

The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

12th May 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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NEXT SUNDAY

19th May 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION <i>with prayers for wholeness & healing</i>
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In May please pray for Swards End & Little Walden CofE, Radwinter Primary School
Those who are unwell: Stan Bradley, Dennis Sheldrick & Christine Coughlan, Ella Martin
The family and friends of those who have died recently: Cherry Bryant, Michael Yorke (former Vicar at Ashdon)
Those whose wedding banns are being called: Samuel Gray & Hannah Harpum, Andrew Basham & Fiona Macleod, Nicolas Kitchener & Sophie Purkiss, Peter Darton & Rosalind Holder **at St Mary's, Saffron Walden**
David Sandwell & Elizabeth Cowell **at All Saints, Wimbish**
Those who are being baptised today: Devon Leigh Searle **at St Mary's SW**
Oliver James Watson **at St Mary the Virgin, Debden**

TEAM

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.

COME AND ENJOY A BIG CHOIR EXPERIENCE

On Thursday 16th May, Saffron Walden Choral Society are coming to St Mary's for an **informal "Open Rehearsal"**, including the "Hallelujah Chorus". Whatever your previous singing experience (or none), you are invited to join them for the evening (7.30 to 9pm with refreshments afterwards) – or even just come and listen. *David Hoy*

TEAM SERVICE 26th May, 4pm at Holy Trinity, Littlebury. A relaxed and informal Rogation Sunday service with activities for all ages and refreshments. Rogation is when we seek God's blessing on the emerging growth of our crops in the fields. It is also an opportunity to come together as team churches to give thanks for our community, the beautiful countryside and to think about our own responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. Speaker is the Revd Janet Nicholls, Agricultural Chaplain and Rural Adviser to the Diocese of Chelmsford.

PILGRIM – THE LORD'S PRAYER Themed on one of the greatest Christian treasures, The Lord's Prayer, this six week course explores prayer and reveals more about what God is like through a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow Pilgrim travellers. Wednesdays 8.00 to 9.30pm, at the Rectory, Mill Rd, Debden CB11 3LB, **29 May, 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July**. Thursdays 2.30 to 4.00pm, at St Pauls Mission Hall, Wimbish, CB10 2XE, **16, 23, & 30 May, 13 & 27 June**. Enquiries and register of interest to Rev John Saxon, 541619, debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com

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/Sam Prior and Dawn Saxon. To register an interest contact: andy.colebrooke@gmail.com (01799 732970)

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 anandsodadasi@hotmail.co.uk, so that you can discuss this with him.

Today: St John's Church is holding its **FOREST CHURCH Service at 6pm** at Noakes Grove, a beautiful ancient woodland near Swards End (Redgate's Ln, SW, CB10 2LW). The theme is *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above*. The service lasts for approx. 1 hour and will include activities and quiet times to help us explore this. Please bring your own chair and suitable footwear. *Helen Nash*

ASHDON

223 I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus
53 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
In Christ Alone (*see overleaf*)
546 When I feel the touch
549 When I survey the wondrous Cross

The PCC decided that we will **discontinue Evensong services**, so there will be no service at 6:30pm this evening. The need for an amplification for intercessors at the west end of the church was also discussed at the PCC meeting. A **radio microphone** has been installed, those leading prayers should switch this on using the slide switch, and should ensure that the indicator is illuminated..

A big thank you to all who helped at yesterday's **Working Party** to refurbish the Parish Rooms.

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

The funeral of **Peter (Larry) Lamb** will be in church at 11:30am on Friday 17th May. Please pray for Jane and her family.

The funeral of a former Rector of Ashdon, **Michael Yorke** will take place at 11am on Friday 24th May in Norwich Cathedral. Michael's body will be interred in Ashdon Graveyard at 3pm on Saturday 1st June. Please pray for Frances and her family.

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