

The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
7th April 2019**

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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PARISH DIARY

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

Monday 8th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer **at Hadstock**

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th April

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 12th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 13th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.30pm Wedding of Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland **at Ashdon**

NEXT SUNDAY

14th April 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Passion Reading)
Sewards End	6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	9.30am	MORNING PRAISE
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
Debden (joint Service with Wimbish)	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION + PROCESSION

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Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 3.4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *John 12.1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In April please pray for St Mary's Church of England & St Marys C of E Primary School

Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick & Cherry Bryant

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Brian Newman (Memorial Service at St Mary's, SW, on

Thursday 25th April at 2.30pm) & Martti Tapani Leksis

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's,

Saffron Walden: Daniel De'ath & Sarah Aslaksen, Adam Barrett & Victoria Coffey, Jack Wells & Lauren Wilson, Stephen Ewell & Polly Goddard, Kevin Smith & Lauren Cox

Those who are getting married at All Saints, Ashdon on

13th April: Mark Collins & Megan Sutherland

TEAM

WWW The next meeting is on **9th April @ 8.00pm** at 21 Gibson Gdns, SW. Come and share your favourite hymn (you don't have to sing it unless you wish to). For more information contact me on gill.cas@hotmail.com *Gill Caswell*

OPEN AFTERNOON at Saffron Walden Wellbeing Hub, Faircroft Road, **Thursday 11th April**, 1pm to 3pm. Come and meet us for coffee, cake and mocktails, and find out what goes on in this busy centre. *Marisa Baltrock*

At 7.30pm on Good Friday (**19th April**) the choir's annual **DEVOTIONAL OFFERING** will be Bob Chilcott's St John Passion. All welcome to hear our first performance of this relatively new work. It includes new hymns which are being introduced during morning services in Lent - we hope the congregation will be able to join in with these at the appropriate places. *Bron Ferland*

FUN on **Saturday 20th April** 10-12 in the Parish Rooms. An exciting time of singing, crafting, Easter egg hunt and learning about the Easter story. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential and numbers are limited. To apply email matt.williamson20@me.com for a booking form.

JENNY TOMLINSON'S installation as Archdeacon of Birmingham will take place in Birmingham Cathedral on **Sunday 12th May** at 3.30pm. A coach will depart from Swan Meadow Car Park at 11.45am, returning back to Saffron Walden by approx. 8.40pm. Coach tickets, £15, and more information are available from Dawn in the Parish Office. We will be thanking Jenny and presenting her with a **FAREWELL GIFT** after Evensong on Easter Sunday. Contributions to her gift should be placed in an envelope marked "For Jenny's gift" and handed into the Parish Office or to one of the Churchwardens (*Cheques payable to Saffron Walden PCC*). Please sign her card at the back of St Mary's church, SW. Thank you. *Denis & Gill*

DAVID IS ON SABBATICAL from May to July, and his first Sunday back is 4th August. Do hold Jenny (and David) in your prayers.

7TH SAFFRON WALDEN (ST. MARY'S) GUIDE UNIT is in urgent need of leadership help after Easter. The unit, sponsored by St. Mary's Church, is thriving and has 19 girls aged 10-13 years. Please contact me if you would be willing to help. margaret.jacobs@hotmail.co.uk (522801). *Margaret*

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ASHDON

220 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

346 My song is love unknown

62 Blessed assurance

In Christ Alone – see overleaf

46 At the Name of Jesus

April's **In Spirit and Truth** (times of spontaneous worship, teaching and prayer) have been postponed until next week: 6:30pm on Saturday 13th April in the Vicarage and 11am in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 14th April.

Please pray for Mark **Collins and Megan Sutherland**, to be married in All Saints' Church at 1:30pm next Saturday (13th April)

The PCC has been considering the possibility of setting up a '**Home Team**' to lead worship on occasional Sundays. If you are interested in being part of this, please speak to Richard or Robin.

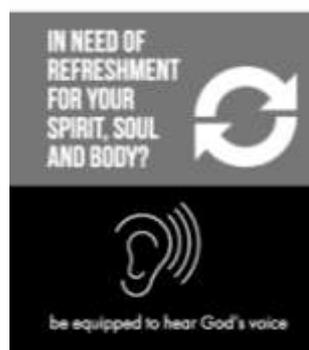
Our **Lent Course** this year, in partnership with Ashdon Baptist Church will continue on Thursday evenings, starting at 7pm:

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

We will be supporting the charity **Water Aid** during Lent. Please see the poster in church. They are asking us to save up our loose change.

Easter Services at All Saints'

- * 18th April: 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion
- * 19th April: 12noon Good Friday Hour at the Cross
- * 20th April: 6:30pm Easter Worship
- * 21st April: 9:30am Easter Sunday Communion
- * 9th June 9:30am Pentecost Sunday Communion



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