

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

### St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)  
6.30pm H2H

### All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

### St James' Searoad

10.30am Morning Praise

### St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

### Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

### St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

### TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock  
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

### WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, SW  
9.30am Holy Communion, SW  
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

## NEXT SUNDAY 23rd March

### St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)  
4.00pm Taizé

### St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

### All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

### St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

### St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

### All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

### St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

**Links for livestreamed services are available on  
the website and in the weekly bulletin.  
Please contact the Team Administrator  
to be added to the mailing list.**

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at  
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on  
Wednesday.

# The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today  
The Second Sunday of Lent  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## 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:** Philippians 3 v 17- 4 v1

**Psalm:** 27

**Second Reading:** Genesis 15 v 1-12, 17-18

**Gospel:** Luke 13 v 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## 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.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Brian Kerrison, Henry Crosby

## EVENTS

**COFFEE CONCERTS** Our next Spring Coffee Concert takes place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. We delight to welcome Sarah Lamont (*Soprano*) and Derek Scurll (*Piano*). The concert starts at **11.30am** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Coffee, tea and cake available from 10.45am. Admission is free with a retiring collection. *Hannah Razzell*

**FAURÉ REQUIEM** with works by Purcell & Walton. The Choir of Gonville & Caius. **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6pm** at St Mary's Church, SW. Free admission, retiring collection in aid of SMMA.

**QUIZ NIGHT** for St Mary's, Wendens Ambo on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at Wendens Ambo Village Hall. Tickets £14.00, doors open at **7.00 pm**. Teams of 8. Tickets available from [wendenstickets@gmail.com](mailto:wendenstickets@gmail.com)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Covid, 5 years on, A TIME FOR REFLECTION.** St John's, Lt Walden will be holding a time for people to reflect on the impact that Covid has had on their lives, to remember loved ones who died during the pandemic and a chance for prayer/contemplation for healing. The church will be open from **3–5pm**, everyone is welcome to come and stay as long as needed.

**GRANTA CHORALE CONCERT AT LITTLEBURY CHURCH.** **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm.** Music and words celebrating gardens and gardeners from Capability Brown to the Compost Heap. £12 with 50% of proceeds going to Holy Trinity, Littlebury.

**QUIZ NIGHT** for St Mary's, Debden in the Village Hall. **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.** Tickets £15 per person to include Fish & Chips (or alternative). To book please contact Rev'd Lynda Sebbage at [debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com](mailto:debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com)

**LEADING INTERCESSIONS** Are you already writing and leading intercessions, but would like a 'refresher' session? Or are you someone who feels called to do this but feel unsure where to start? If the answer is 'yes' then why not join me in a short and gentle session covering the basics. Debden Church, New Rooms, **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am** Refreshments available To book please contact Revd Lynda Sebbage: [debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com](mailto:debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com) 01799 796193 **Open to people from all churches in the Deanery.**

**SKÁLHOLT CATHEDRAL CHOIR & SW CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT** **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** St Mary's, SW. Retiring collection for St Mary's church.

**A MOTHERING SUNDAY TEA** at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 5pm** is being planned. Canon Chris Bishop will be serenading us in his talented way! Any offers of cakes etc. will be gratefully received. Contact Sue Birchall [sbirchall29@gmail.com](mailto:sbirchall29@gmail.com) or tel 07813 947157

Please note there will be **no iChurch service** at Great Chesterford on **16<sup>th</sup> March**, but there will be a special joint **iCHURCH/CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE** with Littlebury on **Mothering Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March** held in All Saints' Great Chesterford at **10.30am**.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE at 10am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March** in Ashdon School Hall. Activities for all ages plus refreshments with a short Service. This is joint a service, All Saints, Ashdon Baptist Church and Ashdon Primary School

## TODAY

### H2H & LIVING STONES

In order to support our young people, and those who work with them, we are combining H2H and Living Stones whilst we recruit a new Youth Worker. The combined service will meet on the third Sunday of each month, during term time, and will begin at **6.30pm**. We start **today in the Parish Rooms**. So, why not come along and see what it is all about.

*Jeremy*

## NOTICES

**A NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** is being prepared for St Mary's, SW & its daughter churches. **Everyone wishing to be on the new electoral roll must reapply, even if they are on the existing roll.** The church contacts database is also being renewed to comply with GDPR. If you wish to be kept in touch with church matters other than the electoral roll please also fill in the **Data Processing Consent Form** even if you already receive emails or letters from the church. Both forms are available in all three churches or may be downloaded from St Mary's church website [www.stmaryssafronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssafronwalden.org) in . Please return the completed forms by **6<sup>th</sup> April** to allow time for the production of the new roll. Completed forms may be sent to [electoralroll@stmaryssafronwalden.org](mailto:electoralroll@stmaryssafronwalden.org) or delivered to the Parish Office. There will also be two boxes to put completed forms in after the services this Sunday at St Mary's, SW. Inclusion on the roll enables you to attend and vote at the APCM and to stand for election to the PCC or as a sidesman.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

All Saints, Ashdon, 10.15am	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
St Mary's, SW, 11.45am	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May

**CARBON FAST:** Try to fast from buying anything new apart from food and life essentials. Try home-made, upcycled or charity shop products instead. Liberate yourself from Consumerism! Good luck! *Edward Gildea*

**OFFERING** Please note that the offering at the 10.30am service at St Mary's, SW will be reverting to a retiring collection. Please speak to a welcomer for details of the different ways to give.

**PCC MEETING** for St Mary's, SW and daughter churches on **19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

The funeral for the late Brian Kerrison will be at Cam Valley crematorium on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**.