

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 19th November 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T23
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with <i>prayers for wholeness & healing</i>
Hadstock	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	Jeremy Collingwood
	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader:	Home Team

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

Monday 20th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st November

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

Wednesday 22nd November

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

3.30pm Funeral of Peter Wildblood

Thursday 23rd November

8.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Thanksgiving Service for John Parsons

Friday 24th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 25th November

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 26th November 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	1.00pm	BAPTISM
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE@4
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Post Communion Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Grapevine

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Second Sunday before Advent
19th November 2017**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Peter 4:8-14

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Peter Wildblood & John Parsons

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In November please pray for All Saints, Ashdon & Debden School

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant

TEAM

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 23rd November**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, All Saints Church Wimbish, **Saturday 25th November** 12.00-3.00 in Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches and refreshments, Christmas gifts, cakes, raffle, tombola, home-made produce, bric-a-brac, books and children's activities. *Fran Johnson, Treasurer Wimbish PCC*

WOMEN'S OWN meets again on **Saturday 2nd December** at 9.00am for an hour, for breakfast and "Our Advent Retreat in Israel" with words and pictures by Kathleen Huey. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the list at the back of St Mary's church, or telephone Margaret on 500292 or email judithfelgate@gmail.com by Weds 29th November. All ladies welcome.

MEN'S SUPPER At The Crown, Little Walden on **Saturday 2nd December** 7:00 for 7:30pm. All welcome. As an out of town event we will be seeking to car share. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church or contact Bill Rose (516609) [email:wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com) before Friday 1st December, indicating whether you can offer, or will need, a lift.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL on **Sunday 3rd December** All members of the congregation will be welcome at the card-writing table to send a message of support and solidarity to courageous individuals who campaign for basic rights in the face of intimidation and violence. *David*

EXPLORING ADVENT - through Biblical reflection, art, poetry and music. **Fridays 8th and 15th December** 9.30am-11am in Swards End. Contact Judith Hasler for more details and to book your place 01799 525041 judithhasler@btopenworld.com

THREE SIDED CLOTHES HORSE desperately needed to borrow for the Christmas Fayre Nativity scene. Please contact Pamela Mugliston 01799 521697 if you can help. Many thanks.

JOHN PARSONS There'll be a Service of Thanksgiving of John, a loved servant of God and God's church on **Thursday 23rd November** at 3pm at St. Mary's, Saffron Walden. *David*

WEEKEND AWAY - 29 June to 1 July at Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk

Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love' and our speaker is Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Come and enjoy a weekend of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. The weekend offers comfortable accommodation (including many en-suite rooms) and delicious fully catered meals from Friday dinner to Sunday tea. There will be a crèche and activities for under 11s and 11-18 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 www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org for more details. £50 deposit required by 1 December. Don't miss out!

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103 Crown him with many crowns
427 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation
409 Open our eyes, Lord
483 The King is among us
425 Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him

Our Advent Housegroup will start on Wednesday 29th November for 4 weeks (29th November, 6th, 13th, 20th December). The first two will be in th Manse, the latter two in the Vicarage, both on Radwinter Road. Everyone very welcome, please speak to Richard (584171) for more information.

The PCC has decided that we need a working morning on the churchyard. Matt Lester will organize us from 10am on Saturday 2nd December. Please do come dressed appropriately armed with garden implements. Bacon butties will be the fuel. Also, there the usual activities getting ready for Christmas services on the morning of 16th December.

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

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