

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 5th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Rachel Prior
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Alan Curren
Hadstock	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
Ashdon	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President:	Caroline Curren
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	Hilary Davey
Wimbish	11.00am	VILLAGE WORSHIP @ ST PAUL'S
	Leader:	Home Team

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

- Monday 6th January**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesday 7th January**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*
- 10.15am St Mary's Tinies
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday 8th January**
- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursday 9th January**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 11.00am Funeral of Brenda Dixon
- 2.00pm Funeral of Hazel Weightman
- Friday 10th January**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- Saturday 11th January**
- 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 12th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	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

The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN, WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK.

Welcome to our services today

Epiphany

5th January 2020

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through 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: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

See St Mary's church, SW, website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org to find out more.

Please 'Like' our Facebook page so we reach more people! Click on the link on our website, or go to: www.facebook.com/saintmaryschurchsaffronwalden

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In January please pray for: **Saffron Walden Community Church, Saffron Walden County High School and XL Mentoring**

Those who are unwell: Ken Ryles, Anne Rose, Lilian Maddams

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Hazel Weightman, Brenda Dixon, Mark O'Neill, Vera Williams, Gillian Ram, Daniel Coppins, Sydney Boyton, Janet Pearson, Virginia Chapman

EVENTS

Wondering what your gifts are and how you might use them in God's service? The **Deanery SHAPE course** will be starting this month. If you are interested, please pick up a flyer at the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, for more information and speak to Rachel.

M5 MEN'S LUNCH Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 8th January** from 12:15. You'll be assured of a warm welcome so come and join us and bring a friend. *Bill Rose*

THE NEXT MEN'S WALK will be on **Saturday 11th January** and will follow the well-worn tracks between Wendens Ambo and Littlebury Green following well graded tracks but with a little mud. We meet at the west end of St Mary's church, SW, at 10am and lunch in Wenden. More details from Anthony Armon-Jones 07736 070508.

Our Tuesday morning **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** recommences on **14th January** when we will continue to explore the 2nd book of Samuel. For further details contact Brian Kerrison 01799 516586 or briankerrison599@btinternet.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

UNITED SERVICE, Sunday 19th January at 10.30am in the United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane, Saffron Walden. All welcome.

AGAPE MEAL, Friday 24th January, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Hosted by Quakers at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden. It would be helpful to know how many people will be attending; please email our Clerk at swlmclerk@gmail.com

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

HADSTOCK QUIZ The ever-popular Hadstock Quiz returns again this year to test your brains over the Christmas and New Year break. All proceeds to the Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock. Quiz sheets (£2 each) available from St Mary's Parish Office, Janice Snell (jimjanhadstock@outlook.com, tel. 01223 892338) or Paula Griffiths (paula.greatford@btinternet.com, tel. 01799 599141), to be returned to Janice or Paula by 11th January 2020.

SAFFRON WALDEN LIBRARY COAT

DONATION The library has a rack where people can donate warm coats that need a new home. All coats should be clean and in one piece. Anyone can visit at any time to take one (no need to ask staff). They are located at the back of the main room of the library and clearly sign posted.

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY & BRITISH COINS** and notes that are no longer in circulation, please hand to me or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *Margaret Walter*

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

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion. Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden
www.transitionproject.co.uk

CLERGY TEAM

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