

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
President: Michael Lovegrove

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Home Team

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon
Talk: Ursula Lyons

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Littlebury - Zoom

10.00am Cam Churches Together
Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Joe Hordern

WEDNESDAY - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Angela Want

NEXT SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

10.00am Family Communion
President: Jeremy Trew
6.30pm Holy Communion (with prayers for wholeness & healing)
President: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren
11.00am Baptism Officiant: Caroline Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Leader: Sarah Nicholas
Preacher: Alan Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Morning Prayer Leader: Angela Want

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Family Service Leader: 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

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8th August 2021

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: Ephesians 4.25-5.2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel: John 6.35, 41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In August please pray for: **Saffron Walden Baptist Church, R A Butler Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Joyce Linford

Those whose wedding banns are being called: **Rohan Sivapalan & Gail Doughton, Thomas Healey & Rebecca Chambers, Nicholas Palmer & Sophie Home** (at St Mary's SW), **Callum Riley & Madeleine Long** (at St Mary's Debden)

Those who are getting married at St Mary's Saffron Walden on 12th August: **Christopher Bulgen & Emma-Jayne Clark**

REFLECTIONS - MICHAEL LOVEGROVE

"Working at home" during the pandemic has raised some interesting questions for employers. One of these is the question of what staff should wear when dealing with clients and colleagues whilst using "Zoom" and "FaceTime" and similar devices from home. In a recent discussion I was reminded that at one time almost every job had a uniform, its own livery as it was called.

Every master had to give his staff their proper livery. Then you could just glance at someone and say that he was a Grocer, or a Draper, or a Fishmonger, or a Skinner, or a Vintner or a Dyer. These trades formed themselves into guilds, which eventually became the Livery Companies of the City of London. Over 100 of them still exist and thrive today. I am a liveryman of the Scriveners Company which traces its history back to 1357, (Google it if you want to know what we do).

It is generally not the case today that you can tell a person's occupation by the way they dress, except for those who wear a uniform like the police or the butcher with his striped apron and the clergy with their clerical collars. But there is a livery that all Christians can wear - the uniform of Christ's women and men. What is it? You will find the answer in Ephesians 6: 14-17. It is "The girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation the sword of the spirit".

By our courage and kindness and honesty, we can show that we are Liverymen of Christ.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

O gracious and Holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you
Diligence to seek you
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you
A heart to meditate upon you,
Through the power of the spirit
Of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Benedict of Nursia c.550)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 9th	Morning Psalm 71 & Mark 2:23-3.6 Evening Psalm 72
Tue 10th	Morning Psalm 73 & Mark 3:7-19a Evening Psalm 74 & Acts 4:1-12
Wed 11th	Morning Psalm 77 & Mark 3:19b-end Evening Psalm 119:81-104
Thurs 12th	Morning Psalm 78:1-39 & Mark 4:1-20 Evening Psalm 78:40-end
Fri 13th	Morning Psalm 55 & Mark 4:21-34 Evening Psalm 69
Sat 14th	Morning Psalm 76 & Mark 4:35-end Evening Psalm 84

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH Whilst restrictions have been lifted, we want you to continue to feel safe so we are keeping some measures in place for everyone's benefit. We will request Track and Trace details when you arrive and we encourage you to wear a face covering whilst in the church building, particularly if singing. Hand sanitiser will be available and we will ensure that anyone wishing to maintain social distancing will be able to do so. Precise guidance may vary from Church to Church across the team. Please follow that where given.

ONLINE SERVICES St Mary's, SW will continue to stream one service each week on YouTube as at present. Debden, Wimbish and Wendens Ambo continue to offer Zoom services – details on the bulletin.

From **7th September**, Evening Prayer will be in the North chapel SW every first Tuesday of the month and on zoom for the rest of the month.

ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL is looking to recruit volunteers as members of our Committee. A background in a pre-school environment is not necessary, only that you are keen to join us in supporting an enthusiastic and dedicated staff providing an excellent and nurturing environment to the younger members of Saffron Walden. Membership of the committee is subject to a satisfactory DBS check. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sandra Marsh on sandra_marshall@hotmail.com

HOMEMADE MARMALADE for sale. £2 a pot for Church funds. Please contact Lesley Green 521356 or see her in St Mary's Church to arrange delivery.

THERE ARE WEDDINGS on **Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Thursday 12th August** all at 1pm, so please be aware parking in St Mary's churchyard on these days will be limited. *Caroline Goulder*

Saturday 7th August 10.00 -11.30 **COFFEE MORNING**, St Paul's Mission, Tye Green, Wimbish CB10 2XE. Everyone is most welcome, especially those who join us on Zoom for our Sunday services - It would be good to see you in person! Refreshments served outside, cakes, jams and produce for sale and a Raffle. *Fran Johnson*

MOTHERS' UNION GARDEN PARTY to be held at the home of Joe and Gwynneth Nicholas, 3 The Wayback, Saffron Walden, at 2pm on **12th August**. The party will only take place if it is fine, and if not, there will be no MU meeting in August. *Helen Hawkes*

4th & 5th September FLOWER FESTIVAL, All Saints Church Wimbish CB10 2XG. Theme: 'Praise and Thanksgiving'. Please note timings Saturday 1.00pm -5.00pm BBQ and Teas. Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm Cream Teas. Refreshments served outside. Music and stalls both days. Sunday 5.00pm 'Flower Festival Praise' with Rev Jeremy Trew. Further details on www.wimbishchurch.org.uk *Fran Johnson*

LIFTS TO CHURCH We would like to restart offering lifts to St Mary's SW 10am service to those otherwise unable to attend. We need more drivers who can help out on a rota once every 4-6 weeks. Please contact me for more information. *Judith Hasler*

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