

## PARISH DIARY

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

### Monday 27th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 28th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

### Wednesday 29th November

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

### Thursday 30th November

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - *Andrew*

### Friday 1st December

8.30am Morning Prayer

### Saturday 2nd December

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

## NEXT SUNDAY

**3rd December 2017**

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| <b>Saffron Walden</b> | 8.00am<br>10.00am<br>6.30pm | <b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b><br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><b>ADVENT CAROL SER-</b> |
| <b>VICE</b>           |                             |   |
| <b>Hadstock</b>       | 6.30pm                      | <b>ADVENT MUSIC AND</b><br><b>READINGS</b>                                      |
| <b>Ashdon</b>         | 8.00am<br>9.30am            | <b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b><br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>                             |
| <b>Debden</b>         | 4.00pm                      | <b>ADVENT CAROL SER-</b>  |
| <b>VICE</b>           |                             |   |
| <b>Wimbish</b>        | 11.00am                     | <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>   |

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did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

### Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

# The Grapevine

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON**

[www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk)

**Christ the King**

**26th November 2017**

### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: James 2:14-24

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

### Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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

**Those who are unwell:** Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant

**Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:**  
Eloise Wright, Olivia Wright, Eliza Vigar, Teghan Wilson & Aiden Storey

## TEAM

**WOMEN'S OWN** meets again on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:judithfelgate@gmail.com) by Weds 29<sup>th</sup> November. All ladies welcome.

**MEN'S SUPPER** At The Crown, Little Walden on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am-11am in Swards End. Contact Judith Hasler for more details and to book your place 01799 525041 [judithhasler@btopenworld.com](mailto:judithhasler@btopenworld.com)

**'COME WITH US TO ISRAEL AND SEE THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE'** Rufus Barnes will be leading his sixth tour of Israel from the **4<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2018**. Previous tours have been enjoyed by both clergy and members of congregations from Saffron Walden and the surrounding parishes, as well as elsewhere in the country. If you would like to join this exciting tour of many of the places referred to in the Bible, please contact Rufus for more information and a brochure. (523776 or [loavesandfishes@ymail.com](mailto:loavesandfishes@ymail.com))

### 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](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) for more details. £50 deposit required by 1 December. Don't miss out!

### THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion. Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden [www.transitionproject.co.uk](http://www.transitionproject.co.uk)

## ASHDON

46 At the name of Jesus  
358 O come, O come Emmanuel  
401 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
500 There is a Redeemer  
158 Glorious things of Thee are spoken

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.

Prison Fellowship Cambridge will be wrapping just over 150 presents and sending them to the children of prisoners at HMP Littlehey and HMP Highpoint. This project help to maintain family relationships and the fathers have written a Christmas tag to their children which will be attached to the present so it really looks as if it has come from their dad. The group budget on spending about £15 per present. If you would like to made a donation of any amount towards the presents can you please give a cheque to Rob payable to Ashdon PCC by 22 December.

Our Advent Housegroup will start this 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.

### 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

## CLERGY TEAM

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