

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 2nd February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Feast of the Purification
	President: 10.00am	Paula Griffiths HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: Preacher: 12 noon	Rachel Prior Robin King BAPTISM
	Officiant: 6.30pm	Rachel Prior H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
	Leader: Talk:	Tracey Nicholls Rowan Auty & Peter Game.
	Hadstock	9.30am
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: 9.30am	Caroline Currer HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President: 9.15am	Caroline Currer HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Preacher:	John Saxon Brian Kerrison
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 3rd February8.30am Morning Prayer
11.45am Funeral of Oswald ('Ossie') Davey *at Hadstock*Tuesday 4th February8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
9.30am St Mary's Tinies in the Parish Room
5.00pm Evening PrayerWednesday 5th February8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy CommunionThursday 6th February8.30am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Healing ServiceFriday 7th February8.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Funeral of Virginia Chapman *at Debden*Saturday 8th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 9th February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Septuagesima
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

See St Mary's church, SW, website at
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The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN, WIMBISH,
DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK.**Welcome to our services today**
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Stewardship of Money
2nd February 2020**Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanael, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In February please pray for:
Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church, St Thomas More School

Those who are unwell: **Anne Rose**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Virginia Chapman, Gillian Ram, Vera Bassett, Oswald ('Ossie') Davey, Alan Stride

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:
Elizabeth Alice Chaffey-Ford

EVENTS

GILLIAN RAM'S FUNERAL We came to live and worship in Saffron Walden about four years ago and have met a number of people at St Mary's. Sadly, Gillian died on 27th December; her funeral service will be at St Peter's Church, Wrestlingworth, on **5th February** at 11.30am. Some refreshment will be provided. *Ron Ram*

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 5th February** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 6th February** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. *Judith Hasler*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 6th February** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 7th February** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Tara Westover's** remarkable memoir **Educated**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - Saturday 8th February This will be held at St Mary's, SW, this year instead of St Mark's, so parking in the churchyard will be for the course leaders and caterers only between 9.30 and 4pm. Thanks for your co-operation. *Caroline Goulder*

SAFFRON WALDEN DEANERY EVANGELISM FOCUS MEETING with Bishop Stephen Cottrell. A meeting for all who attend churches in the Saffron Walden Deanery. 'Celebrate – Learn – Be Encouraged', **Saturday 8th February**, 9.30am – 12 noon at Great Chishill Village Hall, Hall Lane, SG8 8SH. No need to book – all welcome! *Gary Townsend*

WOMEN WHO WONDER A group for women. We meet at 8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of most months. Our next meeting will be on **11th February** at 8pm at 59a Clay Pit Piece, CB11 4DR. Please bring an article from a paper or magazine that has caught your attention. For further details please contact Gill Caswell on 01799 520485.

BISHOP STEPHEN WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST WITH ASHES at Thaxted Church on Ash Wednesday - **26th February** at 7.30pm. This will be one of the last occasions that Bishop Stephen will be visiting the Deanery before he takes up his new post in York. All are welcome - please let St Mary's Parish Office know if you plan to go so that we can give an indication of numbers and could possibly arrange lifts. NB. Choral Eucharist with Ashes will take place at St Mary's, SW, at 8.00pm that evening according to our usual pattern. *Judith Hasler*

"SHARING THE GOSPEL HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE" CMS Southern Conference 28th February - 1st March Come and hear more about the inspiring work of CMS at High Leigh. Those of us that go always return inspired and challenged. For more information contact Sue Walker 017995 23007.

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

NOTICES

TODAY

MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM are available to offer prayer for yourself or someone you care about. Simply go to the clergy vestry after you have been to the altar for communion or a blessing.
Rachel

HOMEMADE MARMALADE for sale at the back of St Mary's church, SW, after the 10am service - £2 per pot. All proceeds to St Mary's Building Fund. *Lesley Green*

QUIET MORNING, Saturday 7th March "Becoming Human" taken by Rachel from 9.30 - 12 noon in St Mary's Parish Rooms. These are wonderfully refreshing and reflective mornings, if you want to come there is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church, SW. For further details contact Sue Walker email suewalker619@btinternet.com or 523007.

ST MARY'S CMS LINK PARTNER LYNN TRENEARY is coming to visit us on **Sunday 15th March**. She will be interviewed in the 10am Eucharist, give a presentation in the Parish Rooms followed by a potluck lunch and will be with Aftershock in the evening. Lynn has much to inspire and challenge us with, so do come and listen to what God is doing in South Sudan. For further info. contact Sue Walker (details as above).

MATT AND NIC WILLIAMSON are pleased to announce the arrival of Joshua Thomas, born Tuesday 28th January at 12.16am, weighing 8lb 8oz.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HEATING The repairs to the heating are progressing and we now have one boiler running, the other two boilers should be repaired soon. We expect the heating to be working fully by Sunday 9th Feb. Some of the items being replaced are on long delivery times and we are carrying out the work as quickly as we can. *Steve Hasler*

I AM DRAWING UP THE ROTA FOR THIS YEAR'S BRUNCHES and would be grateful for some extra help. 2 people are needed to buy, cook and serve sausages/ buttered rolls for brunch after the family services. These take place on the third Sunday of the month with a couple of exceptions. A place on the rota would generally occur approx. 3 x per year or less if there are enough volunteers. Full instructions and information can be provided. The treasurer will provide prompt payment of money spent. Please help support this important service to the congregation of St Mary's, SW. Contact Sue Birchall on sbirchall29@gmail.com or 'phone 07813 947157

WEBSITE PHOTOS A selection of photos from the Advent Carol Service rehearsal and Aftershock's Fundraising Dinner can be seen in the Latest News section of St Mary's church, SW, website. *Martin*

LENT MODULES Learning for Life run by the Diocese of Chelmsford. There are many opportunities to use the season of lent to find out more about the prayer, history, beliefs and habits of the Christian life. Please see poster near the West End door of St Mary's church SW, and leaflets if you want to know more. Deadline to apply to the Diocese is 14th February. *Dawn Saxon*

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