

PARISH DIARY

TODAY 9th February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Septuagesima
	President: 10.00am	Andy Colebrooke HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
	President: Preacher: 4.00pm	Chris Bishop Judith Meaden CHORAL EVENSONG
	Officiant:	Paula Griffiths
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sewards End	President: 11.15am	John Sibson FAMILY SERVICE
Little Walden	Leader: 9.30am	Alan Currer HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Hadstock	President: 9.30am	Paula Griffiths HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President: 9.15am	Caroline Currer FAMILY SERVICE
Debden	Leader: 11.00am	Home Team HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President:	Paula Griffiths

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

Monday 10th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 11th February

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 12th February

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 13th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 14th February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 15th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

16th February 2020

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 Sexagesima
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATINS

Post Communion *Cont'd from front page*

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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
Third Sunday before Lent
Centenary of St Mary's Mothers' Union
9th February 2020

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12(13-16)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-20

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

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

EVENTS

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.

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY Sunday 16th February 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

PRAYER EVENING FOR CHOOSING THE NEW RECTOR is being held on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7.30 - 8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms with Hazel Colebrooke leading the evening. All are welcome. For more information contact Sue Walker at suewalker619@btinternet.com

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*

"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.

NOTICES

TODAY

We are celebrating a hundred years of St Mary's Mothers' Union and welcome Judith Meaden who is the President of the Mothers' Union in the Chelmsford Diocese. *Rachel*

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

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.

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

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*

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*

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*

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

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