

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Hadstock	4.00pm	EVENSONG
	President:	David Tomlinson
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

No Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion - *Andrew*NEXT SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	12 noon	BAPTISMS
Hadstock	6.30pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
	6.30pm	ADVENT MUSIC & READINGS
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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

**Christ the King**  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading: Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In November please pray for All Saints, Ashdon, Wimbish & Debden Schools

**Those who are unwell:** Ken Ryles

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:**

**Ella Martin**

**Chris Ferland** died suddenly on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, after being admitted to hospital with pneumonia. Do pray for Bron, Mark, his daughter, Josefine, and her mother, Elke.

*David*

## EVENTS

**HADSTOCK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, 6pm-9pm in Hadstock Village Hall. On behalf of the Friends of St Botolph's, raising money for the Church Building Fund. Arts, Ceramics, Crafts, Jewellery, Candles, Gifts, Festive Foods, Raffle. £2 entry includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Join us for this enjoyable evening. *Paula*

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** This year's Fair will take place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the theme of "Follow that Star". Volunteers needed to help before, after and during the Fair. Please sign up on St Mary's, SW, noticeboard, by the vestry, if you are able to help in any way. Several stalls require donations, bric-a-brac, jewellery, accessories, tombola, jigsaws etc. Your help is invaluable. **NB:** All donations to the relevant stallholder (see the noticeboard) or please deliver to St Mary's church on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 6pm, due to lack of access on the morning of the Fair. Many thanks. *Pamela Mugliston*

**TICKETS FOR THE GRAND DRAW** at the Christmas Fair are available at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Simon Potter*

All Saints Church Wimbish, **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** 12.00-3.00pm in Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches, refreshments, stalls including raffle, cakes, tombola and produce. Everyone is very warmly welcome. *Fran Johnson*

**AMNESTY CHRISTMAS CARDS** Next week at St Mary's church, SW, there will be an opportunity to sign cards to be sent to people around the world who are being persecuted. We will use the table by the pulpit. You can sign before or after the 10.00 service. *Gill Caswell*

**CHRISTMAS CARD WORKING PARTY Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 9.30am-11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The cards will already be folded and have to be counted into bundles for delivery. Please sign up at the back of St Mary's church, SW, if you would like to help. Many thanks. *Dawn Saxon*

**M5 CHRISTMAS LUNCH** For our next lunchtime meeting on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, 12:15 for 12:45, The Kings Arms will be offering a Christmas Menu in addition to the usual bar menu. All are welcome, but if you wish to make a choice from the Christmas Menu it must be ordered in advance. Please look at the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, for details and sign-up with your menu selection by 27<sup>th</sup> November. Email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) or tel. 01799 516609) for order collation. Please note that the table accommodation limits us to 25. *Bill Rose*

**PRAYER EVENING Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 7.30-8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The prayer team are organising prayer times during the interregnum, with an emphasis on praying for the appointment of a new Rector. As the Bishop will be meeting the Church Wardens and PCC on 4<sup>th</sup> December we thought it would be a good idea to begin after that date. We hope this will be the first of many, so do come and join us in prayer. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

Saffron Walden Churches Together are once more arranging a **HUSTINGS FOR THE ELECTION CANDIDATES**. It will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church. Doors open at 7pm. Questions can be submitted at the door until 7.20 or by email in advance to [waldenhustings@gmail.com](mailto:waldenhustings@gmail.com) *Edward Gildea*

**HELP IS NEEDED** in assembling the Christingle at 9am on **6<sup>th</sup> December** in the downstairs Parish Room. Contact Sheilah Girgis-Hanna 07985 560338 or 522864. Tea and biscuits provided. Thank you. *Jenny Hallinan*

## NOTICES

### TODAY

**STORT VALLEY PRAY FOR SCHOOLS EVENT**, Parish Rooms, St Mary's Church, SW. Refreshments available at **6.30pm for a 7pm start**. Please join us as we learn about and pray for the vital work going on in our local schools.

*Nicola Williamson*

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Thomas Hardy's novel Jude the Obscure**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

**NEW ADDRESS** A number of people have asked where Jenny and I are going to be living. Our new address is 23, Carisbrooke Road, Birmingham B17 8NN. *David*

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to everyone who generously filled 71 Operation Christmas Child **SHOEBOXES**. These gifts will be sent to very excited children in Liberia, Belarus and Albania. **Please** continue to **pray** for the children who will receive them. A thank you too, for those who contributed towards the much needed freight costs. *Mike/Judith Felgate*

**ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE - LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WEEKDAY MORNINGS.** We would like to invite a few more people to join our dedicated Parish Office Team. The office is open weekday mornings 9.30am – 12 noon. Have you a couple of mornings each month to spare? You need to be able to work independently as well as part of a team. If this could be you, or to enquire further, please speak to *Dawn Saxon*.

The **WEST ROAD HOME GROUP** currently has room for new members. It meets on Tuesday evenings during term time and uses the readings from the previous Sunday as the basis for reflection, exploration and discussion. If you are interested please speak to Alan and Caroline Currer. For more information see the home group page of St Mary's church website. *Rachel*

**RICHARD PEET IS STEPPING DOWN AS THE SIDESMAN CO-ORDINATOR** on 31<sup>st</sup> December after five years and hopes that a volunteer will step forward before this date in order to facilitate a handover. The position is mainly administrative and only requires a pc, Excel spreadsheet, 'phone and a couple of hours. If you are interested please contact Richard at [richardpeet@btinternet.com](mailto:richardpeet@btinternet.com)

**JIMMY'S** Please consider Jimmy's this Christmas. We are hoping to use any money donated to purchase sleeping bags and blankets as there is a need this winter. Please see the notice board at the rear of St Mary's church, SW, for more information. *Timothy Game*

Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 1st December. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

Caring for a child with complex needs or a serious illness can be physically and emotionally draining. It also takes a lot of time, which for families at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) is often more precious than anything. That is why the charity is **APPEALING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES** in their homes as part of the EACH Help at Home service. For further information please contact Charlotte Redmond, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 07889 251385 or by emailing [charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk)

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