

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 10th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Epiphany 5)
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
	Preacher:	David Tomlinson
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Sewards End	President:	David Tomlinson
	Preacher:	Rachel Prior
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Rachel Prior
Little Walden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Jenny Tomlinson
Hadstock	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
Ashdon	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Debden	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	Richard Spencer
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	Officiant:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Little Walden	Leader:	John Saxon
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 11th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13th February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Sue West

Friday 15th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 17th February 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 (Septuagesima)
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

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The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON
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Fourth Sunday before Lent
10th February 2019
Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 John 3:23-4:4

This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Gospel: John 14:18-27

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; 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: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick
Christine Coughlan & Cherry Bryant

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Sue West & Anne Green

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

Thomas Magness & Abigail Thurgood-Buss (Wimbish & Debden), Luke Williams & Emma Duncan (St Mary's SW),
Damion Smyth & Rebecca Brennan (Hadstock)

TEAM

WWW (Women Who Wonder) will meet on **Tuesday 12th February** at Gill Caswell's home, 59A Claypit Piece SW at 8pm when Sarah Nicolas will be telling us about her work with the Prison Fellowship. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to join this friendly group. More information from Alison Knights at alisoncinque@hotmail.com.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION meet on **Thursday 14th February** 2pm in the Parish Rooms for their AGM followed by Nicola Williamson speaking on the work of the Stort Valley Trust. All welcome *Eunice Harris*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY **Sunday 17th February** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Please pray for **Charles Cowper** as he prepares to test his vocation to ordained ministry at a three day conference in the **week beginning 18th February**. *David*

QUIET MORNING David will be leading our next Quiet Morning entitled 'Be Faithful to Christ', on **Saturday 2nd March** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and start at 10am - 12.30. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church, SW. Please put this date in your diary. This promises to be a time of quiet reflection and challenge. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

SHAPE COURSE starting in March—flyers and information at the back of church. If you are interested, please speak to Rachel of me. Thank you. *David*

URGENT REQUEST I need someone soon to co-ordinate our Christian Aid collection in May. This is not an onerous role but helps to raise over £1,000. If you are interested, I'd be pleased to hear from you. *David*.

ADVANCE NOTICE I am going to be on extended study leave from May to July when I hope to begin work on my second book. My first one, a labour of love for 10 years, is published in March. *David*

I am delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev'd Canon Jenny Tomlinson as the next Archdeacon of Birmingham. Jenny's last Sunday in her current post is going to be 21st April, Easter Day, and she'll take up her new position in May.

I intend to continue as Team Rector in the short-term and am committed to returning after my extended study leave from May to July on Sunday 4th August.

I'm sure that you would like to join me in congratulating Jenny. Plans to mark her departure and to celebrate her contribution to the Team Ministry will take shape in the coming weeks.

*Thank you.
David*

ASHDON

9:30am Communion

296 Let all the world in every corner sing
27 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
246 In heavenly love abiding
409 Open our eyes, Lord
362 O for a thousand tongues to sing

4pm Evensong

302 Let us with a gladsome mind
541 What a Friend we have in Jesus
293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Ashdon Primary School has appointed Mr Simon Rance as Head Teacher to replace Mr. Brown when he leaves in July. *Richard*

Film night in Ashdon: **Finger of God 2**

Thursday 7th March, 7pm in the Parish

Rooms. Finger of God 2 was directed by Will Hacker and produced by Darren Wilson.

It follows Will's wild journey to the far reaches of the earth as he asks the question, "If miracles are real, what is the point of them?" Along the way, he films in a religious powder keg in the Middle East, with sold-out teenagers in California, in a bar in Northern Ireland with Korn guitarist Brian "Head" Welch, with the underground church in China and even faces down a Muslim king in Ghana, Africa. It's a powerful film of faith, hunger and the incredible God-moments WP Films has become known for in all of its films.

Our Lent Course this year, in partnership with Ashdon Baptist Church will take place on Thursday evenings, starting at 7pm:

- 28th March at the Manse
- 4th April at the Manse
- 11th April at the Vicarage
- 18th April in All Saints' Church (Maundy Thursday)

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