

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

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

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Mike Felgate

WEDNESDAY - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

NEXT SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St James' Searwards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Angela Want

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: John Risby



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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

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

15th August 2021

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Proverbs 9.1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Gospel: John 6.51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: '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.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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

Those who are being baptised today at St Botolph's Hadstock: **Theodore Peter Jack Parker-Shorthouse**

REFLECTIONS - JOHN RISBY

A rare excursion into the book of Proverbs! Thirty one chapters, Billy Graham read one a day each month! The focus in our few verses is on wisdom, a subject the previous chapter eight is all about. Wisdom gives an impassioned invitation to everyone to 'leave your simple ways and you will live, and walk in the way of insight.'

It is a reminder to all Christians, too, for we are all prone to align ourselves with worldly aspirations and mind sets. Generally speaking, the world equates wisdom with acquired knowledge and information, but the Bible teaches us that true wisdom is a gift of God to those who genuinely seek to know his will.

Jesus encouraged his disciples to open their hearts and minds to receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit who dwells within to offer us
Instruction
understanding
knowledge
In order that he may lead us to use wise words and actions.

In his letter, James wrote, 'if any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.' 1.v 5

and the Lord Jesus told the story of the wise and foolish builders with the conclusion that, 'everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice....is like a wise person.' Matthew 7. v 24

Let us continue to pray for everyone that whatever our circumstances we may seek and find that wisdom beyond our own, a wisdom that leads to words and actions for the benefit of others and to the glory of God.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Teach me thy way O Lord, teach me thy way,
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight,
Lead me with heavenly light,
Teach me thy way!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 16th	Morning Psalm 80 & Mark 5:1-20 Evening Psalm 85
Tue 17th	Morning Psalm 89:1-18 & Mark 5:21-34 Evening Psalm 89:19-end & Acts 7:1-16
Wed 18th	Morning Psalm 119:105-128 & Mark 5:35-end Evening Psalm 91
Thurs 19th	Morning Psalm 92 & Mark 6:1-13 Evening Psalm 94
Fri 20th	Morning Psalm 88 & Mark 6:14-29 Evening Psalm 102
Sat 21st	Morning Psalm 97 & Mark 6:30-44 Evening Psalm 104

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

THE TRANSITION PROJECT will open up again in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Tuesday 21st September** from 10am till midday, and will offer its services to parishioners and all others seeking to improve their ability to find work. Please let any friends who are unfortunately out of work know that they can be helped. Until then, its services remain by telephone contact or online (swtransitionproject@gmail.com). Initial contact should be by telephone to 07901 173763. *Anthony Armon-Jones*

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.

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*

CHRISTMAS FAIR STALLS - Saturday 27th November If you haven't already been contacted regarding running or helping on a stall, please contact Pamela on 521697 as soon as possible. Lots of help is required to make this a special year. Thank you.

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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