

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

& Thanksgiving Service for the Preacher: Rachel Prior

Gift of a Child - Magdalene Rose Prior

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Paula Griffiths

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

+ Baptism

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: Hilary Davey

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Rufus Barnes

WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

THURSDAY - in Church

1.00pm Healing Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

NEXT SUNDAY 4TH JULY SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Family Service Leader: Alan Currer

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

Talk: Hilary Walker

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Service Leader: Home Team

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Elizabeth Marshall



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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

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

27th June 2021

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.7-15

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Gospel: Mark 5.21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, 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 James' Swards End: **John Revell & Leanne Hardingham**

Those who are being baptised today: **Evie Rose** (at St Mary's Saffron Walden) & **Emilia Kathryn Nix** (at All Saints Ashdon)

Paula and Roger as Paula retires from the team

Rachel, Sam and Magdalene as they move to Black Notley

REFLECTIONS - CHRIS BISHOP

I have lived in villages and, in villages, news travels fast!

If you have read any of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple mysteries and of the village of St Mary Mead, where she lived, you will know that in that village, because its inhabitants had lived there for a long time, news travelled even faster, which was an environment that helped Miss Marple solve problems.

Today, for us, so many of our communities are now much larger, more complex and, very often, lacking in neighbourliness. (Discuss?) Perhaps we are now more aware of the value of our communities and congregations than we were before the dramatic effect of the pandemic?

Today's Epistle and Gospel take us to a world more like Miss Marple's in composition. If you haven't seen it, I would suggest you watch the video 'The Miracle Maker' (2000). It is a beautifully made animated film telling the life of Jesus, as seen through the eyes of Jairus's daughter. Her story, as a child, is linked in with the story of the ailing woman; both were healed by Jesus. Two interesting points recorded are a) the fact that Jesus's words about the little girl were laughed at by those nearby, and b) that the ailing woman had spent so much money in trying to get healed and here was a 'free' miracle to heal her. No doubt when those two things happened in those small communities, the news travelled very fast. So much detail recorded for us.

The record of the Miracle Maker's work and words would have passed from mouth to mouth very quickly. As we read today in the Epistle, one of Paul's numerous letters, word was also spreading from mouth to mouth in 'far away' communities, as well as the appeal for financial support for those growing young churches.

Their world was a somewhat smaller world, but problematic and dangerous. It was an uncertain world, a world containing people who needed help, support and meaning in their lives, both the young and not so young.

Does any of that ring bells for you today?

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Dear Father God, your church, a rich and diverse community, is also at times disturbed by friction and disagreement. Keep our eyes and minds focussed on the caring, healing life of the 'Miracle Maker' as we ask him to follow us wherever we tread on the path our church is taking. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 28th	Morning Psalm 80 & Romans 14:13-end Evening Psalm 85
Tue 29th	Morning Psalm 71 & Acts 11:1-18 Evening Psalm 124 & John 21:15-22
Wed 30th	Morning Psalm 119:105-128 & Romans 15:14-21 Evening Psalm 91
Thurs 1st July	Morning Psalm 92 & Romans 15:22-end Evening Psalm 94
Fri 2nd	Morning Psalm 88 & Romans 16:1-16 Evening Psalm 102
Sat 3rd	Morning Psalm 92 & John 11:1-16 Evening Psalm 139

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH 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.

BEST WISHES AND MY PRAYERS TO ALL IN THE TEAM as I retire at the end of June. It has been a privilege serving with you. But this is not a final goodbye, as I hope to join the retired clergy team as from the beginning of 2022. *Paula*

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICE SURVEY - if you are on the electoral roll or a regular attendee at St Mary's SW, you should have received an online or paper invitation to complete our survey - please respond by the end of June. Thank you. *Judith*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 1st July** at 10am in the Parish Rooms. Sitting in a socially distanced circle we start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

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

JUNIOR CHOIR AND JOYFUL NOISE RECRUITMENT AFTERNOON in St Mary's church on **Saturday 3rd July** 3-5pm. This is for children aged 5 through to 13. Please see details on the website. To book places email: choirsmw@gmail.com *Bron Ferland*

COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES - an opportunity to explore the Christian faith with others. The course is open to anyone aged over 16 and runs over 2 years, based on weekly meetings in groups or online. For more information please contact Judith Hasler.

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*

WE HAVE A GROUP OF 8-11 YEAR OLD BOYS LOOKING FOR LEADERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st Saffron Walden Boys' Brigade (wixsite.com), is in need of help. If you can spare an hour or so on a Tuesday evening, although not necessarily every week, please contact me for a chat (no obligation!!) A DBS check is mandatory. Mike Turner Tel: 01799 523905 email: mikeandlyn106@hotmail.co.uk

THE JULY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS will be available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews> **COPY** for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor andycolebrooke@gmail.com by Sunday 4th July.

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