

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)

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

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 with prayers for wholeness and healing
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 11th May

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Cam Churches Together

INSTAGRAM

In addition to our Facebook page, St Mary's, SW now also has an Instagram page at [instagram.com/stmaryssaffronwalden/](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryssaffronwalden/). Links to both can be found at the bottom of our website pages. Please do follow.

Links for livestreamed services are available on the website and in the weekly bulletin.

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
4th May 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 9 v 1-6

Psalm: 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5 v 11-14

Gospel: John 21 v 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In May please pray for St James', Swards End and St John's, Little Walden and Radwinter Primary school

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Ray Hammond, Harry Cornell, Dirk Vettewinkel

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Douglas Kent & Catherine Peacock

Wimbish: Robert Cargill & Gemma Barton

Wendens Ambo: Angus Plumbly & Jessica Juhl

Swards End: George Rutherford & Kitty Baron

Hadstock: Marlon Geen & Georgie Goddard

EVENTS

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

There will be a small **EXHIBITION** in Littlebury Church to remember and honour the sacrifice of those in Littlebury who fought in **WW2** starting on **Monday 5th May**. The church is open daily from **10-4pm**.

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.

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at the Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 7th May, from 12 noon**. As always, all are welcome but if you are planning to come along please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 6th May and I will look forward to seeing you there. Bill Rose: email: wjr2163@gmail.com tel: 01799 516609

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.

BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY at Debden Recreation Ground on **Thursday 8th May 9.15pm – 9.45pm** which will include a short service of reflection with Rev'd Lynda Sebbage and Padre Dave Jeal from Carver Barracks. This is preceded by a 'street party' supper and quiz in the village hall from 6.30pm – 8.45pm. Tickets available clerk@debden-pc.gov.uk

POP UP COFFEE on **Friday 9th May from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

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

WENDENS AMBO COFFEE MORNING in the church on **Thursday 15th May from 10.30am to noon**. Everyone welcome.

WENDENS AMBO PLANT SALE on **Saturday 17th May** from 11am – 1pm 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.

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.

NOTICES

CYCLE ACROSS WALES FOR OUR LIGHTING PROJECT starts on Tuesday. If you would like to follow the ride, there will be daily updates on my blog, lonlascymrumay2025.blogspot.com. If you would like to sponsor me, look out for the sponsorship forms on display in St Mary's SW. Details how to donate electronically can also be found at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting - please use the reference "Lighting" if sponsoring me this way. *Steve Hasler*

A list of members of the new **ELECTORAL ROLL** for the Parish of Saffron Walden, is published in each of the three churches. Please let me know of any omissions or errors before **11th May 2025**.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

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

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jeppickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 4th May**.

ECO CHURCH TEAM Edward Gildea is stepping down from his role as leader of St Mary's, SW Ecochurch team at the end of June. Would you like to take on that role? The team would warmly welcome new members to take this vital work forward! Please speak to Edward or Jeremy if you are interested.

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