

**PARISH DIARY**

**TODAY** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Rachel Prior
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	John Saxon
	4.00pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> ( <i>with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</i> )
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Richard Spencer
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	Jeremy Coillingwood
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>
	Leader:	Home Team

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

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>at Hadstock</i>
2.00pm	St Mary's Tinies
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in the North Chapel</i>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
8.00pm	Thursday Praise <i>in St Mary's Parish Rooms</i>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	

**NEXT SUNDAY** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

9.00am	Morning Prayer	
<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	4.00pm	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>MATTINS</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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# The Grapevine

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON**

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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: 1 Peter 3.18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Gospel: Mark 1.9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

**Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In February please pray for Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church & St Thomas More School

**Those who are unwell:** Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant, Charles White & Pam Russell

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Harold Grayling, Phyllis Parker & Raymond Holroyd

**Those whose wedding banns are being called:**

Kelvin Kaliyati & Jessica Stuckey

## TEAM

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). **21<sup>st</sup> February:** Speaker: Fr David Clemens "The Gospel of Matthew and the Cross" at Our Lady of Compassion RC Church, **28<sup>th</sup> February:** Speaker: Revd Caroline Vodden "The Gospel of Mark and the Cross" at Abbey Lane URC.

All are welcome to St Mary's midweek informal service '**THURSDAY PRAISE**' on **22<sup>nd</sup> February** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. We will be looking at Philippians 2 and exploring what it means for our lives today. Refreshments served at 7.45, and we'll start at 8pm. *Rachel Prior*

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,** 10.30am coffee, 11am Service at the URC, Abbey Lane. Theme: 'All God's Creation is very Good' prepared by the women of Suriname. Leader: Revd Caroline Vodden. All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

**DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD LENT APPEAL** To raise vital money to support their link, Diocese of Marsabit, in northern Kenya, for a water bowser to be used during drought. Further info: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal) *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](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)) for more details. £50 deposit required needed to book. Don't miss out!

## CLERGY TEAM

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393 O worship the King all glorious above  
483 The King is among us  
417 Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow  
422 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." [Matthew 3:11]*

John would have prevented *Jesus*, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But *Jesus* answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [Matthew 3:14-15]

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! [2 Corinthians 5:17]

*Jesus, said, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." [John 14:18-20]*

Tomorrow at 11am in church: the funeral of **Harold Grayling**, a former member of All Saints' Church.

The Friends of All Saints' are organising a concert in church on 25th March by the **Cantate Youth Choir**. Offers to help on the day will be gratefully accepted. Please see Rob Gardner.

### Easter Services 2018

- 29th March: 2pm Ashdon Primary School Easter Service
- 29th March: 8pm Maundy Thursday Communion
- 30th March: 12noon Good Friday Hour at the Cross
- 31st March: 6:30pm Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 1st April: 9:30am Easter Sunday Communion

This year's **Team Service** will be at 6:30pm on 29th April in Wimbish Church. Please speak to Richard if you would like to help with the planning of this service

I have developed a new way of publishing called a 'hyperbook'. I need 'guinea pigs' to try this out. Please go to the website: [www.hyperbook.zoeology.org.uk](http://www.hyperbook.zoeology.org.uk) and email your feedback to me ([rd.spencer@virgin.net](mailto:rd.spencer@virgin.net)). Thank you, *Richard*