

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

The following services are available across the team - full details on the website and email bulletin.

SUNDAY 6TH JUNE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Rachel Prior

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube/Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism

Officiant: Jeremy Trew

6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service

Leaders: Patricia Hallinan and Isaac Game

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Family Service

Leader: Paula Griffiths

Talk: Hilary Walker

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion

President: Caroline Curren

Preacher: Rachel Prior

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise

Leader: John Saxon

Talk: Brian Kerrison

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Service

Leader: Home Team

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer

Leader: Elizabeth Marshall

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Leader: Sue Walker

WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion

President: Jeremy Trew

NEXT SUNDAY 13TH JUNE SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Michael Lovegrove

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube/Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion

President: Rachel Prior

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism

Officiant: Rachel Prior

St James' Searsville - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion

President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service

Leader: Tracey Nicholls

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion 1662

President: Paula Griffiths

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion

President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise

Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion

President: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion

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SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

First Sunday after Trinity

6th June 2021

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel: Mark 3.20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In June please pray for: **Saffron Walden Assemblies Team, Stort Valley Schools Trust**
 Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Saffron Walden: **Matthew Counsell/Helen Pugh, Greg Shaw/Roseanne Jackson, Christopher Bulgen/Emma-Jayne Clark, Charles Johnson/Emma Murray, Ian Millar/Patricia White**
 Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW: **Emily Francis, Hamish Allan**
 The family and friends of those who have died recently: **Joan Gibbs, Albert (Bertie) Wrigley, Mary Morgan**

REFLECTIONS - ANDY COLEBROOKE

Chaos

As I write Dominic Cummings has been speaking before Parliament's Select Committee on Covid. The picture he has painted is of No. 10 falling into complete chaos during February and March last year. Those cited as responsible for the mess have defended themselves, so we must await the results of a public enquiry to find the truth and, hopefully, learn its lessons. There's a law in physics that says everything left to itself tends to fall apart: socks get mixed in the draw; clothes wear out, our houses fall into disrepair. As in the pandemic: 'Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold; mere anarchy is loosed upon the world.' (Yeats)

Small Potatoes

Our bodies, too, show the signs of ageing: 'Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more' (Psalm 103.15,16). In the epistle St Paul speaks of his own trials and signs of ageing: on the outside it looks like things are falling apart, he is getting older, his body is weakening, outward decay is becoming obvious. But he says: 'what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal'. God is at work on the inside, the same God who raised Jesus from the dead is at work within Paul. Perhaps it is not surprising that this tent-maker by trade should liken the body to a pitched tent. It's being taken down and death looks like the end, but our fragile human bodies are not to be abandoned, but replaced by 'a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens'. He is talking about resurrection. The Message Bible translation sums it up like this: 'These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times', not to be compared with the glory that awaits us.

I wonder...

I wonder what 'resurrection' means to you?

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Saviour and Friend, how wonderful art thou, my companion upon the changeable way, the comforter of its weariness, my guide to the Eternal Town, the welcome at its gate.

Traditional

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 7th	Morning Psalm 30 & Romans 7:1-6 Evening Psalm 28
Tue 8th	Morning Psalm 36 & Romans 7:7-end Evening Psalm 33 & Luke 12:13-21
Wed 9th	Morning Psalm 34 & Romans 8:1-11 Evening Psalm 119:33-56
Thurs 10th	Morning Psalm 37 & Romans 8:12-17 Evening Psalm 40
Fri 11th	Morning Psalm 100 & Acts 4:32-end Evening Psalm 147
Sat 12th	Morning Psalm 42 & Romans 8:31-end Evening Psalm 46

NEWS

I have been **APPOINTED THE RECTOR** of Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne near Braintree. My final Sunday will be 27th June, and I will be licensed to the benefice on 22nd July in Great Notley - details TBC. Many thanks for all your kindness over the last four years. *Rachel*

SERVICES IN CHURCH From June, there will be an 8.00am service of 1662 Holy Communion in St Mary's every Sunday. It will also be livestreamed on the 3rd Sunday of each month (when there is no 10.00am livestream of the Family Service). Please continue to book in advance for services at St Mary's whilst numbers are restricted and to assist with Track and Trace. Book online using the link on the website or bulletin or by contacting the Parish Office before noon on Friday.

ST MARY'S, SW is now open every day from 10am-4pm for visits and prayer. Ashdon church is also open every day and Hadstock is open by appointment.

A PLANT SALE in aid of St Mary's Debden will be held on **Saturday 5th June** 11am - 3pm in the front garden of Barltrops, High Street, Debden. Kindly wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please be patient if there is delay to enter the garden! Everyone welcome. *Hilary Davey*

ASHDON OPEN GARDENS Sunday 13th June, 11am - 5pm. Programmes from outside Village Hall, CB10 2ET and from All Saints church rooms, CB10 2HG. Admission £5 adults, children free. Proceeds to All Saints Church, Ashdon. Refreshments in the village hall and church rooms. Disabled facilities. Further details 01799 584945. *Robert Gardner*

Please put this date in your diaries: **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 27th November.** After missing out last year, we must make a special effort to re-establish this event in the Saffron Walden calendar. We need a lot of help with stalls and in support roles. Please contact Pamela Mugliston (521697) or me. Also please put aside *quality* items for sale. *Denis*

CHURCH FACEBOOK We are looking for someone to manage our Facebook page. If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact Riina - riina.driscoll@gmail.com or Martin - martin@hugall.co.uk

ST MARY'S SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES As is our custom, we will be presenting all Year 6 leavers with a Good News Bible at the end of the summer term. Donations are particularly welcome this year due to the Covid pandemic (cost £11.50 per bible). If you would like to donate, kindly put your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'School Bibles' and drop it into the Parish Office post box (outside the parish rooms). If you need to post your donation, please address to Dawn Saxon, St Mary's Parish Office, Church Path, Saffron Walden CB10 1JP. Thank you. *Dawn Saxon*

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Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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