

Year 0 - 1400

Country/World

St. Augustine
arrives c.600

St. Cedd sent
to convert the
East Anglians
650:

Battle of Hastings
1066

Domesday Book
1086/88

Magna Carta
1215

Norman Period 1066 - 1154

Town

Saxon settlement near
Gibson Estate c.600

Village called 'Walden'

Market moved here from
Newport 1141
Town re-named Chepyngge Walden

Walden Abbey built
near Audley End House
1136 - 1139

Town name changed
to Saffron Walden
c. 1350

Castle built
c.1125

Castle demolished
c. 1157

1000

1100

1200

1300

1400

St. Mary's

Norman church
built in Castle grounds
c. 1130

1st vicar appointed
Master Roger
1215

Church re-modelled
in Decorated Period
style c. 1250

Year 1400 - 1500

Country/World

Battle of Agincourt
1415

Tudor Period 1485 - 1603

America discovered
1492

Town

1400

1425

1450

1475

1500

St. Mary's

Preliminary work on
new church 1430-1450

First reference to
bells at St. Mary's
1450

John Leche, Vicar
1489 - 1521

Contract with John Wastell
to build present church
1485

First mention of
an organ at St. Mary's
1451

Year 1500 - 1600

Country/World

Henry viii
1509 - 1547

Henry viii
break with Rome
1532

Dissolution of
the monasteries
1536 - 1541

Elizabeth i
1558 - 1603

Spanish armada
1588

Town

Guild of the
Holy Trinity
1514 (formed to enable
the profits from
the market to be
used for the church build)

Walden Abbey
dissolved
1537

1500

1525

1550

1575

1600

St. Mary's

Present
St. Mary's
completed
c. 1530

Tomb of Lord Audley
installed 1544

Destruction of
'shrines to saints'
and 'idolatry'
sanctioned by
Henry viii
1540

Royal Commission
confiscates plate and
vestments etc from
St. Mary's
1553

Year 1600 - 1700

The Stuarts 1603 - 1714

Country/World

King James' Bible
authorised for use
1611

Pilgrim Fathers
go to America
1620

English Civil War
1642 - 1648

Cromwellian
Commonwealth
1649 - 1659

Charles I
executed
Jan 1649

Book of Common Prayer
approved for use
1662

Great Fire
of London
1666

Town

Audley End House
built 1605 - 1615

1600

1625

1650

1675

1700

St. Mary's

Thomas Turner's Will
provides for bells to
be rung to celebrate
his safe return home
(Great Ringing Day)
1623

Oliver Cromwell
comes to St. Mary's
to speak to the
Roundhead Army
who are on the brink
of mutiny
1647

Royal Coat of Arms
installed to mark
the Restoration of
the Monarchy
1660

Year 1700 - 1850

The Georgians 1714 - 1830

Country/World

Battle of Trafalgar
1805

Battle of Waterloo
1815

Town

Violent storm
damages
St. Mary's
1769

Town clock
installed in
St. Mary's tower
1823

Building of
new spire
1831 - 1833

1700

1750

1800

1825

1850

St. Mary's

Bishop of London
threatens to close
St. Mary's unless
repairs are undertaken
1789

New peal of
8 bells
installed
1798

Major restoration of
St. Mary's
1790 - 1799

Present organ first
built in gallery at
the west end of
the church
1824

Year 1850 - 2000

The Victorians 1837 - 1901

Country/World

WW2
1939-1945

Great War
1914 - 1919

Modernised Prayer Book
approved for use
by the churches
1928

Town

1850

1875

1900

1925

1950

1975

2000

St. Mary's

Re-modelling of
the Sanctuary.
Closure of
Howard vault
1860s

Organ rebuilt and
moved to the
South Chapel
1885

Bells increased
to 12
1914

Lower rood screen
erected
1924

Upper rood screen
erected and organ
console resited there
1951

Bells rehung
1962

Repairs to
tower and
spire
1970s

Country/World				Year 2000 - 2050	
			Covid pandemic 2019	Death of Queen Elizabeth 11 2022	
Town	Deanery enlargement 13 parishes from Newport & Stansted 2006	Saffron Walden and Villages Team established 2012			

2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
St. Mary's South aisle roof, copper to lead 2000 South porch glass doors 2000 South aisle ceiling 2000 Remembrance chapel South chapel communion rail									
		New heating and choir heating 2014-15	West end reordering 2017-18	Chancel roof, copper to lead 2021-22	New 7 th bell 2025				
					New lighting 2025-26				