

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 19th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Rachel Prior 10.30am	E2 NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S - UNITED SERVICE @ THE URC
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Paula Griffiths	
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: John Saxon	
Wimbish	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader: John Saxon	

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

Monday 20th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

10.15am St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd January

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd January

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Anthony (Tony) Auger

Friday 24th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 25th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Conv. of Paul*NEXT SUNDAY 26th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
		E3
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am 6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE
Sewards End	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	MATINS
Wimbish	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 Epiphany
Week of Christian Unity
19th January 2020

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Gospel: John 1.29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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: **Anne Rose**

The family and friends of those who have died recently: **Virginia Chapman, Karen Boreham, Anthony (known as Tony) Auger, Ken Ryles, Margaret Lee, Norma Everitt**

EVENTS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

AGAPE MEAL Friday 24th January, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Hosted by the Quakers at the Friends Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden. Please sign the notice at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by **today**, if you would like to come. All welcome. Apologies that the date given in the Parish News is incorrect. The date was changed after printing. *Kathryn Fiddock*

THE COMMANDMENTS - a course for the Christian Journey. This Pilgrim course approaches familiar issues of faith in a pattern of contemplation and discussion, refreshing our knowledge and understanding. You are welcome to join others exploring what Christians believe through this six week course. Wednesdays 8.00 to 9.30pm, at the Rectory, Mill Rd, Debden **29 Jan, 5 & 19 Feb, 4, 11 & 18 March**. Thursdays 2.30 to 4.00pm, at St Pauls Mission Hall, Wimbish **30 Jan, 6, 20 & 27 Feb, 19 & 26 March**. All welcome whatever your experience of faith. Enquiries and to order course booklet contact Revd John Saxon 541619 debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 7th February** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Tara Westover's** remarkable memoir **Educated**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY EVANGELISM FOCUS MEETING with Bishop Stephen Cottrell. A meeting for all who attend churches in the Saffron Walden Deanery. 'Celebrate – Learn – Be Encouraged', **Saturday 8th February**, 9.30am – 12 noon at Great Chishill Village Hall, Hall Lane, SG8 8SH. No need to book – all welcome! *Gary Townsend*

"SHARING THE GOSPEL HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE" CMS Southern Conference 28th February - 1st March Come and hear more about the inspiring work of CMS at High Leigh. Those of us that go always return inspired and challenged. For more information contact Sue Walker 017995 23007.

KEN RYLES Following a private family cremation, there will be a Thanksgiving Service for Ken on **Friday 13th March** at St Andrew's Church, Plymouth.

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM The choir will be singing evensong at Birmingham Cathedral on **Saturday 20th June**. There will be a coach from Saffron Walden so if you'd like the opportunity to see David and Jenny again and hear the choir sing in this beautiful cathedral, do save the date. No need to book yet but keep an eye on the grapevine after Easter. *Caroline Goulder*

PARISH NEWS DEADLINE Please note that the deadline for copy is now the first Sunday of each month. This is to ensure sufficient time for editing, printing, and delivery from Chelmsford. Therefore the deadline for the March edition is **2nd February**. *Andy Colebrooke*

NOTICES

TODAY

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

LOST PROPERTY The lost property will be in the back pew by the clergy vestry in St Mary's church, SW, until the end of January. Please check if you have lost something in the last six months. Any left will be disposed of in February. *Gill and Denis*

NEW YEAR AT ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN 2020 is going to be an exciting and challenging year. As a church we will all have a part to play in continuing the good here and furthering our mission, both within and outside. There are so many things that need to happen for the smooth running of the church. Some examples are coffee, dusting, brunch, summer welcoming and tea towel washing rotas - these are just a few. If you would like to help, please speak with the wardens initially. *Denis and Gill*

SAFFRON WALDEN LIBRARY COAT DONATION The library has a rack where people can donate warm coats that need a new home. All coats should be clean and in one piece. Anyone can visit at any time to take one (no need to ask staff). They are located at the back of the main room of the library and clearly sign posted.

The **ECO CHURCH PAGES** are now active on the St Mary's website. Just click on the 'Other' tab on the home page and scroll down to Eco Church or go direct to www.stmaryssafronwalden.org/ecochurch. There are pages on 'Where are we now?' 'What can I do?' and 'What's going on?' We are also looking for environmental champions in all aspects of church life; maybe the fires in Australia have particularly moved you. If so, please contact Edward@edwardgildea.co.uk

THANK YOU to all of you who took part in writing the 'Amnesty Christmas Cards' at St Mary's, SW, at the beginning of December after the morning service. 48 cards were sent. *Diana Hoy*

THE MADDAMS, Roy, Ian, Hugh, Andrew and Jenny would like to say thank you to all those who sent cards, letters and messages while Lillian was in hospital. Your kind thoughts helped us through some pretty scary moments. We now have Lillian back home and she is making a slow but good progress towards her normal self.

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.

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