

**PARISH DIARY****TODAY 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President: Rachel Prior	
	Preacher: David Tomlinson	
<b>Sewards End</b>	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	Officiant: Rachel Prior	
	6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	Officiant: David Tomlinson	
	Preacher: Rachel Prior	
	9.30am	<b>MORNING PRAISE</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	Leader: Caroline Currer	
	11.15am	<b>HARVEST</b>
	Leader: Michael Lovegrove	
<b>Ashdon</b>	Talk: Tracey Nicholls	
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Paula Griffiths	
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	Leader: John Saxon	
	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: John Saxon	

**NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	6.30pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>MATTINS</b>

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with our own needs and desires of the moment that we are unwilling to give him any time. All these are the actions of young children and teenagers. We love our own children when they are born and grow, but it is a real sadness if they don't grow up. With just a little thought, we can all understand how God feels when grown-up people stay as children in their relationship with him.

Church is a place where we grow together as God's family; supporting each other as we discover what it means to be God's grown-up children. Do come and join us at All Saints' any Sunday morning at 9:30am and help us in this process, you will be very welcome.

# The Grapevine

**All Saints' Church, Ashdon**[www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk)**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity****8<sup>th</sup> September 2019****Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Jeremiah 18.1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Gospel: Luke 14.25-33**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

**Post Communion**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In September please pray for Society of Friends, Saffron Walden & Chrishall School  
**Those who are unwell:** Ella Martin, Ken Ryles  
**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Ronald Bacon, James Halsey & Doreen Ketteridge  
**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:** Isabella, Aurelia & William Jopling

## TEAM

**WWW** This group is for ladies of working age (or thereabouts). We normally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 8pm. The venue is at Gill Caswell's. Our next meeting is on **10<sup>th</sup> September**. We would love you to come and meet with one another and discuss topics for future meetings. Further info - [gill.cas@hotmail.com](mailto:gill.cas@hotmail.com) Gill Caswell

**SAFFRON WALDEN MU BRUNCH Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** 2pm Holy Communion in the north chapel. Eunice Harris, MU Honorary Secretary

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Cyclists and walkers: take part in the annual **RIDE & STRIDE** on **14<sup>th</sup> September** and see how many of Essex's beautiful churches you can visit. All funds raised will be split between your nominated Church and Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Further details [friendsof Essex churches.org.uk](http://friendsof Essex churches.org.uk) or contact John Pickthorn ([jepickthorn@gmail.com](mailto:jepickthorn@gmail.com))

**RIDE AND STRIDE** A group from Hadstock will be striding around the churches of the Essex countryside to raise funds for St Botolph's and Friends of Essex Churches! Could you help sponsor us? Very many thanks! Paula 01799 599141 or [paula.greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.greatford@btinternet.com)

**MUSIC BY GEORG F HANDEL**, St Mary's Wendens Ambo, **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30pm, preceded by a glass of wine and canapés, music at 8pm. Presented by Karin Fischer-Buder (soprano), Stephen Penton (organ; piano) and Ellie Beare (cello), with guest performers. Free admission; retiring collection in aid of St Mary's heating project.

**SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane, SW. 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Adult Sessions: Theme: "Who is Jesus?" Speaker: Alasdair Paine, St Andrew the Great, Cambridge, tea provided. Children and Youth Programme (ages 4 - 14): "Who on earth is Jesus?" For further details email: [swbible.focus@gmail.com](mailto:swbible.focus@gmail.com)

**RECTOR'S PLANS** I've decided that it's time to set a date for my departure to Birmingham. I'll be moving house in the last week of November, which means my final service will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at 10am. In the meantime, I continue to look for my next post and to value your prayers. David

**CONFIRMATION COURSE** If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and being confirmed in the Autumn term, please speak to Richard

## CLERGY TEAM

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Revd John Saxon 01799 541619

## ASHDON

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Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: All Saints' Church Open Day
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Harvest Festival
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Safari Supper
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Joint Service at Ashdon Baptist Church at **10:30am** (no service at All Saints').

**OPEN DAY** at All Saints Church, Ashdon on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 11am to 4pm. Musical entertainment, church tours, children's activities; BBQ and bar in the churchyard; teas and cakes in the church rooms. Entrance free; everyone welcome. *Robert Gardner for Friends of All Saints Church*

## Ashdon Magazine Article Autumn 2019

A story is told of an au-pair girl learning English, looking after a family of children. She discovered them in a place they were not meant to be. Trying to sound like the children's parents, she said to them, "What are you doing here on earth?". This is a very good question: *what are you doing here on earth?* The Christian gospel has a very good answer, that is radically different to all the other religions and philosophies of the world. Simply put, God has put the answer in us, in what is most important to us: the loving relationships that we have in our families.

When I speak to a family about a funeral, I usually hear about the life of the deceased. As we talk over all they achieved, we recognise that, for most of us, the accomplishment that carries most weight is that we have brought up a family and have seen our children become healthy, happy adults with families of their own. The Bible tells us that we are made in the image of God, and Jesus taught us to call God 'Father'. In creating us human beings, God has embedded in us what is most important to him. He has given us the opportunity to be his children, and more than anything else, he wants us to grow up to have a mature, loving relationship with him. And just like grown-up children and their parents, this relationship will grow and develop if it has genuine love on both sides.

However, as in human families, our relationship with God can hit problems. We can remain as children and see our obligation to God to be simply following a set of rules. We can find excuses to ignore God, when he does not do what we want. We can be so concerned

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