

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Paula Griffiths
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
Sewards End	4.00pm	<b>CHRISTINGLE SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Rachel Prior
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Little Walden	President:	Chris Bishop
	11.15am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
Hadstock	Leader:	Tracey Nicholls
	Talk:	Richard Peet
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Debden	President:	Richard Spencer
	9.15am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b>
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

2.00pm St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	10.00am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	11.45am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	4.00pm	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <i>with prayers for wholeness &amp; healing</i>
Hadstock	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	Ashdon	9.30am
Debden	6.30pm	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b>
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Wimbish	11.00am	<b>MATINS</b>

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with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Grapevine

All Saints' Church, Ashdon

www.allsaintsashdon.org.uk

Second Sunday of Advent

8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## First Reading: Colossians 1:29-39

For in Jesus all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

## Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you

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## 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, Mark O'Neill  
**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Denise Johnson

## TEAM

**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*

University of London Chamber Choir Alumni singers will be leading **SUNG EUCHARIST** at Holy Trinity, Littlebury on **15<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00am. All welcome. They're also **SINGING CAROLS** in the Market Square on **14<sup>th</sup> December** from 2pm in aid of the Mayor's charity raising money for an emergency children's ambulance as part of Team Max fundraising for children's services for Addenbrookes Hospital. *Janice Rust*

**COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY** **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

**THANK YOU** so much for a wonderful final weekend. The Barn Dance, the glorious celebration of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November, 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*

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Barn Dance. I know David and his family really enjoyed the occasion as I am sure all who attended did. It was a great success and shows what team work can do. *Gill and Denis*

**ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE - LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WEEKDAY MORNINGS.** We would like to invite a few more people to join our dedicated Parish Office Team. The office is open weekday mornings 9.30am – 12 noon. Have you a couple of mornings each month to spare? You need to be able to work independently as well as part of a team. If this could be you, or to enquire further, please speak to *Dawn Saxon*.

**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*

Copies of the revised **"WHO'S WHO AT ST MARY'S"** are now available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, or from the Parish Office. This use to appear on the inside cover of the old style Parish News magazine, but because of GDPR and the fact that the new Parish News magazine is available via the web we can no longer include it. Please let me know of any amendments. *Dawn Saxon*

## ASHDON

321 Love divine, all loves excelling  
311 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us  
237 I will sing the wondrous story  
439 See amid the winter's snow  
212 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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):

- 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.

**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

**Richard and Bozy** are planning to move to Old Harlow on or about 17th December, but will be here for all the services up to Christmas Day. Rev. Caroline Currer will be taking most of the services in the new year. Please give a very warm welcome to Caroline and her husband Alan, who is a licenced Reader.

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