

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

SUNDAY 26th March**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
12.15pm Baptism
6.30pm Taizè

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Family Service

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.00am Family Service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

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 2nd APRIL

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints Wimbish

9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion
(11.30am APCM)

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

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

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.00am Morning Prayer

*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
5th Sunday of Lent
26th March 2023**

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37 v 1-14

Psalm: 130

Second Reading: Romans 8 v 6-11

Gospel: John 11 v 1-45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping,

and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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, Janet Fuelling, Marie-Antoinette Lardet, Vera Pettican, Henry 'George' Wendelken

Those whose banns are being read:

Debden: Christopher Potter & Jennifer Mizen

Those who are being baptised:

Saffron Walden: Poppy Harris & Jack Harris

EVENTS

All Saints' Church Great Chesterford is hosting a **TABLE TOP SALE** on **Saturday 1st April** from **10.30am to 3.30pm** in aid of the **DEC APPEAL** for Syria & Turkey. There will be a Ploughman's Lunch, teas and cakes on offer while you browse the tables and games. If you would like to have a table selling items or running a game please contact Dave and Pam Maskell on 01799 530098. Tables are free and we invite you to give what you can from your proceeds which will go directly to the DEC appeal.

A **SEDER MEAL**, led by Rufus Barnes, will be held on **Tuesday 4th April at 7pm** in Wendens Ambo Village Hall. Families very welcome. To book please contact Sue Watson at susanawatson5@gmail.com by **29th March**.

MOTHERS UNION are going to Berden Church on **Tuesday 4th April at 2pm**. Rev'd Margaret Davis will lead us in a Meditation Service. Tea and hot cross buns to follow. All welcome. Please ring Gwynneth on 01799 528392 to request a lift/more information.

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 5th April, from 12noon**. All welcome but if you are planning to come please let me know by Tuesday 4th April. Looking forward to seeing you. Bill Rose. email: wjr2163@gmail.com tel: 01799 516609

All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford and St Mary's, Little Chesterford, following on from the successful event last year, are holding a **ST GEORGE'S QUIZ NIGHT** on **Saturday 22nd April at 7.30 pm** in All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford. There will be a Licensed Bar and tickets include super Fish or Chicken & Chip Supper Tickets are priced at £15.00 and are available from Pam Maskell 530098 or Alison Tills 530837

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. 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.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll, and should be returned to, electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.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.

EASTER SINGING at Saffron Walden Hospital. We have been invited by the hospital chaplains to join them for singing and sharing of Palm crosses at **2pm on Saturday 1st April**, followed by tea and cakes afterwards! If you are able to help with the singing it will be much appreciated by staff and patients. For more information contact Mike Felgate 07552 718471.

ECO CHURCH - The Eco Team at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden would be grateful if church members would complete the Eco Questionnaire by Easter. Paper copies are available at the back of church or you can access the survey online via the QR code or this link.



<https://forms.gle/b9uxFqYLGZSzd1xC6>

TINIES & BUILDING BLOCKS This week are the last sessions before the Easter holidays. Thank you to all of those who give their time to support these carer and child groups. They will resume on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th April respectively.

THE APRIL EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews **COPY** for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor andycolebrooke@gmail.com by Sunday 2nd April.

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

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