

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My Comforter, my All in All,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones he came to save;
 Till on the Cross as Jesus dies
 The wrath of God was satisfied -
 For every sin on Him was laid;
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine -
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear of death,
 This is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I stand!

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grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

Welcome to our services today

Harvest Festival

24th September 2017

Collect for the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Exodus 23:10-19

Then God spoke all these words: "For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed. Be attentive to all that I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips. Three times in the year you shall hold a festival for me. You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread; as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. No one shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour. Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the fat of my festival remain until the morning. The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God."

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-34

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

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 who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:

Lila Broadwood, Florence Smith, Summer & Skye Galloway

TEAM

XL MENTORING Saffron Walden are looking for new mentors to help support the new Year 10 students. Mentors meet weekly with a young person. Interested? Please come along to our next free training course: **Thursdays 28th September, 5th, 12th and 19th October**, 7.15pm, St Mary's Parish Rooms. There's no commitment and we'd love to see you. Questions? Email xlmentoringsw@gmail.com or 'phone Sarah 584617 (evenings).

RACHEL AND JOHN'S ORDINATION AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL on 30th 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*

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP, TEACHING AND PRAYER on Thursday 5th October in St Mary's parish rooms. Coffee will be served from 7.45pm, we'll start at 8pm and finish by 9.15pm. Do come and give this new initiative a try. If you want to know more before the event, do ask. *David*.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY is holding a fund raising coffee morning on **Saturday 7th October** from 10.00-12.00 in the Abbey Lane Church Hall. Please support the Bible Society who supply Bibles worldwide. *Ruby Parsons*

On **Saturday 7th October** at St Mary's church 7.30pm we are delighted to welcome Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral, whose **ORGAN RECITAL** will include works by Karg-Elert, Parry, Widor, J.S.Bach, Elgar and Vienne. No charge for admission, retiring collection to support music at St Mary's. *Bron Ferland*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY SERVICE on Sunday 15th October at 6.30pm at Henham parish church. I encourage you to come along. *David*

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 **17th October** at 7.45pm. Interested? Speak to David

CHRISTIAN AID STREET COLLECTION Sat 14th October 9am-4pm. Please spare some time to help with the street collection in the town centre suggested time slots 30-60 mins Contact Louise Scutt-Richter for more details 07434 914027 or lscuttrichter@gmail.com. Please respond by Sat 30th Sept.

CLERGY TEAM

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In Christ Alone

Today is our **Harvest 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.

PCC: This Wednesday (27th September) at 8pm—items for the agenda to Richard please.



We have been meeting after most morning services to pray for our community according to the pattern of Local Houses of Prayer from the retreat house in South Wales, Ffald-y-Brenin. Richard will lead an evening on Thursday 5th October at 7:30pm when we will refresh our understanding of this unique approach to prayer.

Local Houses of Prayer

Simple meeting plan (Ideally every week)

Our purpose – to see the kingdom of God come in power, in our local area or workplace.

- **Worship** time – songs/poems/psalm
- **Testimony** time – sharing what God has done in your area and with the 5s
- **Pray** for your area
- Use the Lord's Prayer as a basis for prayer
- Speak blessings
- Identify with and intercede for your area
- **Bless** 5s collectively, not individually (praying over lists on table)
- **Caleb** questions:
 - a. Who, or what, can you affirm and bless?
 - b. To whom can you show mercy?
 - c. With whom can you share the Gospel?
 - d. What opportunity is God opening up for you as a group to declare the good news of the Kingdom in your area?
 - e. Who should you invite to come and join with you?