

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 25th March 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION - (Passion Reading) + TEAM JC
	President:	David Tomlinson
	12 noon	BAPTISMS
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE@4
	Leader:	David Tomlinson
	Talk:	Tim Hardingham
	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Officiant:	Rachel Prior	
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Annual Church Meeting
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Michael Lovegrove
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Richard Spencer
	Preacher:	Tracey Nicholls
Debden (joint service with Wimbish)	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION + PROCESSION
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 26th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
12 noon	Funeral of Audrey Start	St Mary's
7.30pm	Seder Meal	St Mary's

Tuesday 27th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Hadstock
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	North Chapel
8.00pm	Bible Study + Compline	St Mary's

Wednesday 28th March

8.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
8.00pm	Bible Study + Compline	St Mary's

Maundy Thursday 29th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Hadstock & Ashdon
8.00pm	Agape Supper	Wimbish
8.00pm	Choral Eucharist with footwashing	St Mary's
9.00pm	- Midnight Vigil	St Mary's

Good Friday 30th March

10.00am	Procession of Witness	Debden
10.30am	Procession of Witness	Meet @ URC car park
12 noon - 3.00pm	At the Cross	St Mary's
12 noon - 1.00pm	At the Cross	Sewards End, Little Walden & Ashdon
2.00pm - 3.00pm	At the Cross	Hadstock & Wimbish
7.30pm	Devotional Offering	St Mary's

Easter Eve Saturday 31st March

9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
6.30pm	Easter Worship	Ashdon
7.00pm	Admission of children to HC & renewal of Baptismal vows	St Mary's

NEXT SUNDAY 1st April 2018

Saffron Walden	6.00am	SUNRISE HOLY COMMUNION
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden:	11.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

The Grapevine

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Palm Sunday

25th March 2018

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: *Mark 11:1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

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: Laraine Connolly, Doris Lucy & Audrey Start

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW: George Bailey & Finlay Matthews

TEAM

Looking to find out more about where you fit into God's plans for his church and world? The Deanery **SHAPE** course begins in April. Speak to a member of the clergy team if you are interested? *David*

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 7th April at The Saffron Hotel.

Guest speaker: Robin Plumridge from All Saints, Ashdon giving an insightful talk of his experiences entitled "My time as a shepherd". Tea/coffee available from 8:15am and a full English breakfast will be served at 8:30 at a cost of £7.50. All welcome. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW or contact Pete Taylor (email: peter.taylor.farming@ntlworld.com or tel: 500292) by 6th April.

THY KINGDOM COME Four Evenings of prayer from 8-9pm on Wednesdays in the North Chapel at St Mary's church SW between Easter and Pentecost on **25th April, 2nd, 9th and 16th May**. We are playing our part in a global call to prayer initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Everyone is welcome. *Sue*

QUIET MORNING 28th April 9.45 - 12.45 in St Mary's Parish Rooms. 'Living the Eucharistic Life' led by David - a morning of input and reflection. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of St Mary's church SW in April. All welcome. Further info from Sue Walker 523007 suewalker619@btinternet.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is taking place during **13th - 19th May** and we are looking for collectors to play our part in the town's contribution to the vital work of Christians addressing poverty around the world. Edward Gildea and Louise Scutt-Richter are the organisers and would love to hear from our loyal band of regular collectors and those of you who might like to devote a few hours for the first time. Email Edward at edward@edwardgildea.co.uk to volunteer or find out more.

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.

CLERGY TEAM

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ASHDON

522 To God be the glory, great things he has done
Here is love, vast as the ocean
30 And can it be that I should gain
125 Father, we adore you
503 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

We welcome **Tracey Nicholls** as our preacher this morning.

TODAY

A return **CONCERT** by Cantate Junior and Training Choir on at **6pm** in All Saints' Church, Ashdon; doors open 5.30pm. Tickets available on the door. All proceeds for restoration of All Saints Church. Please sign up for tickets at the table

Please speak to Richard if you would like to accept the invitation to **Afternoon Tea** at Ashdon Primary School, 2:30pm tomorrow.

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 Easter Worship
- 1st April: 8am Easter Sunday Communion
- 1st April: 9:30am Easter Sunday Communion

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee

William Rees, William Edwards