

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 28th April 2019

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| Saffron Walden | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | President: | Michael Lovegrove |
| | 10.00am | FAMILY SERVICE |
| | Leader: | Rachel Prior |
| | Talk: | Tracey Nicholls |
| Saffron Walden | 11.45am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | President: | Rachel Prior |
| | 6.30pm | HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing |
| Hadstock | President: | Angela Want |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM |
| Ashdon | President: | Paula Griffiths |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Debden | President: | Richard Spencer |
| | 9.15am | MATTINS |
| Wimbish | Leader: | Home Team |
| | 11.00am | MATTINS |
| | Leader: | Home Team |

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

Monday 29th April8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion - *George*Tuesday 30th April8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
9.30am Holy Communion - *Mark*
2.00pm St Mary's Tinies
5.00pm Evening PrayerWednesday 1st May8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy CommunionThursday 2nd May8.30am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Healing ServiceFriday 3rd May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 4th May

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

NEXT SUNDAY

5th May 2019

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| Saffron Walden | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | 10.00am | HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC |
| | 1.00pm | WEDDING OF JAMES KIRK & JOANNA KAY |
| Hadstock | 6.30pm | H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE |
| | 9.30am | FAMILY SERVICE |
| Ashdon | 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION 1662 |
| | 9.30am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Debden | 9.15am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 11.00am | VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S |

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The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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Second Sunday of Easter

28th April 2019

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching. When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gospel: John 20.26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and

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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 & Christine Coughlan

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Cherry Bryant

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 being baptised today at St Botolph's, Hadstock: Eden Henriette Swann

TEAM

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 2nd May** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.
Anne Rose

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 2nd May** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

RURAL CHURCH BUILDINGS CONFERENCE on **Thursday 2nd May** from 10am to 5pm at Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House. See poster at the back of St Mary's, SW and for further information, contact gdowling@chelmsford.anglican.org

DEBDEN CHURCH PLANT & BOOK SALE **Sunday 5th May**, 2-4pm. Live music from Bishop's Stortford Wind Band; Children's Art & Craft activities; Tea and Cakes. Everyone is warmly welcome. *Hilary Davey*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is taking place on **12th - 18th May**. Louise Scutt-Richter and Edward Gildea are joint organisers and would love to hear from our loyal band of house to house collectors and from those who might devote a few hours for the first time. How about hosting a 'Big Brekkie'? Go online to Christianaid.org.uk and sign up to receive a pack of everything you need to invite your friends to a fun fundraiser! Email edward@edwardgildea.co.uk to volunteer or find out more.

COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES taster evening on **Tuesday 11th June** at 8pm at St Mark's College. If you want to know more about the course, speak to Rachel and Sam Prior, and Dawn Saxon. *David*

There will be a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** in the parish of the Icknield Way Villages on **Sunday 30th June**. Rev Dr Anand Sodadasi will be holding several sessions for those who would like to be confirmed prior to the service. If you are interested, please contact Anand, anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk, so that you can discuss this with him.

THANK YOU all very much indeed for your good wishes, lovely comments and very generous gift as I leave for Birmingham. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the parish over the past ten years, and particularly the opportunities to lead worship and to preach in this amazing church. I am very appreciative of your friendship and kindness. *Jenny*

EXTENDED STUDY LEAVE I am grateful to all those who have taken on extra responsibility to allow me to take some extended study leave. I look forward to being back to work on 1st August and my first Sunday on my return is 4th August.
David

UNWANTED TOOL COLLECTION The Rotary Club of Saffron Walden are collecting for Tools With A Mission (TWAM). TWAM are a Christian charity sending tools across the world. Please pick up an information sheet, from St Mary's Parish Office, that tells you what they are collecting and see the Noticeboard that sets out the collection points.

TODAY

PLANTS, BOOKS AND TEAS 2-4pm at Littlebury Church.
All welcome. *Janice Rust*

ASHDON

129 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God
46 At the Name of Jesus
321 Love divine, all loves excelling
233 I love you, Lord
186 Great is thy faithfulness

Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Room: **All Saints PCC**. We currently have a vacancies for a Churchwarden and PCC members. Please speak to Richard or Barbara if you would like to serve God and his church in this way.

All Saints' PCC has discussed the possibility of setting up a '**Home Team**' to lead occasional services. There is an opportunity on Sunday 5th May at 9:30am to see a home team in action at Wendens Ambo.

Wednesday 8th May at 7:30pm in St Mary's, Saffron Walden: **Archdeacon's Visitation** with the Bishop of Chelmsford.

Saturday 11th May from 9:30am: **Working Party** to refurbish the Parish Rooms. All welcome to come and help (with the promise of bacon butties...).

Tuesday 14th May at 7:45pm: **Deanery Synod** at Wicken Bonhunt.

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yet have come to believe.'*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CLERGY TEAM

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