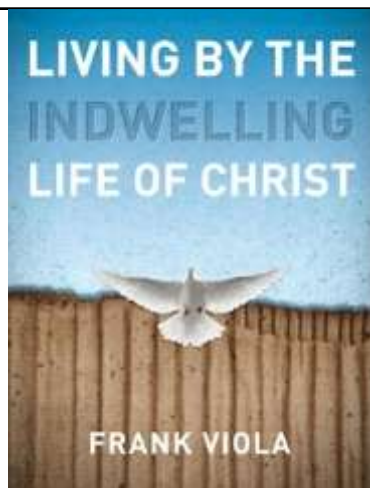


PARISH DIARY

TODAY	11 th March 2018	
Saffron Walden	8.00am President: 10.00am Leader: 11.45am President: 4.00pm Officiant: Preacher:	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Jenny Tomlinson FAMILY SERVICE David Tomlinson HOLY COMMUNION David Tomlinson CHORAL EVENSONG David Tomlinson Paula Griffiths
Sewards End	9.30am Leader:	MORNING PRAISE Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am Leader:	FAMILY SERVICE Richard Peet
Hadstock	9.30am Leader:	FAMILY SERVICE Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am President: 6.30pm Officiant:	HOLY COMMUNION Richard Spencer EVENSONG Richard Spencer
Debden	9.30am Leader:	FAMILY SERVICE John Saxon
Wimbish	11.00am Leader:	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S MISSION ROOMS John Saxon



The **Lent course** this year is based on talks by the American author Frank Viola. It is called *Living by the Indwelling Life of Christ*.

We will be joined by members of Ashdon Baptist Church and continue at 7:30pm on Wednesday in the Vicarage.

Many Christians know from experi-

ence how frustrating it can be trying to live the Christian life. In fact, it's humanly impossible to live such a life. The secret to living the Christian life can be juiced down to one statement: *Not I but Christ*. But how? What are the practical handles that enable us to live by Christ? What is the switch that allows him to live his life through us? Here are the first 4 weeks' teaching:

Week 1: Introduction to living by the Lord's indwelling life in the Gospel of John. A look at how Jesus lived by his Father's indwelling life.

Week 2: Regeneration, the consciousness of divine life, and the five spiritual senses. Practical instruction on all of these themes.

Week 3: The nature of divine life in Galatians. Underscores what Galatians teaches us about how to live by Christ practically today.

Week 4: The fruit of the Spirit vs. the works of the flesh. The nature of divine life in 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians. Underscores what 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians teach us about how to live by Christ practically today.

To access the material used on the course go to: www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk/lbtiloc/

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The Grapevine

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Mothing Sunday
11th March 2018

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Samuel 1: 20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

Gospel: Luke 2. 41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In March please pray for Abbey Lane & Newport URC, incorporating the Methodist Church & Dame Bradbury's School

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant, Charles White & Anthony Hazzard

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Olive Hooper, Patricia Hough, Colin Luckley & Laraine Connolly

Those whose wedding banns are being called: Sam Edwards & Clare McPartland, Timothy Armon-Jones & Olivia Bailey, Alexander Farrow & Hannah Melvin, Christopher Bearton & Alice Carrington

TEAM

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 15th March**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*

Our next **MEN'S SUPPER** will be at The Yuva in Debden village on **Friday 16th March**, 7 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Do bring a friend. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW indicating whether you can offer a lift or will require one. Alternatively, please contact Bill Rose (email: wjr2163@gmail.com or tel. 516609) before 14th March.

ST MARY'S MUSIC ASSOCIATION The **SMMA AGM** will take place on **Sunday 18th March** at 11.45am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Karin Fischer-Buder, SMMA Sec.*

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 6th April** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Gulliver's Travels** by **Jonathan Swift**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

The Rev'd Alex Jeewan, currently serving as a curate in the Witham and Villages Team Ministry, has been **APPOINTED TEAM VICAR** of Great and Little Chesterford, Littlebury and Wendens Ambo in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry. His licensing service is on **Wednesday 25th July** at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford. I am delighted, and look forward to welcoming Alex and his family. *David Tomlinson, Team Rector.*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY: Sunday 18th March 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

THE WEEKEND AWAY 29th June - 1st July at Belsey Bridge nr Bungay Suffolk is getting booked up; only non en-suite rooms available. Our theme is 'Sharing God's Love' and the speaker is Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Enjoy friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. Activities for under 11s and 11-18 year olds. Cost £140 pp full board, day rates available, 18s and under are FREE. Pick up a booking form or go to St Mary's SW website (www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org). £50 deposit required. Closing date is 12th June. For more details contact Sarah on s.nicholas180@gmail.com or 584617.

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ASHDON

9:30am Holy Communion

220 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
346 My song is love unknown
484 The King of love my Shepherd is
328 Make me a channel of your peace
106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

6:30pm Evensong

242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
399 On a hill far away
6 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days. [[John 2:1-12](#)]

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. [[John 19:25-27](#)]

A return **CONCERT** by Cantate Junior and Training Choir on **Sunday 25th March** at 6pm in All Saints Church, Ashdon; doors open 5.30pm. Tickets available on the door and from www.cantate.co.uk. All proceeds for

