

PARISH DIARY**TODAY****1st October 2017**

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Lynn Treneary
	12 noon	BAPTISMS
	Officiant:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	Leader:	Matt Williamson
	Talk:	Amy Dunn
Hadstock	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Chris Bishop
	Preacher:	John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	Leader:	John Saxon

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 2nd October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 3rd October

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

2.45pm Funeral of Jocelyn Howle *at Swards End***Wednesday 4th October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 5th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

Friday 6th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 7th October

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY**8th October 2017**

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Swards End	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Debden	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

COPY for next month's "PARISH NEWS" should be in St Mary's Parish Office by 8th October. "PARISH NEWS" is published this weekend and is available on St Mary's Church Book Stall.

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The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN, WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK.

Welcome to our services today
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
1st October 2017

Collect for the Day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: *Philippians 2.1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel: *Matthew 21.23-32*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Jocelyn Howle

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In October please pray for Ashdon Baptist Church and Wimbish School

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

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:

TEAM

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP, TEACHING AND PRAYER on **Thursday 5th October** in St Mary's parish rooms. Coffee will be served from 7.45pm. 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 Abbey Lane Church Hall. Please support the Bible Society who supply Bibles worldwide. *Ruby Parsons*

MONTEVERDI'S 1640 VESPERS will be performed in Thaxted church on **8 October** at 6pm. Admission is free, with a retiring collection for Thaxted Church & **FREE CONCERT** in church on **Saturday 7 October** at 12.30, including organ pieces played by Oli King and Stephen Penton on the Lincoln Organ.

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 Vierne. 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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN SAXON who starts in St Mary's Parish Office on Tuesday 3rd October. She is contactable on the usual Parish Office email and telephone numbers. Dawn has considerable church administration experience from her previous parish in Colchester; she is the wife of John Saxon, our newly ordained curate. Thank you very much to the office team who have provided huge support during the summer months. *Judith*

ENTRIES FOR THE GRAPEVINE ON 8TH AND 15TH OCTOBER should be sent to the Parish Office office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org as the Rector's secretary is not going to be available during this period. *David*



Ordination of deacons yesterday in Chelmsford. Two Saffron Walden team curates: Rachel Prior (second from left) and John Saxon (second from right).

ASHDON

393 O worship the King all glorious above
356 O breath of life, come sweeping through
us
242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
328 Make me a channel of your peace
417 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

A big thank you to everyone, especially the organizers and the cooks, who de last night's **Safari Supper** such a success.

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 **Wednesday 11th** (please note the change of date) October at 7:30pm (in the The Vicarage) when we will refresh our understanding of this unique approach to prayer.



Christmas Dates:

Saturday 16th December 10am: Work party to decorate the church
Sunday 17th December 6:30pm: Carol Service with mince pies and mulled wine
Sunday 24th December 4pm: Christingle (christingles made in the morning)
Sunday 24th December 11:30pm: Midnight Communion
Monday 25th December: 9:30am Christmas Communion

CLERGY TEAM

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