

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 16th February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Sexagesima
	President:	Rachel Prior
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	Leader:	Rachel Prior
	Talk:	Tracey Nicholls
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President:	John Sibson
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President:	Caroline Currer
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	John Saxon
	11.00am	MATINS
	Leader:	John Saxon

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

Monday 17th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer *at Hadstock*

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm Funeral of Reg Burton

Thursday 20th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 21st February

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Ian Lambert

Saturday 22nd February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Quinquagesima
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	12 noon	BAPTISM
	4.00pm	EVENSONG
Sewards End	9.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH FOLLOWED BY AGM
		HOLY COMMUNION
Little Walden	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	MATINS
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Lent
16th February 2020

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading: Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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www.facebook.com/saintmaryschurchsaffronwalden

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Alan Stride, Ian Lambert, Pamela Pinner, Anne Rose, Reginald (known as Reg) Burton

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: **Jesse Byrne and Charlotte Saville**

EVENTS

Next **PRAYER EVENING** during the Interregnum is this coming **Wednesday 19th February** at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms with Hazel Colebrook leading the evening. All are welcome. For further information contact Sue Walker on 01799 523007.

QUINQUA QUIZ Saturday 22nd February, 7 for 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms; Chris Bishop is the quizmaster. He would like teams of 5-6 people. If you wish to take part but are not in a team you will not be alone. Contact Chris on chrismitre@hotmail.com to let him know your team or if you would like to be part of one. Cost £5 a head. This is for the Bishop's lent appeal. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. *Gill Caswell*

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*

ANNE ROSE Bill and family thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and kind offers of help during Anne's long and debilitating battle with cancer and for your heartfelt expressions of sympathy following her death on 1st February. We are truly humbled by the breadth and depth of your love and compassion in our tragic loss. Thank you. The funeral and service of thanksgiving for Anne's life will be here at St Mary's on **Thursday 27th February** at 3pm and all are invited. The committal will be at Cam Valley Crematorium, family only please. Following the service all are warmly welcomed to refreshments in the Parish Room. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Compassion or St Clare's Hospice or The Dogs Trust via Anne's In Memory page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk or alternatively may be sent to Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden CB11 3AQ.

"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.

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.

The **SMMA AGM** will take place at approximately 11.45am (after the morning service) in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Sunday 8th March**. All are welcome. *Bron Ferland*

"LET PRAISE ARISE!" CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR (finalists in the 2019 BBC Gospel Choir of the Year) will be at Chrishall Holy Trinity Church on **Sunday 8th March** at 3.30pm followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

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

NOTICES

TODAY

PLEASE REMEMBER to collect your stewardship letter from the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. *Rachel*

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

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 suewalker619@btinternet.com or 523007.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 20th March** at 4 Castle Street to discuss **Neil MacGregor's book Germany: Memories of a Nation**. Please contact me if you would like a copy (SW 520291). *Robin O'Neill*

RACHEL'S LAST SERVICE BEFORE SHE STARTS MATERNITY LEAVE will be the 10am Holy Communion on **29th March**, at St Mary's, SW, when we will present her with a gift and enjoy wine and nibbles after the service. Contributions to her gift should be given to one of the wardens or sent to the Parish Office in an envelope marked 'For Rachel's gift'. (Cheques payable to 'Saffron Walden PCC'.) *Denis & Gill*

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Jimmy's Christmas Noticeboard appeal. We have raised £711.50 which we have used to purchase 13 good quality sleeping bags. *Tim Game*

WEEKEND AWAY 12th - 14th June, Belsey Bridge near Bungay Suffolk. There is still time to book our Weekend Away. Come for the day or the whole weekend and enjoy a time of friendship, learning together and fun for all the family. En-suite rooms as well as non-ensuite rooms still available. Our speaker is Bishop Roger Morris. There are activities for under 11s and 11-17 year olds, who can come for free. Pick up a booking form or go to St Mary's website (www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) for more details. Any questions about room availability contact Sarah Nicholas s.nicholas180@gmail.com 07415 632658.

THE PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TEAM RECTOR There are paper copies at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. *Dawn Saxon*

VOLUNTEER VACANCY: TEAM COUNCIL SECRETARY Opportunity to be involved in the work of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team and work with the new Rector. The Team meets three times a year and responsibilities involve preparing the agenda and minutes and preparing the newspaper adverts of Christmas and Easter services. Start May 2020. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Sarah Nicholas on teamcouncilsecretary@gmail.com. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Trip to Lincoln Cathedral on **Monday 8th June**. Full details and form will be available soon on the Friends Bookstand. *Pamela Muglison*

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