

**PARISH DIARY**

**TODAY 17th September 2017**

<b>Saffron Walden 1662</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: 10.00am	David Tomlinson <b>HARVEST FAMILY</b>
<b>SERVICE</b>	Leader: 11.45am	David Tomlinson Tracey Nicholls <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: 6.30pm	David Tomlinson <b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness</b>
<i>&amp; healing</i>		
<b>Hadstock</b>	President: 9.30am	Angela Want <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Chris Bishop
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	Home Team

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

**Monday 18th September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 19th September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

**Wednesday 20th September**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 21st September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Matthew*

**Friday 22nd September**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 23rd September**

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Wedding of Matthew Hindmarsh & Georgia Sammons *at Ashdon*

**NEXT SUNDAY 24th September**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	12 noon	<b>BAPTISMS</b>
	1.00pm	<b>BAPTISMS</b>
	4.00pm	<b>CELEBRATE@4</b>
	6.30pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.30am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (HARVEST)</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>MATTINS</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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**Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# The Grapevine

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON**

**Welcome to our services today  
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
17th September 2017**

**Collect for the Day**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Albert Smith, Helen Start & Herbert Marks

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In September please pray for the Society of Friends, Saffron Walden

**Those who are unwell:** Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Irene Stapleton

**Those whose wedding banns are being called at Saffron**

**Walden:** Melchizedek Riondino & Clare Fisher, Simon Goddard & Carla Cox, Adam Penney & Michelle Madden

**Those who are getting married at Ashdon on**

**23rd September:** Matthew Hindmarsh & Georgia Sammons

## TEAM

**Saturday 23rd September SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE**

**FOCUS,** Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. Talk 1 - 3.00-

4.30pm, Talk 2 - 6.00-7.30pm, Speaker: Jonathan Lamb,

"God's Power in a Hostile World". Book your free place at

[swbible.focus@gmail.com](mailto:swbible.focus@gmail.com) and pick up a brochure from St

Mary's parish office. *David*

**XL MENTORING** Saffron Walden are looking for new mentors

to help support the new Year 10 students. Mentors meet

weekly with a young person, to drink tea, play sport, talk

homework and share adventures. Interested? Please come

along to our next free training course: **Thursdays 28<sup>th</sup>**

**September, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October,** 7.15pm, St Mary's

Parish Rooms. There's no commitment and we'd love to see

you there. Questions? Email [xlmentoringsw@gmail.com](mailto:xlmentoringsw@gmail.com) or

'phone Sarah 584617 (evenings).

**RACHEL AND JOHN'S ORDINATION AT CHELMSFORD**

**CATHEDRAL on 30<sup>th</sup> September** A coach has been booked

to take people from Saffron Walden, Debden and Wimbish to

support Rachel and John as they take the next step in their

Christian ministry and are ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral.

The coach will leave the bus stop adjacent to the Common car

park at 12 noon. The cost will be between £9 and £12.50 per

head, depending on the number of people who come along

and will be collected on the coach. Please sign up at the back

of St Mary's Church. *Rufus Barnes*

**"REFORMATIONS: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY IT IS**

**IMPORTANT"** **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** 2pm, Water Lane

United Reformed Church, Bishops Stortford. A Talk by Revd Dr

David Cornick, General Secretary, Churches Together in

England. Time for questions will follow. Tea/Coffee served

afterwards. *Revd Roy Fowler*

**LIVING QUESTIONS** Want to know more? Want a place to

ask your questions? Six Tuesday evenings exploring the

Christian faith at the Rectory, starting on **17<sup>th</sup> October.**

Interested? Speak to David

**COLCHESTER AREA CROSSROADS (VOCATIONS) DAY -**

**"THE PATH" Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** 10am-4pm (coffee

from 9.30am & free lunch provided), Holy Cross Church,

Felsted. For people at every stage of exploring vocation to all

sorts of ministry, lay and ordained with time to think and pray

about your own direction in life, and an opportunity to talk with

other people on similar journeys. For more information visit

<http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/thepath> *Margaret Davis*

**NOT BEEN CONFIRMED?** Like to be? There is a confirmation

service at Wendens Ambo Parish Church on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**November** at 7.30pm. Interested? Speak to David

## CLERGY TEAM

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### CURATES

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## ASHDON

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'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" ([Luke 11:4](#))

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. ([Matthew 6:12-15](#))

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and \*said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained." ([John 20:21-23](#))

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ([Romans 12:17-20](#))

### Dates for the Autumn Term

The **wedding** of Matthew Hindmarsh and Georgia Sammons will be in church at 1pm next Saturday (23rd September).

PCC: 27th September at 8pm

Our **Harvest Festival** will be 9:30am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Festival. This will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch (12 noon) in the Parish Rooms. Everyone is very welcome. Please bring along a reading you would like to share for our after-lunch entertainment.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October the two churches in Ashdon will meet together for a **joint morning service**. We hope this will be the first on many, this one will be at 10:30am at Ashdon Baptist Church. There will be no 9:30am service that day at All Saints'.