THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

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 + Team JC

President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Parish Rooms

6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service Leader: Matt Williamson

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

11.00am Harvest Service Leader: Home Team

Talk: Jeremy Trew

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

11.00am Harvest Service Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Harvest Service Leader: Angela Want

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Elizabeth Marshall

TUESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

9.30am St Mary's Tinies

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Mike Felgate

WEDNESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

THURSDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

1.00pm Healing Service Leader: Angela Want

NEXT SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 President: Jeremy Trew 10.00am Holy Communion - Baptism + Team JC

President: Jeremy Trew

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

6.30pm Choral Evensong Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St James' Sewards End - in Church

9.30am Harvest Service Leader: 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

11.00am Harvest Service Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE
Great Chesterford - Facebook

10.00am Cam Churches Together Leader: Alex Jeewan

Talk: Edward Gildea



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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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 3rd October 2021

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Genesis 2.18-24

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In October please pray for: **Ashdon Baptist Church**, **Ashdon Primary School**

The family and friends of those who have died recently: **Anne Filkin**, **Betty Wolflea**

EVENTS

We are really excited to be resuming **TINIES**, **TEAM JC AND AFTERSHOCK** in person this term! Tinies will restart on **Tuesday 5**th **October** at 9.30am in St Mary's Church, SW. Are you passionate about giving children and young people the opportunity to know more about Jesus? Do you have a heart to pray for families? Are you someone that likes craft? Are you a fantastic tea maker or a good conversationalist? Do you enjoy playing games and having fun? We really need volunteers to join the teams that run each of these groups and if any of the above appeal, you could be just the person we are looking for! To find out more, please speak to Matt Williamson.

MEN'S LUNCHTIME GET-TOGETHERS will recommence under the new name of "Oasis" on Wednesday 6th October, from 12 noon, at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street, Saffron Walden, which is said to offer easier access for those of us who are less mobile. All welcome as before, but I have had to make a provisional booking so will those interested in coming please let me know by Monday 4th. I look forward to hearing from you. Bill Rose (tel. 516609. email: wjr2163@gmail.com)

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 7**th **October** 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 7th October at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another. JUNIOR CHOIR TASTER SESSION on Friday 8th October in the Parish Rooms. We are recruiting young singers aged between 7½ and 13 to join our wonderful vibrant and lively Junior Choir. Come along and try it out! To register email: choirsmsw@gmail.com THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY KNIGHT will be held at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, on Saturday 9th October at 2.30pm – all friends welcome.

THE OCTOBER 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

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 4 th	Morning Psalm 80 & Mark 15:1-15 Evening Psalm 85
Tue 5 th	Morning Psalm 89:1-18 & Mark 15:16-32 Evening Psalm 89:19-end & Acts 26:24-end
Wed 6 th	Morning Psalm 119:105-128 & Mark 15:33-41 Evening Psalm 91
Thurs 7 th	Morning Psalm 92 & Mark 15:42-end Evening Psalm 94
Fri 8 th	Morning Psalm 88 & Mark 16:1-8 Evening Psalm 102
Sat 9 th	Morning Psalm 97 & Mark 16:9-end Evening Psalm 104

EVENTS & NOTICES

SEE THE ANGELS in Littlebury Church on Saturday & Sunday 9th and 10th October, 11.00 am -

4pm,children's activities - refreshments in aid of Holy Trinity Littlebury. Keeping each other safe - please bring your mask. *Janice Rust*

THE DEANERY SERVICE WILL BE HELD at St Mary and St Clement, Clavering, on Sunday 17th October at 6:30pm. This will take the form of an evening service, followed by refreshments, hosted by Revd Margaret Davis and the church family at Clavering. Parking is available on the road or at church for those with mobility issues. All are welcome!

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.

The work to **REPAIR THE CHANCEL ROOF** started on Mon 27th Sep; the temporary scaffolding roof will take until approx. Sat 23rd Oct to construct. Between 8am and 5pm on weekdays and 8am and 1pm on Saturdays during this period, it will not be possible to drive to the Parish Rooms from Museum Street, please use Church Path instead. Access on foot will be via the entrance to the churchyard in Museum Street nearest to Castle Street. *Steve Hasler* (525041)

CHRISTMAS FAIR CANCELLATION The PCC, at its meeting on 23rd September, reluctantly accepted that, with continuing COVID uncertainty, we would be unable to meet the requirements of our risk assessment and ensure the safety of all at the Fair. This is disappointing for all of us, but particularly for those who have already put so much effort into preparation and organisation, for which we are most grateful. *Denis & Gill*

YOUTUBE STREAMING - HELP REQUIRED So that we can continue to provide this valuable service (typically 50-60 people watch weekly) we need additional volunteers to join the team who control the cameras and sound during services. This is not difficult and full training will be given. To learn more, please contact Steve Hasler or the churchwardens. *Denis*

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