

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
12.15pm Baptism
6.30pm Taizé Style service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Family Service

All Saints Wimbish

3.00pm Baptism

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

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 4th May

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30pm Sunday Praise

St James' Searwicks End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Café Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Sung Mattins

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Praise

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
27th April 2025**

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 5 v 27-31

Psalm: 150

Second Reading: Revelation 1 v 4-8

Gospel: John 20 v 19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In April please pray for St Mary's, SW and St Mary's C of E Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Cherry Fisher, Ray Hammond, Archie Trimnell, Harry Cornell

Those who are being baptised:

Saffron Walden: Mary Davies

Wimbish: Fergus Catchpole

Great Chesterford: Louis Fowler

St Mary's, SW is looking for a **Children and Families Worker**

to lead our ministry with 0-11 year-olds and their families in church and school-based activities.

15 hours per week. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience

Full details & application form on the church website.

Closing date 28th April

EVENTS

The next time of **SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 1st May at 10am** in the North Chapel of St Mary's, SW. We start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

WHAT IS A CHURCH? an evening with Denis Dunstone. **Thursday 1st May at 6pm** at St Mary's, Wendens Ambo. Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine from <https://bit.ly/DDchurch> In aid of Wendens Ambo church project.

FAIRTRADE STALL Sunday 4th May after the 10.30am service at St Mary's, SW.

VE DAY CELEBRATION TEA PARTY

To commemorate the end of World War II, there will be a VE/VJ Day Celebration in St Mary's, SW on **Monday 5th May, from 2pm - 4.30pm**. Tea and cakes will be served, and there will be a display of WWII memorabilia with, hopefully, an appropriate musical background. Entirely free of charge and everyone is welcome, including non-Church members. Any voluntary donations on the day will go to the Lighting Fund. All offers of cakes, biscuits and help on the day would also be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Gill or Vivian.

The Friends of St Mary's, SW invite you to **"THE REAL MARGARET THATCHER"** a talk by Sir John Coles in the Parish Rooms on **Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm**. Free glass of wine and nibbles. Donations on the night. Please notify Pamela Mugliston 07910 746887 in advance for catering purposes. ALL welcome.

LITTLEBURY PLANT SALE on **Sunday 11th May at 2pm** at the Church

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS, Little Walden, Saturday 17th May. The church will be open with music from the era and flower displays. At **6.00pm** a beacon of peace will be lit, with a short time of reflection and prayer. Followed by the last post.

NOTICES

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **St Mary's Music Association** will be held in the Parish Rooms on **Sunday 18th May** at approximately **12noon** following the 10.30am service. All are welcome. Hannah Razzell, SMMA Chairman

OUR LIGHTING PROJECT - New Matched

Funding. We have been informed that an anonymous donor will match £ for £ all donations, sponsorship for the cycle ride across Wales and all successful grant applications up to a value of £20,000 from now until September. If you have yet to make a donation and would like to, now is the time to do so! Sponsorship for my cycle ride will be matched too and you can sign up at the back of St Mary's, SW. Details how to donate electronically can be at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting - please use the reference "Lighting" if sponsoring me or donating this way. *Steve Hasler*

A list of members of the new **ELECTORAL ROLL** for the Parish of Saffron Walden, including Saffron Walden, Little Walden and Swards End, is published in each of the three churches. Please let me know of any omissions or errors before **11th May 2025**. *Clifford* [Want electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) 01799 540051.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

Debden, 10.00am	Sunday 27 th April
Wimbish (St Paul's Mission Hall), 7.30pm	Monday 28 th April
Saffron Walden, 11.45am	Sunday 11 th May
Wendens Ambo, 7.15pm	Monday 12 th May
The Chesterfords (Gt Chesterford church), 7.30pm	Tuesday 20 th May

FAREWELL DRINK for Joe and Pauline Hordern We are holding a get together at midday after the Family Service on **27th April** in the Parish Rooms to thank Joe and Pauline for their many years of wonderful service to St Mary's, SW and to wish them well in their new life in Yorkshire. We do hope you will be able to join us.

SAFFRON WALDEN ROTARY CLUB are collecting for Ukraine via UK-Aid on **Saturday 3rd May from 9am -1pm** in Saffron Walden Common car park. All of the usual items required. Cash donations will be used to purchase pallets of food and generators.

THE MAY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews **COPY** for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jeppickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 4th May**.

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