THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

SUNDAY 7th August

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 10.00am First Sunday Communion

(livestreamed)

12 noon Baptism

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Praise (livestreamed)

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion, SW Church

NEXT SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

12 noon Baptism

6.00pm Evening Prayer

St James' Sewards End

9.30am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

11.15am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Debden

9.30am Family Service (livestreamed)

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30am Family Service (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford

11.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

Links for livestreamed services are available on the weekly bulletin. Please contact the Parish Administrator to be added to the mailing list. SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today 8th Sunday after Trinity 7th August 2022

Collect

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 15 v 1-6

Psalm: 33 v 12-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11 v 1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12 v 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In August please pray for: Saffron Walden Baptist Church, St Mary's, Wendens Ambo and R A Butler Schools

The family and friends of those who have died recently, Phillip Cross, Jean Moule, Alan Cornwell, Megan Ridgewell, Bridget Greenough & Jenny Barnes

Those who are being baptised: **Saffron Walden**: Scarlette Lecke

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Gareth Mason & Jesca Boot

Ashdon: Mark Howells & Leah Pearson

Those who are receiving a wedding blessing: **Sewards End**: Anthony Bamber & Audrey Crawley

EVENTS

DAVID & SARI GARDNER, who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, are visiting St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 7th August**. They will be speaking in the **10am service** about their work with the Roma community during the past 20 years.

The MOTHERS' UNION GARDEN PARTY will be at the home of Gwynneth and Joe Nicholas, 3, The Wayback, Saffron Walden on Thursday 11th August at 2pm.

All Saints Great Chesterford are holding their **AUTUMN FETE** and **TEDDY BEAR JUMP** on **Saturday 10**th **September** at **12pm**. There will be all sorts of stalls and games as well as barbecue and teas and cakes. Teddy bears and other brave animals will be parachuting from the tower during the afternoon. We will need contributions for the various stalls below so please contact David or Pam Maskell on 530098 if you can help. Stalls needing particular support are Bric-a-brac, bottles for tombola, raffle prizes, cakes, produce both fresh and preserved and childen's toys.

SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS at URC, Abbey Lane, Saffron Walden on Saturday 10th September 2.30pm – 7.00pm. We are looking forward to hearing Christopher Ash speaking from Psalm 119 on the topic of 'Loving God under Pressure'. Also groups for children and youth aged 4-14. Tickets are free and include a tea. Please contact swbible.focus@gmail.com for more information and to book. Booking for the children and youth, closes on 31st August.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE On Sunday 16th October St Mary's, SW is hosting a Deanery Confirmation Service. Anyone from KS3 to OAP is welcome to join in with the short course that will precede this to help them decide if this is the right thing for them at this time. Confirmation is where we take for ourselves the adult responsibilities promised at our baptism - we confirm the commitment others made for us. Please contact Jeremy, Alex or John for more information.

NOTICES

BISHOP GULI'S address at the Deanery Service on Wednesday 20th July 2022, followed by Q&A, can be found on the Latest News and Sermons pages of St Mary's, SW website.

Bridget Greenough died very peacefully at her care home on Sunday 31st July with Alison beside her. A lovely ending to a long and happy life.

The funeral for **Megan Ridgewell** will take place at 11am on Friday 12th August at Littlebury Church

All Saints Church Wimbish with Thunderley are delighted to announce their successful application for the Silver Eco Church Award. We have had great support from many people and organisations including

www.batsinchurches.org.uk to gain our award. Thank you to everyone! The news was announced on the BBC Radio Essex 'Quest' programme on Sunday. You might like to listen on www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0ckqk1n

STAMP SALE After a three year gap, the next Stamp Sale will take place on Saturday 20th August between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We are using a new venue - Saffron Community Link, next to Saffron Building Society in Market Street. Thousands of stamps on sale, individually priced. All proceeds split between St Mary's, SW Building and Music Funds

As of last week's Saffron Walden Eco-Church meeting, we have set up a 'ST MARY'S CAR SHARING' WhatsApp group. Please contact myself (07902 213503) or Edward Gildea, if you want to be added to this group. Thanks, Shawn

BRASS CLEANING Volunteers are needed to help with the brass cleaning for St Mary's, Saffron Walden. If you feel you could help please leave a message with the parish office on 506024

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn on **WEDNESDAY** at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am

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