

## PARISH DIARY

TODAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

<b>Saffron Walden</b>	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Andy Colebrooke
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC</b>
	President:	Rachel Prior
<b>Hadstock</b>	6.30pm	<b>H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE</b>
	Leader:	Matt Williamson
	Talk:	Eleanor Game and Bryony Randall
	9.30am	<b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b>
<b>Ashdon</b>	Leader:	Paula Griffiths
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
	President:	Caroline Curren
	9.30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Debden</b>	President:	Caroline Curren
	9.15am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	President:	John Saxon
	<b>Wimbish</b>	11.00am
Leader:		John Saxon

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

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer **at Hadstock**

9.30am St Mary's Tinies in the Parish Room

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Healing Service

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**9.00am Prayer Meeting **downstairs** in the Parish Rooms

## NEXT SUNDAY

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

# The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

**First Sunday of Lent****1<sup>st</sup> March 2020****Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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:** *Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 4.1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

See St Mary's church, SW, website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In March please pray for:  
**Abbey Lane & Newport URC, incorporating the Methodist Church, Dame Bradbury's School**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

**Ethel McCallum, Alan Cooper, Malcolm Smith**

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

**Ian Millar & Patricia White, Mark Cornell & Karen Storey, David Cox & Charlotte Moffatt, James Nowell & Sarah Unthank** (at St Mary's, Saffron Walden) and **Sam Shepherd-Barron & Anna Spooner, Samuel Body & Hilary Lester** (at All Saints, Ashdon)

## EVENTS

There will be another time of **PRAYER** during the interregnum on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 2.30-3.00pm and on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30-8.00pm, both in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome. For further information contact Sue Walker 523007.

**M5 MEN'S LUNCH** Our next lunchtime get-together at the Kings Arms on Market Hill will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** 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 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

*Judith Hasler*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** has been prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe. It is an interesting and thought provoking service and you are invited to share in this worldwide event. We are pleased to be hosting the Service in the Parish Room on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30am followed by refreshments. It is an opportunity to share the same Service with other Christians all around the world over 36 hours, starting in Samoa as the sun rises and later back in the Pacific as it sets over American Samoa. We shall hear of some of the challenges facing the people in Zimbabwe now. You will be warmly welcomed. *Ruby Parsons*

**QUIET MORNING, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.30pm followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Throughout Lent, the Bishops of our diocese will be presenting a **SERIES OF LECTURES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATION** in Chelmsford, Colchester and Stratford. On **10<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.30pm at St. John the Evangelist, Colchester, Edward Gildea will be taking part alongside Bishop Stephen on the theme of water. See [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-lectures-2020](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-lectures-2020) or contact [edward@edwardgildea.co.uk](mailto:edward@edwardgildea.co.uk)

**SPRING CONCERT Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, 7 for 7:30pm with drinks beforehand at St Mary's Church Wendens Ambo. Karin Fischer Buder (Soprano) and Stephen Penton (Keyboard) present a wide range of music on the theme of spring. Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Britten, Piaff and others and a few lyrical poems read by members of the village. £5.00 for fund raising towards Church Building Fund and Shelter. *Tim*

**QUINQUA QUIZ** 8 teams took part in the Quiz last Saturday in the Parish Room to raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and raised £315. Thank you to all who were involved and we look forward to the Cup being defended at Quinquagesima next year! *Chris Bishop, Quiz Master*

## 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*

**ST MARY'S CMS LINK PARTNER LYNN TRENEARY** has a new letter at the back of St Mary's Church, SW. She will be interviewed on **15<sup>th</sup> March** in the morning service, give a presentation in the Parish Rooms, followed by a potluck lunch and will be with Aftershock in the evening. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for the lunch. Having read her link letter there will be much to challenge and inspire us. All welcome; please do sign up as it will help the catering! For further info. contact Sue [suewalker619@btinternet.com](mailto:suewalker619@btinternet.com)

**EASTER CARD FOLDING** We will be holding a working party to fold 7500 Easter cards on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** 9.30am – 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. ALL WELCOME to come and help for as little or as long as you are able. Refreshments and excellent company guaranteed! *Dawn Saxon*

**ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP** will hold their next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

**78<sup>TH</sup> SALE OF STAMPS** The next sale, in aid of St Mary's Church Building and Music Funds, will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Thousands of individual stamps at the Town Hall Council Chamber from 9.30 to noon. A warm welcome (and a cup of coffee) - even to those who are not dedicated stamp collectors! *David Hoy*

**RACHEL'S LAST SERVICE BEFORE SHE STARTS MATERNITY LEAVE** will be the 10am Holy Communion on **29<sup>th</sup> 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*

**WEEKEND AWAY 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)) for more details. Any questions about room availability contact Sarah Nicholas [s.nicholas180@gmail.com](mailto:s.nicholas180@gmail.com) 07415 632658.

**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](mailto:teamcouncilsecretary@gmail.com). Thank you.

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