

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

#### 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 Leader: Katie & Ed Jones

& Patricia Hallinan

#### 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

#### TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Joe Hordern

#### WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

## NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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: Jeremy Trew  
+ Baptism

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew

#### St James' Searcotes - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

#### St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

#### All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

#### St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

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9.30am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

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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

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### Gospel: Mark 6.1-13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In July please pray for: **Saffron Walden Salvation Army Corps, Katherine Semar Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:  
**Kelly Rutherford**

## REFLECTIONS - ANDY COLEBROOKE

In this week's epistle Paul speaks of a wonderful spiritual experience that he once had, describing it as being 'caught up to the third heaven'. He says that the things he heard are not to be reported, neither does he wish to boast about the experience, so he says no more. In which case we might wonder why he bothers to mention it! We know that the Corinthians prided themselves on exercising their spiritual gifts and thrilled about anything spectacular, so Paul's point seems to be to impress upon us that those spiritual highs, wonderful though they are, are not really what it is all about; they come and go, they never last forever. A mature Christian life is more often characterised by a steady evenness or is subject to frequent struggles, even suffering.

### Going deeper

Paul's spiritual high was followed by a persistent difficulty, a 'thorn in the flesh'. This might have been a physical ailment or perhaps a reference to those who constantly opposed him, questioning his status as an apostle. Whatever it was, Paul saw it as an evil, coming directly from Satan. It clearly really troubled Paul, three times he asked the Lord to remove it, but without result. Instead, Paul learned that although he felt weak and powerless, God's grace was still at work within him. Indeed, his weakness had become a channel through which Christ's power could flow to others.

### I wonder...

Do life's highs and lows blow me off course, distracting me from following Jesus or am I content to rest on God's grace?

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord, when times get tough, may your promise to never leave us or forsake us, be an anchor for the soul, firm and secure against any storm. Amen.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 98 & 2 Corinthians 1:1-14 Evening Psalm 105
<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 106 & 2 Corinthians 1:15-2.4 Evening Psalm 107 & Luke 19:41-end
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 111 & 2 Corinthians 2:5-end Evening Psalm 119
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 115 & 2 Corinthians: Chapter 3 Evening Psalm 116
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 119 & 2 Corinthians: Chapter 4 Evening Psalm 130
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 121 & 2 Corinthians: Chapter 5 Evening Psalm 118

## NEWS

**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.

**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.

**ONLINE WEEKDAY SERVICES:** In view of the continuing COVID restrictions, 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion and 5pm Tuesday Evening Prayer will remain on Zoom throughout July. If restrictions are lifted, the Wednesday service will be held in church from 4<sup>th</sup> August, instead of on Zoom. Tuesday Evening Prayer will remain on Zoom in August but hopes to return to church once a month from September.

**THANK YOU** for the lovely send off last Sunday and for all your kind words, cards and gifts. We are so grateful for our time with you. Please do save the date to join in 'virtually' with my licensing service on **22<sup>nd</sup> July** at 7.30pm. Details to come! May God bless you all. Love Rachel, Sam and Maggie

**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.

**THE JUNIOR CHOIR AND JOYFUL NOISE RECRUITMENT AFTERNOON** in St Mary's church on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** 3-5pm **HAS BEEN POSTPONED**. We are, however, still looking for singers, so please do feel free to contact me for further details! *Bron Ferland*

**THE ANNUAL CATHEDRAL SERVICE** for the presentation of CCS certificates is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at 8pm. Due to government restrictions, no guests are allowed this year, but family and friends can view the service via the link: <https://youtu.be/PzOdR5mnOWI> *Andy Colebrooke*

**MOTHERS' UNION** The outing to Ashdon Museum on 8<sup>th</sup> July is cancelled, but we are meeting at St Mary's Church at 2pm on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. The theme of the meeting is 'Rebuilding Hope and Confidence' led by Rev Chris Bishop. All welcome. Refreshments after the meeting. *Helen Hawkes*

**THE JULY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS** is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews>

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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