

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 11th August 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Andy Colebrooke	
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: David Tomlinson	
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	Officiant: David Tomlinson	
	6.30pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant: Marisa Baltrock	
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Chris Bishop	
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader: Tracey Nicholls	
	Talk: Richard Peet	
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Michael Lovegrove	
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Richard Spencer	
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader: John Saxon	
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: John Saxon	

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

Monday 12th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.30pm Funeral of Cyril Thake

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 14th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 15th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion - BVM

Friday 16th August

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Phyllis Delderfield *at Debden***Saturday 17th August**

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

18th August 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	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

www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk**Eighth Sunday after Trinity****11th August 2019****Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In August please pray for Saffron Walden Baptist Church, R A Butler Schools

Those who are unwell: Ella Martin, Ken Ryles

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Phyllis Delderfield, Cyril Thake

Those whose wedding banns are being called: David Curtis & Alicia Rippingale, Martin Greenwood & Jessica Porter, Peter Flack & Amie Jones (**at St Mary's, Saffron Walden**), James Smith & Michelle Barnes (**at St John's, Little Walden**)

Those who are preparing to get married at St Mary's, Saffron Walden on 31st August: James Butler & Ya-Hsiang (Yvonne) Huang

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's Saffron Walden: Gabriel Parker

TEAM

CLAYDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, from Buckinghamshire are performing a concert of Music for Strings at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, on **Saturday 24th August** at 7.30pm as part of the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden - **FREE** with a retiring collection for Church Funds. The programme includes Handel Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 10, Suk's Serenade for Strings and works by Elgar and Vaughan Williams. Perfect music for a late summer afternoon!

CLAYDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Sunday 25th August, 3.00pm at Gt Chesterford Parish Church. Free admission - retiring collection in aid of 'Lifeline Romania' and church funds. *Alex Jeewan*

SUMMER BARBEQUE at Debden Church on **Saturday 31st August** - 12 noon - 3pm. Pimms, tea, cakes, ice-cream and activities for all ages. All proceeds to Debden Church.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13th September** at 4 Castle Street to discuss Amor Towles's novel '**A Gentleman in Moscow**'. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS The Children and Youth Programme (ages 4 – 14), "Who on earth is Jesus?" on **Saturday 21st September**, 2.30pm – 7.00pm at United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane, SW. Places must be pre-booked by 31st August at swbible.focus@gmail.com

All items for the **GRAPEVINE** should be sent to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9am on Wednesdays.

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

26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

103 Crown him with many crowns

409 Open our eyes, Lord

422 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. (*Hebrews 11:6*)

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 14th September: All Saints' Church Open Day
- Saturday 28th September: Safari Supper

[Testing the Biblical Claim of Constant Physics](http://www.reasons.org) BY HUGH ROSS (www.reasons.org)

In Jeremiah 33:25, God declares, "I have established... the fixed laws of heaven and earth." This is just one of several Scripture passages demonstrating that for thousands of years the Bible has been on record as stating that the laws of physics do not vary.

Proving the constancy of the laws of physics would establish the Bible's reliable descriptions of nature and predictions of future scientific discoveries, and also refute young-earth creationism.

In astronomy it takes time for light to travel from the stars, galaxies, and quasars to telescopes. Simply by observing galaxies and quasars at varying distances researchers can directly measure the values of several fundamental constants of physics at distant times in the past history of the universe.

The one constant of physics most amenable to this testing technique is the fine structure constant, which characterizes the strength of the electromagnetic interaction. Astronomers can determine this constant's past values by measuring the relative separation of absorption and emission lines in the spectra of galaxies and quasars. Systematic effects and assumptions about the physical mechanisms that generate the spectral lines can pose challenges to the interpretation of their results. However, astronomers can eliminate this problem by using the same set of spectral lines in a large sample of galaxies and quasars at widely varying distances.

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The bottom line is that the fine structure constant unquestionably joins the growing list of fundamental constants in physics demonstrated to be exceptionally constant over the history of the universe. This confirmation has important implications for the Christian faith. First, it affirms the Bible's capacity to accurately predict future scientific discoveries far into the future. Of all the holy books that undergird the world's religions, the Bible stands alone in predicting that the laws governing the universe are fixed or constant.