

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
AROUND THE TEAM**

SUNDAY 12th March**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

- 8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Second Sunday Communion (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
12.15pm Baptism
4.00pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

- 9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Ashdon

- 9.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Baptism

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

- 10.30am Cam Churches Together (livestreamed)

TUESDAY

- 8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am St Mary's Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

WEDNESDAY

- 8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden
9.30am Holy Communion, Saffron Walden
9.30am Toddler Church, Great Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

THURSDAY

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 19th MARCH

St Mary's Saffron Walden

- 8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service

St Mary's Debden

- 9.00am Mothering Sunday Service (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

- 10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Communion
(livestreamed)

St James' Swards End

- 10.30am Morning Praise

St John's Little Walden

- 10.30am Family Service

St Botolph's Hadstock

- 3.00pm Café Church for Mothering Sunday

Holy Trinity Littlebury

- Please join Great Chesterford at 9.00am

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

- 9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford

- 9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

- 10.30am Holy Communion

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today

**Third Sunday of Lent
12th March 2023**

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Exodus 17 v 1-7

Psalms: 95

Second Reading: Romans 5 v 1-11

Gospel: John 4 v 5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The

reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In March please pray for: Abbey Lane & Newport United Reformed Church, incorporating the Methodist Church and Dame Bradbury's School.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Leslie Bentley, Michael Curtis, Louise Burton, Pauline Wombwell.

Those who are being baptised:

Ashdon: Alexander Bartram

Saffron Walden: Edward Byrne and Charles Byrne

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Charles Heywood & Emily Worker

EVENTS

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** will be **after the 10.30am** service at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 12th March, TODAY.**

The **AGM** of the St Mary's Music Association will be held in the Parish Rooms on **Sunday 12th March, TODAY**, at approximately **12noon** following the 10.30am service. All are welcome.

Hannah Razzell, SMMA Chairman

COFFEE CONCERTS For this week's concert on **Wednesday 15th March** we welcome Gail Ford (oboe) and Edward Dodge (piano). Please come along to support our musicians. The concert begins at **11.30am** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments are available from 10.45am. Free admission with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

STAMP SALE in aid of St Mary's, SW building and music fund. The next Stamp Sale will take place on **Saturday 18th March from 9.30am until 12.30pm.** At the Saffron Community Link, next to Saffron Building Society in Market Street. Thousands of stamps on sale, individually priced.

The **TIM HARDINGHAM MEMORIAL LECTURE** on the subject of air bubbles trapped in Antarctic ice will be on **Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm** at Saffron Walden County High School. Free tickets available from eventbrite.com

NOTICES

DAVID TOMLINSON has written another book! The book is entitled "Living for Love - The essence of Christianity, and humanities only hope. If you would like to purchase a copy at £13.99 contact Mike and Judith Felgate 07754 808691 or email judithfelgate@gmail.com

EASTER LILIES Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies at St Mary's, SW in memory of loved ones please give donations either to Welcomers or Wardens at services, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Pam Russell

LONDON TO WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE. There are two pilgrimage opportunities in March and April 2023. Please see the website www.stmarysaffronwalden.org/pilgrimage for more information. *Martin*

The **FAMILY SERVICE** at St Mary's, SW this month will be on **Sunday 19th March at 10.30am** to coincide with Mothering Sunday.

All Saints' Great Chesterford needs volunteers to join the **TEA ROTA** after Holy Communion services, especially the first Sunday of the month. We are very short of willing volunteers so if you would like to be involved please let Alex or Pam White (531426) know.

ELECTORAL ROLL The Saffron Walden roll, including Little Walden and Swards End, is being revised between 26th March and 9th April 2023 before the annual meetings on 7th May 2023. Application forms are available in church or from www.stmarysaffronwalden.org/electoralroll, and should be returned to, electoralroll@stmarysaffronwalden.org or the Parish Office. No additions can be made to the roll between the completion of the revision and the end of the annual meetings. *Clifford Want*

The **PARISH OFFICE** needs help on a Friday morning whilst one of our volunteers recovers from an operation. Please call us on 01799 506024 or pop in if you think you may be able to help us. *Dawn & Claire*

A Thanksgiving Service for Katherine Ingamells will take place on **Friday 24th March at 2pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden.

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

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