

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 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

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 18th May

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Sewards End

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

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

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
11th May 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into
one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 9 v 36-43

Psalm: 30

Second Reading: Revelation 7 v 9-17

Gospel: John 10 v 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Dirk Vettewinkel, Clare Chalmers

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Douglas Kent & Catherine Peacock

EVENTS

LITTLEBURY

PLANT SALE on **Sunday 11th May, TODAY**, at 2pm at the Church.

Also **VE DAY** display all month.

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

SUNDOWNERS & SALE at St Paul's Mission Hall, **Friday 16th May 5.30 - 7.00pm**. Our annual twist on our regular coffee mornings. There will be Fizz and Canapes as well as our usual refreshments. Raffle, cakes, produce and plants to buy. Everyone is welcome to join us and start the weekend with fellowship and a chat.

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.

We celebrate Ella's licensing as Team Vicar on **Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden

All are welcome to join the service as she embarks on this new phase of her ministry. Please hold Ella and Toby in your prayers.

Jeremy

MAYOR MAKING SERVICE Saturday 24th May at 11am at St Mary's, SW.

MOTORBIKE CHALLENGE Rev'd Lynda Sebbage is going to be riding pillion on a motorbike around all twelve churches in the team to raise funds for the Eco Church project at St Mary's, Debden on **Monday 16th June**. Please email her at debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor her.

PET SERVICE on **Sunday 22nd June at 4pm** at St Mary's, Debden. A special service of thanks for our pets. Every pet will receive their own special blessing and a goodie bag to take home. If the weather is good, the service will be outside.

NOTICES

I completed the **CYCLE ACROSS WALES FOR OUR LIGHTING PROJECT** on Friday, thank you to all who have sponsored me. Details how to donate your sponsorship electronically can be found at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting - please use the reference "Lighting". Cash, or cheques made out to Saffron Walden PCC, can be given to the Parish Office in an envelope addressed to Steve Hasler. Please put your name on the envelope if paying by cash so that I know who it is from!
Steve Hasler

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

MICHAEL SWINDLEHURST ORGAN

SCHOLARSHIP The churches of St Mary's Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo are now seeking to appoint our next organ scholar for the academic year 2025/26. For more information please visit our website stmaryssaffronwalden.org or contact music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org The closing date for applications is **20th June**. Auditions and interviews are to be held on 6th July.

Our **VE DAY TEA PARTY** on Monday was a resounding success. We had a continuous stream of guests, conversation flowed, a sumptuous tea was greatly enjoyed by all and the voluntary donations (the tea was free) resulted in the addition of £568 to the Lighting Fund. I would like to thank the wonderful team of volunteers, who were totally indefatigable, the many people who baked cakes for us and all of the church members who came along and made our visitors feel so welcome. Truly a joyous occasion to remember. *Vivian*

The **CRACKED BELL** has been successfully removed from the tower at St Mary's, SW. It will go to John Taylor & Co bell foundry to be recast on June 26th.

TOWN BAND CONCERT at St Mary's, SW on **Saturday 17th May, 7.00pm**. More details on the Bulletin.

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