

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Taizé style service

**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 Holy Communion

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

7.00pm Compline

**TUESDAY**

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY - Ascension Day**

7.30pm Choral Eucharist, SW  
8.00pm Ascension Day service, Wimbish

## NEXT SUNDAY 1st June

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

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

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.30am Sunday Praise

**St James' Searoad 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 Holy Communion

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

9.30am BCP Morning Prayer

**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](mailto:admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) by 9.00am on Wednesday.

# The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today**  
**25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Rogation Sunday**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**First Reading:** Acts 16 v 9-15

**Psalm:** 67

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21 v 10, 22-22 v 5

**Gospel:** John 14 v 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

**Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## 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:** Clare Chalmers, Peter Heath, Vivienne Cussans, Sean McCormick

**Those who are being baptised:**

**Gt Chesterford:** Maya Madison Waring

**Those whose banns are being read:**

**Wendens Ambo:** Angus Plumbly & Jessica Juhl

## EVENTS

**MAYOR MAKING SERVICE Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** at St Mary's, SW.

### Ascension Day Services

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Choral Eucharist, Saffron Walden **7.30pm**  
Holy Communion, Wimbish, **8pm**

**MOTHERS' UNION Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm** at St Mary's, SW. A simple communion 'in the round' in the North Chapel to celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. Led by Rev'd Canon Chris Bishop. Tea and biscuits to follow.

**WIMBISH FLOWER FESTIVAL Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June from noon to 4pm.** Archdeacon Kate is preaching at the service at **11am** on Sunday.

We celebrate Ella's licensing as Team Vicar on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Please email her at [debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com](mailto:debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com) if you would like to sponsor her.

**PET SERVICE on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**REPAIRS** The drains under Church Path outside the Parish Rooms need repairing at St Mary's, SW. To facilitate this **Church Path will be closed to vehicles** and parking on the north side of the church unavailable **commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** for at least one week. The only available parking will be the two disabled spaces on the south side of the church.

### CYCLING ACROSS WALES FOR OUR LIGHTING PROJECT

I arrived in Cardiff after 21 hours in the saddle, covering 240 miles and climbing 14,980 feet. Details how to donate your sponsorship electronically can be found at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting](http://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 me. Please put your name on the envelope if paying by cash so that I know who it is from! Thank you to all who have sponsored me, more details and photos of the ride are on the display at the back of St Mary's SW. *Steve Hasler*

### 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](http://stmaryssaffronwalden.org) or contact [music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) The closing date for applications is **20<sup>th</sup> June**. Auditions and interviews are to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**SUMMER WELCOMERS** for St Mary's, SW. If you think you might be able to spare a few hours, on a regular or occasional basis, to welcome visitors to St Mary's, do please add your name to the schedule which is going up on a board in the Church. We are particularly looking for people to do a couple of hours on a Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, between 9.30am and 3.30pm, or Sunday afternoon, although other times are available too. Those would likely be somewhat quieter. Brief training will be given, and crib sheets are available.

The **ECO CHURCH TEAM** at St Mary's, SW is looking for new members and new leadership. Edward is stepping down from his role after 6 years and several team members are moving on. Caring for God's Creation is a vital area of Christian life. Do you feel called to make a contribution? Please contact Edward or Jeremy

## 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 in Debden Church, New Rooms on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00am to 12noon**. 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.**