

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 18th November 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Chris Bishop 10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE + BAPTISM
	Leader: David Tomlinson 11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: David Tomlinson 4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader: Home Team	

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

Monday 19th November	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Funeral of Kenneth Cassels <i>at Wimbish</i>
Tuesday 20th November	
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>
Wednesday 21st November	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd November	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Friday 23rd November	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 24th November	
9.00am	Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 25th November 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25
	10.00am	CONFIRMATION SERVICE + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CELEBRATE @ 4
Sewards End	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE
Debden	9.30am	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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Second Sunday before Advent

18th November 2018**Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Daniel 12.1-3*

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

Gospel: *Mark 13.1-8*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick, Simon Gore & Christine Coughlan

The family and friends of those who have died

recently: Charles Ractliff, Kenneth Cassels, Iris Warwick & Leslie (known as John) Wren

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW:

Max Romans

TEAM

KENYA PRESENTATION Wednesday 21st November at 7.45pm, St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Rachel & John

BREAKFAST WITH BIG ISSUES Saturday 24th

November The last talk in this popular series in Hadstock Village Hall. Brendan Burchell speaks on **What is Community? Can we measure it, and why is it important?** Coffee and pastries at 9am: talk begins at 9.30 followed by discussion and questions. Finish by 10.30am. No charge, but donations invited to meet cost of refreshments with the balance going to a charity of the speaker's choice. All welcome: no need to book. More information from Paula.

WIMBISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 24th November, 12-3pm, Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches, refreshments, stalls and good company. Please come and join us. *Fran Johnson*

'GIVING AN ANSWER' is a Christian institute event at Henham church on **Tuesday 27th November**, 7.45 - 8.45pm. A look at some contemporary issues facing the church. All welcome.

THURSDAY PRAISE 29th November, 7.45pm for refreshments, starting at 8pm, in St Mary's parish rooms. The theme is 'Watching & Waiting for Advent' - Bible reading: Luke 12 v 35-40. Everyone welcome. *David*

EXPLORING ADVENT - through Biblical reflection, art, poetry and music. **Fridays 30th November and 14th December** 9.30am-11am at St James Church, Swards End. Please contact me for more details and to book your place. Judith Hasler 525041

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Date for your Diary! **AFTERSHOCK'S JIMMY'S MEAL, 12th January 2019**, 7 for 7:30pm start. Tickets released at Christmas Fair. *Matt Williamson*

CLERGY TEAM

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103 Crown him with many crowns

427 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation

409 Open our eyes, Lord

483 The King is among us

425 Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him

Sunday 25th November, 4pm, **'Light up a Life' memorial service** supporting the work of St Clare Hospice, Harlow.

Advent Study Course: 7:30pm, Wednesdays 28th November, 5th, 12th, 19th December at the Vicarage. We will continue the course by Frank Viola: *Living by the Indwelling Life of Christ*

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In English, we have one word 'church', which is used for a building, a congregation, a denomination, and all the Christians across the world. This reflects the Greek of the New Testament where the word *ekklesia* is used for local assemblies and as a way of referring to each and every follower of Jesus. It is a real privilege to serve in Ashdon where the two local churches work together so well to show that we are just expressions of *the* church. The world-wide church is not an organisation, but an organism, which has the life of Christ within it. The Bible has other titles for it: for example, the Body of Christ, the Bride of Christ. We are to be Jesus on earth, to do the things that he did through his physical body for 33 years. And we are to be in relationship with him as close as a husband and wife.

In Lent this year, All Saints' Church and Ashdon Baptist Church came together for a series of studies under the title of 'Living by the Indwelling Life of Christ'. The title is a bit of a mouthful, but it does exactly what it says on the tin. It is delivered by the American writer, Frank Viola who has a heart to help us all know that Jesus' resurrection is not just about heaven; we can know him living in us here on earth. Our local churches can re-present him to the world, by allowing him to work through us. Do come and join us at the Vicarage during Advent at 7:30pm on Wednesdays 28th November, 5th, 12th and 19th December. Each evening is 'stand-alone', so don't worry if you have missed the previous weeks.