April please pray for St Mary's Church of England & St Marys C of E Primary School

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

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Brian Newman (Memorial Service at St Mary's, SW, on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 2.30pm)

**Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden:** Daniel De'ath & Sarah Aslaksen, Adam Barrett & Victoria Coffey, Jack Wells & Lauren Wilson, Stephen Ewell & Polly Goddard, Kevin Smith & Lauren Cox

**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:** Matilda Ann Game

## EVENTS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April** We will be keeping the Vigil in St Mary's SW from 9pm to midnight. To ensure the whole time is covered, please sign up on the sheet at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. **FOOT WASHING** David needs 12 volunteers for the 8pm service. Kindly sign up @ back of church. *Denis*

At 7.30pm on Good Friday (**19<sup>th</sup> April**) the choir's annual **DEVOTIONAL OFFERING** will be Bob Chilcott's St John Passion. All welcome to hear our first performance of this relatively new work. It includes new hymns which are being introduced during morning services in Lent - we hope the congregation will be able to join in with these at the appropriate places. *Bron Ferland*

St Mary's church, SW, invite children aged 5-9, to **EASTER FUN** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 10-12 in the Parish Rooms. An exciting time of singing, crafting, Easter egg hunt and learning about the Easter story. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential and numbers are limited. To apply email [matt.williamson20@me.com](mailto:matt.williamson20@me.com) for a booking form.

There will be the usual **EASTER EVE LIGHT SUPPER** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** after the admission to Holy Communion and renewal of Baptismal vows. This will take place in St Mary's Parish Rooms immediately after the service, and all are welcome to attend. *Sue Birchall*

Please note that **COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** will not be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. *Marisa Balrock*

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Julian Barnes's novel **The Noise of Time**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Our next Breakfast will be at The Kings Arms, Market Hill on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** when our Guest Speaker will be Revd David Sheppard who will present his talk intriguingly entitled 'So, were you serious?' Coffee and tea are available from 8:15 and we sit down to a full English breakfast at 8:30. All are welcome but numbers are limited, so please commit early to avoid disappointment. Sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW or contact Bill Rose (Email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) Tel: 516609)

**RURAL CHURCH BUILDINGS CONFERENCE** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:gdowling@chelmsford.anglican.org)

**DEBDEN CHURCH PLANT & BOOK SALE** **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, 2-4pm. Live music from Bishop's Stortford Wind Band; Children's Art & Craft activities; Tea and Cakes. Everyone is warmly welcome. *Hilary Davey*

There will be a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** in the parish of the Icknield Way Villages on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Rev Dr Anand Sodadasi will be holding several sessions for those who would like to be confirmed prior to the service. If you are interested, please contact Anand, [anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk), so that you can discuss this with him.

**LEGO NEEDED** for Thy Kingdom Come prayer spaces. If you have any unwanted Lego please let Matt know.

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**CYCLONE IDAI** has left a trail of devastation in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, resulting in hundreds of deaths and 2.6 million lives being disrupted. In line with the PCC's commitment to DEC appeals, there'll be a retiring collection. If you can gift aid your donation, you are asked to use the blue envelopes in the pews. Cheques should be made payable to the Saffron Walden PCC. Thank you. *David*

**JENNY TOMLINSON'S** installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be thanking Jenny after she preaches at Choral Evensong on Easter Sunday, when we will share drinks and nibbles and present her with a Farewell Gift. Contributions to the gift should be placed in an envelope marked "For Jenny's gift" and handed into the Parish Office or to one of the Churchwardens (Cheques payable to Saffron Walden PCC). Please sign her card at the back of St Mary's SW. Thank you. *Denis & Gill*

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

**DAVID'S BOOK** As a few of you have asked: 'Leading a church to maturity in love' can be bought from the local book shop, Harts. *David*

**EASTER LILIES** Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones please give donations to Welcomers, Wardens, or St Mary's Parish Office. Easter Flowers usually cost at least £300. Cheques should be made payable to 'St. Mary's Church Fund Trust'. Thank you. *Pam Russell*

I am delighted to announce that we have received a **HIGHLY COMMENDED DESIGN AWARD** for the re-ordering work at the west end of St Mary's SW in the Diocesan Advisory Committee's 2018/19 competition. Congratulations to KPTA (architects), Bakers of Danbury (contractors) and to Graham Cottam and Steve Hasler who put in so much time and effort in leading and managing the project. Our submission document is available to view at the back of church. *Denis*

**ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS & PCC APPOINTMENTS 2019** At the Meeting of Parishioners on 7<sup>th</sup> April, Gill Caswell and Denis Tindley were elected as churchwardens and Pamela Jenner and Bill Rose as assistant churchwardens. At the following Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Martin Hugall, Noel Starr, Jan Siewertsen and Paddy Carver were elected for a three-year term as lay members of the PCC. There remain two vacancies on the PCC and a casual vacancy for one year on Deanery Synod. At the PCC meeting the following appointments and elections were made: vice chairman - Denis Tindley; PCC secretary - Lisa Brook; treasurer - David Birchall; and electoral roll officer - Clifford Want. *Lisa Brook*

## CLERGY TEAM

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