

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 12th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Paula Griffiths	E1
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sewards End	President: Andy Colebrooke	
	4.00pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant: Michael Lovegrove	
Little Walden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Chris Bishop	
Hadstock	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader: Michael Lovegrove	
	Talk: Richard Peet	
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	President: Paula Griffiths	
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Caroline Currer	
Wimbish	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader: Home Team	
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: Chris Bishop	

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

Monday 13th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

10.15am St Mary's Tinies

2.00pm Funeral of Sydney Boyton

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th January

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 16th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 17th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 18th January

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 19th January 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
		E2
	10.30am	NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S - UNITED SERVICE @ THE URC
Hadstock	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATINS

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



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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Baptism of Christ
12th January 2020

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 42.1-9*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Gospel: *Matthew 3.13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: **Anne Rose**

The family and friends of those who have died recently: **Gillian Ram, Danny Coppins, Sydney Boyton, Virginia Chapman, Karen Boreham, Anthony (known as Tony) Auger, Ken Ryles**

EVENTS

KEN RYLES Ken and Margaret have been so very grateful for letters, cards and prayers from St. Mary's folk during these last few months. Ken had very much hoped that he would be well enough to visit St Mary's Church over the Christmas period. Sadly this was not to be and he died on 8th January 2020.

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

Wondering what your gifts are and how you might use them in God's service? The **Deanery SHAPE course** starts on **Wednesday 15th January**. 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. If you are able to offer a lift to the Shape Course at Great Chesterford please do let Rachel Prior know. Thank you. *Alex Jeewan*

PRAYER EVENING during the interregnum on **Thursday 16th January**. There will be another time of prayer at 7.30pm - 8pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms led by Michael Felgate. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY Sunday 19th January 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

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 the Quakers at the Friends Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden. Please sign the notice at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by Sunday 19th January, if you would like to come. All welcome. Apologies that the date given in the Parish News is incorrect. The date was changed after printing. *Kathryn Fiddock*

THE COMMANDMENTS - a course for the Christian Journey. This Pilgrim course approaches familiar issues of faith in a pattern of contemplation and discussion, refreshing our knowledge and understanding. You are welcome to join others exploring what Christians believe through this six week course. Wednesdays 8.00 to 9.30pm, at the Rectory, Mill Rd, Debden **29 Jan, 5 & 19 Feb, 4, 11 & 18 March**. Thursdays 2.30 to 4.00pm, at St Pauls Mission Hall, Wimbish **30 Jan, 6, 20 & 27 Feb, 19 & 26 March**. All welcome whatever your experience of faith. Enquiries and to order course booklet contact Revd John Saxon 541619 debdenwimbishcurate@gmail.com

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM The choir will be singing evensong at Birmingham Cathedral on **Saturday 20th June**. There will be a coach from Saffron Walden so if you'd like the opportunity to see David and Jenny again and hear the choir sing in this beautiful cathedral, do save the date. No need to book yet but keep an eye on the grapevine after Easter. *Caroline Goulder*

NOTICES

TODAY

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*

ST MARY'S CHURCH HEATING Please accept our apologies that the church heating is not working fully today; an electrical fault is being investigated. *Steve Hasler*

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE A big thank you to all who attended our two services on Christmas Eve, for the generous presents for East Anglian Children's Hospices and for the collection of £2,248 which will be divided equally between the Mayor's charity for a new Emergency Children's Ambulance Service for Children in the East of England and church funds. *Denis*

LOST PROPERTY The lost property will be in the back pew by the clergy vestry in St Mary's church, SW, until the end of January. Please check if you have lost something in the last six months. Any left will be disposed of in February. *Gill and Denis*

NEW YEAR AT ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN 2020 is going to be an exciting and challenging year. As a church we will all have a part to play in continuing the good here and furthering our mission, both within and outside. There are so many things that need to happen for the smooth running of the church. Some examples are coffee, dusting, brunch, summer welcoming and tea towel washing rotas - these are just a few. If you would like to help, please speak with the wardens initially. *Denis and Gill*

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.

THE MADDAMS, Roy, Ian, Hugh and Jenny would like to say thank you to all those who sent cards, letters and messages while Lillian was in hospital. Your kind thoughts helped us through some pretty scary moments. We now have Lillian back home and she is making a slow but good progress towards her normal self.

The **ECO CHURCH PAGES** are now active on the St Mary's website. Just click on the 'Other' tab on the home page and scroll down to Eco Church or go direct to www.stmaryssafronwalden.org/ecochurch. There are pages on 'Where are we now?' 'What can I do?' and 'What's going on?' We are also looking for environmental champions in all aspects of church life; maybe the fires in Australia have particularly moved you. If so, please contact Edward@edwardgildea.co.uk

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