

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 3rd December 2017

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Tim Hardingham
	6.30pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Hadstock	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	6.30pm	ADVENT MUSIC & READINGS
Ashdon	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	4.00pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Debden	Leader:	Chris Bishop
(joint service with Wimbish)		
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM
	President:	Jeremy Collingwood

THIS WEEK (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stat-

Monday 4th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

2.00pm Funeral of Gladys Frost *at Wimbish***Wednesday 6th December**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 7th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

1.00pm Funeral of June Thurgood *at Wimbish***Friday 8th December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 9th December

NEXT SUNDAY 10th December 2017

9.00am Morning Prayer

Saffron Walden 8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION 1662**10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**4.00pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE****Sewards End** 9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION****Hadstock** 9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION 1662****Little Walden** 11.15am **FAMILY SERVICE****Ashdon** 9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION****Debden** 4.00pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE****Wimbish** 11.00am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

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The Grapevine

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First Sunday of Advent**3rd December 2017****Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 1:3-11

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Gladys Frost, June Thurgood & Harold (John) Westwood
Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In December please pray for New Life Pentecostal Church & Gt Chesterford Primary School

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick & Jenny Gallant

Those who are being baptised today at Wimbish:

Amelia Faulkner

TEAM

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 7th December** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Anne Rose*

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

'COME WITH US TO ISRAEL AND SEE THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE' Rufus Barnes will be leading his sixth tour of Israel from the **4th to the 14th 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) Rufus has been approached by a lady in Saffron Walden who would be interested in sharing a room with another lady to avoid the single supplement. If this would be of interest to anyone, please contact Rufus.

Aftershock warmly invites you to **JIMMY'S FUNDRAISING MEAL** on **6th January** to raise money for Jimmy's Night Shelter. The evening will consist of a sumptuous three course dinner with entertainment between courses by the young people of Aftershock. There is no set price for the meal but all donations received will go to Jimmy's. Spaces are limited so please sign up as soon as possible at the back of St Mary's church or email Matt with your menu choice.

MU ARE PRAYING nationally from 25th November for ten days for women and girls affected by FGM and all forms of violence and abuse, both here in the UK and abroad. Please join us.

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 needed to book. Don't miss out!

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358 O come, O come Emmanuel
532 We have a gospel to proclaim
209 Hills of the north, rejoice
60 Bind us together, Lord
514 Thou, whose almighty word

An enormous thank you to the more than 20 who braved the cold yesterday to do a great job clearing up the churchyard.

Our Advent Housegroup continues this Wednesday for the next 3 weeks (6th, 13th, 20th December). This week will be in the 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



ASHDON PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Ashdon Primary School, CB10 2HB

Over 20 gift and craft stalls, games, tombolas, grand raffle, refreshments and much more.
Everyone welcome!

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