

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 26th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sewards End	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
	Leader:	Chris Bishop
	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	President:	Michael Lovegrove
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	MATTINS
Debden	Leader:	John Saxon
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday)

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday 28th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

No Tines

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day)8.00am Holy Communion *at St Paul's, Wimbish*

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mothers' Union SW Deanery Festival Service

7.30pm Choral Eucharist

7.30pm Holy Communion *at Hadstock*Friday 31st May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 1st June

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Room

11.00am Mayor-making Service

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd June 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Hadstock	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter
26th May 2019

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

First Reading: Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel: John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In May please pray for Swards End & Little Walden CofE, Radwinter Primary School
Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick
Christine Coughlan, Ella Martin
The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Winifred Head, Isobel Bernstein, Deborah Crawte

EVENTS

SUMMER WELCOMING for visitors to St Mary's Church, SW will begin on 2nd June. All past welcomers and new volunteers are invited to a short meeting to find out more over a coffee in the downstairs room in the Parish Rooms on **Wednesday 29th May** at 11am. *Rita Ryan* rita.ryan2@btinternet.com
The **SMMA LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES 2019** begins on **Wednesday 29th May**, when we will be delighted to welcome back local pianist Jeff Thomson, this time in partnership with Richard Allaway from Stansted Mountfitchet. They will be playing pieces by Brahms and Finzi. Refreshments will be available from 12.30pm with the concert starting at 1.10pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection to support music at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. *Bron Ferland*
PILGRIM – THE LORD'S PRAYER Themed on one of the greatest Christian treasures, The Lord's Prayer, this six week course explores prayer and reveals more about what God is like through a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow Pilgrim travellers. Wednesdays 8.00 to 9.30pm, at the Rectory, Mill Rd, Debden CB11 3LB, **29 May, 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July**. Thursdays 2.30 to 4.00pm, at St Pauls Mission Hall, Wimbish, CB10 2XE, **30 May, 13 & 27 June**. Enquiries and register of interest to Rev John Saxon, 541619, debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com
ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 31st May** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's novel **Unsheltered**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

Hadstock's next **CAFÉ CHURCH** takes place at Hadstock Village Hall, **Sunday 2nd June** at 9.30am. We'll be thinking about **The Needs of the World** - where do we see God at work? All welcome. *Paula*

THY KINGDOM COME In response to the Archbishop's call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, St Mary's, SW, will be setting up All Age Prayer Stations from **Sunday 2nd June** for anyone to come at any time to pray. We have had a great response from schools and The Prospects Group. A timetable at the back of church sets out timings - please take note if you want to attend for quiet prayer. Do support this national movement - the nation needs your prayers! *Sue Walker*
FRIENDS VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL 6th June There are 2 seats available on the coach and for the tour. For further details and to book please contact Pamela Mugliston pjmteddybear@btinternet.com or 01799 521697.

COFFEE MORNING at the Friends Meeting House on **Saturday 8th June** from 10.30am-12.30pm in aid of World Day of Prayer. There will be coffee, cakes and gift stall. You will be very warmly welcomed. *Ruby Parsons*

FLOWER FESTIVAL 'FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS', 8th & 9th June from 12 noon at All Saints Church, Wimbish, CB10 2XG. Lunches, teas, stalls and entertainment. Further details www.wimbishchurch.org.uk. *Fran Johnson*

COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES taster evening on **Tuesday 11th June** at 7.30pm at St Mark's College (**please note change of time**). For a current student's opinion of the course contact Sam: samuelprior@hotmail.com. To register an interest contact: andy.colebrooke@gmail.com (01799 732970).

Our next **MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be on **Saturday 15th June** at The Kings Arms, Market Hill, Saffron Walden, when our guest speaker will be Revd Alex Jeewan, Team Vicar for the Cam Valley parishes, based at Great Chesterford. The title of his talk is "Nick Drake - A Lost Son Comes Home". Coffee/ tea from 8:15 with a full English breakfast at 8:30. All welcome but numbers are limited; please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church, SW, asap, or contact Bill Rose (email: wjr2163@gmail.com, tel. 01799 516609).

NOTICES

TODAY

TEAM SERVICE 4pm at Holy Trinity, Littlebury. A relaxed and informal Rogation Sunday service with activities for all ages and refreshments. Rogation is when we seek God's blessing on the emerging growth of our crops in the fields. It is also an opportunity to come together as team churches to give thanks for our community, the beautiful countryside and to think about our own responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Speaker is the Revd Janet Nicholls, Agricultural Chaplain and Rural Adviser to the Diocese of Chelmsford.

MORE IN COMMON on the Common will be taking place on **Saturday 22nd June** from 12pm - 4pm. Bring a picnic and come and join the community for an afternoon of music, dance, and craft activities as we celebrate that we have more in common than that which divides us. *Rachel*

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAULA whose licence at Hadstock has been extended by Bishop Stephen to June 2021. This is wonderful news for Hadstock and for the Saffron Walden team. *Denis/Gill*

DAVID SHEPPARD WILL BE ORDAINED PRIEST in St Alban's Cathedral at 4pm on **Saturday 29th June**. He will then be presiding at the 10am Eucharist at St Mary's, Ware, the following morning when our Rector will be preaching. Friends from St Mary's SW will be most welcome to either or both services, but please let me know by 31st May if you plan to attend the ordination as we have been asked to give an indication of numbers. There will be a congratulatory card to sign at the back of church. *Denis (524436)*

Please take one of the invitations that are available near the welcome desk at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, for our **GOSPEL SUNDAY 30th June** at 10am. Please pray about who you might invite.

FLOWER FESTIVAL IN AUGUST Please sign up on St Mary's noticeboard if you are free to help with stewarding duties. Many thanks. *Pamela Mugliston*

To enable St Mary's, Saffron Walden, to continue to offer **BRUNCH** at our monthly Family Service we desperately need **MORE VOLUNTEERS**. If you can give up a few hours of your time then please get in touch with Carolyn London, email: carolynlondon@live.co.uk

WEEKEND AWAY 12th - 14th June 2020, Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk. Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love: Come and See' and our speaker is Bishop Roger Morris. Enjoy a weekend of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. There is comfortable accommodation (including many en-suite rooms) and delicious fully catered meals from Friday dinner to Sunday afternoon tea. There will be a creche and activities for under 11s and 11-17 year olds. Cost £140-£170 per person full board, day rates available, under 18s FREE. Pick up a booking form or go St Mary's website for more details. £25pp deposit required by 30th June. Don't miss out! *Sarah Nicholas*

"**PARISH NEWS**" is published this weekend and is available on St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, Book Stall.

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday 2nd June. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

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