

**PARISH DIARY****TODAY** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Rachel Prior	
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President: Andy Colebrooke	
<b>Hadstock</b>	12 noon	<b>BAPTISM</b>
	Officiant: Rachel Prior	
	6.30pm	<b>ADVENT CAROL SERVICE</b>
	Leader: Rachel Prior	
<b>Ashdon</b>	6.30pm	<b>ADVENT MUSIC &amp; READINGS</b>
	Leader: Paula Griffiths	
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
<b>Debden</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: Richard Spencer	
	4.00pm	<b>ADVENT &amp; CHRISTINGLE SERVICE</b>
	Leader: John Saxon	
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President: John Saxon	
	Preacher: Brian Kerrison	

**THIS WEEK** (All at St Mary's Saffron Walden, unless stated)**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Funeral of Chris Ferland

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

**NEXT SUNDAY** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
<b>Sewards End</b>	4.00pm	<b>CHRISTINGLE SERVICE</b>
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Little Walden</b>	11.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>Hadstock</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

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# The Grapevine

**All Saints' Church, Ashdon**[www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk)**First Sunday of Advent****1<sup>st</sup> December 2019****Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All Amen

**First Reading: Exodus 33:11-18**

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Post Communion**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Churches Together Prayer Cycle:** In December please pray for New Life Church & Gt Chesterford Primary School

**Those who are unwell:** Ken Ryles, Anne Rose,

Lilian Maddams

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:**

Ella Martin

**Chris Ferland** died suddenly on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, after being admitted to hospital with pneumonia. The funeral will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. Mark, Bron, Elke & Josefine would appreciate support from any of the congregation who might wish to attend.

**Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:**

Cody Christopher Cann

## TEAM

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Judith Hasler*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**PRAYER EVENING Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 7.30-8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The prayer team are organising prayer times during the interregnum, with an emphasis on praying for the appointment of a new Rector. As the Bishop will be meeting the Church Wardens and PCC on 4<sup>th</sup> December we thought it would be a good idea to begin after that date. We hope this will be the first of many, so do come and join us in prayer. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

Saffron Walden Churches Together are once more arranging a **HUSTINGS FOR THE ELECTION CANDIDATES**. It will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church. Doors open at 7pm. Questions can be submitted at the door until 7.20 or by email in advance to [waldenhustings@gmail.com](mailto:waldenhustings@gmail.com) *Edward Gildea*

**WWW WOMEN WHO WONDER**. This is a group for Christian women to discuss, share and learn together. We have a social on **10<sup>th</sup> December** at 8pm. We meet at 59a Clay Pit Piece. For further details contact Gill Caswell on 01799 520485.

**STREET PRAYER/PASTOR PRAYER MEETING Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 8-9.30pm at the Community Church lounge, Castle Street, SW. All welcome. *Dawn Saxon*

**THANK YOU** so much for a wonderful final weekend. The Barn Dance, the glorious celebration of Christ the King on Sunday, and the cards, gifts and affirmation. I'll enjoy riding the state-of-the-art bike, the picture of Saffron Walden and spending the generous cheque. Working with and knowing you have been such a joy. With love and prayers. *David*

**DAVID'S FAREWELL** Photos can be seen in the News section of the website. *Martin*

**JIMMY'S** Please consider Jimmy's this Christmas. We are hoping to use any money donated to purchase sleeping bags and blankets as there is a need this winter. Please see the notice board at the rear of St Mary's church, SW, for more information. *Timothy Game*

## CLERGY TEAM

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## ASHDON

98 Come, thou long expected Jesus  
457 Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
432 Rejoice, the Lord is King  
570 You are the King of Glory  
514 Thou, whose almighty word

*Jesus said:*

**"I will build my church"** (Matthew 16:18)  
**"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."** (John 14:18-20)  
**"I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."** (Matthew 16:28)  
**"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** (Matthew 28:20)

Our **Advent Study Course**, in conjunction with Ashdon Baptist Course, will continue at Gavin Walter's house, The Manse, Radwinter Road, on the following dates (at 7:30pm):

- Tuesday 3rd December (*see below for event on Wednesday 4th*)
- Wednesday 11th December
- Wednesday 18th December

The funeral of **Olive King** will take place at 12noon on Monday 16th December at the Cam Valley Crematorium. Our prayers are with her nephews Alan and Paul, and their families.

On 4th December at 7:30pm, Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Robin will lead a meeting in St Mary's, Saffron Walden as the first step in finding a **new Team Rector**.

**Angel Tree** - Prison Fellowship (Cambridge) will be wrapping and sending out about 80 presents to the children of prisoners at HMP Littlehey and Highpoint on behalf of their fathers. If you'd like to make a donation towards the gifts please pass a cheque payable to All Saints Church Ashdon to Rob by 23 December. Thank you - *Sarah*.

## Christmas Services 2019

- Sunday 22nd December, 6:30pm: Carol Service
- Tuesday 24th December, 4pm: Christingle
- Tuesday 24th December, 11:30pm: Midnight Communion
- Wednesday 25th December, 9:30am: Christmas Communion