

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

SUNDAY 5th March**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
6.30pm H2H (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

9.00am Café Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

St Mary's Little Chesterford

Please join All Saints Great Chesterford at 10.30am

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 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)

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today

**Second Sunday of Lent
5th March 2023**

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 12 v 1-4a

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Romans 4 v 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3 v 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended
from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt
the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

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, Iris Naughton, Doreen Casbolt, Michael Curtis, Louise Burton

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Charles Heywood & Emily Worker

Littlebury: Robert Morgan & Jenny Feargrieve

EVENTS

LENT GROUPS You would be very welcome to join a lent group this week if you haven't already done so. Information about the various subjects, dates and times is available at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lentcourses Please use CB10 2XE in your satnav for St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish.

COFFEE CONCERTS For this week's concert on **Wednesday 8th March** we welcome students from SWCHS. Please come along to support our local, young and talented 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. *Hannah Razzell*

MOTHER'S UNION meeting on **Thursday 9th March at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms. Please come and meet our Diocesan President, Maxine Paul. Maxine is going to talk about her first year as President which will encompass Transformation-Now! And Reimagining MU. All welcome.

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, postcode CB10 2XE. **Saturday 11th March 10am - 11.30am.** Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

MINI JOB AND TRAINING FAIR The Transition Project will be attending this Fair in the Saffron Walden Library on **Saturday 11th March 11.00am - 2.30pm**, together with several other employers and training organisations. Drop in to learn more about career opportunities or learn more about us.

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

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.

All Saints Great Chesterford are holding a **TABLE TOP SALE** on **1st April** in the church in aid of the **DEC APPEAL** for the Turkey / Syria earthquake disaster. If you would like a table or wish to help in any way please contact Dave & Pam Maskell 530098 More details to follow.

TODAY

H2H

Our youth led service will be at **6.30pm** in the Parish Rooms
We are exploring the Last Supper with Passover soup and Holy Communion.
Please come & support Alex & Patricia as they lead this service.
All ages welcome

NOTICES

DAVID TOMLINSON has written another book! The book is entitled "Living for Love - The essence of Christianity, and humanities only hope". The world is in crisis. In the wake of a global pandemic, the climate emergency is already wreaking havoc. We are hampered by division between and within nations..... If you would like to purchase a copy at £13.99 contact Mike and Judith Felgate 07754 808691 or email judithfelgate@gmail.com



Members of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden are asked to complete a questionnaire for the **ECO TEAM**. Paper copies are available at the back of church or you can access the survey online via this QR code or

<https://forms.gle/b9uxFqYLGZSzd1xC6>

THANK YOU to all those who donated to the DEC Turkey Appeal at St Mary's, SW. Including gift aid, the amount raised totalled £3,942.65.

The March edition of the **PARISH NEWS** is now available in St Mary's Church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews. Please send copy for April's edition to andycolebrooke@gmail.com by 5th March.

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

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