SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

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)

12.15pm Baptism Service

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday PraiseSt James' Sewards End10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

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 Morning Praise

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, SW (Parish Rooms)
 9.30am Holy Communion, SW (Parish Rooms)
 with prayers for wholeness and healing
 5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 10th August

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

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

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

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The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today 3rd August 2025 7th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Colossians 3 v 1-11

Psalm: 49 v 1-12

Second Reading: Ecclesiastes 1 v 2, 12-14

Gospel: Luke 12 v 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In August please pray for Saffron Walden Baptist Church & St Marys, Wendens Ambo and R A **Butler Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Brenda Schooling, Peter Faulkner

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Charlie Doré & Samantha Bull

Those who are getting baptised: Saffron Walden: Hana McLachlan

EVEN TS

INSTALLATION OF THE REPLACEMENT LIGHTING at St Mary's SW starts on Monday 4th August and will continue until mid March. From w/c 4th August, until further notice, the following will be held in the Parish Rooms - Wednesday 8am Morning Prayer & 9.30am Holy Communion, Tinies and Silent Prayer. All weekend events and services, weddings and their rehearsals, funerals and the MU service on Thursday 11th September will continue to be held in the church. Updates on progress will be in The Grapevine, Parish News, and on display at the back of church, or feel free to ask! Steve Hasler 07850 546251

MESSY PLAY on Tuesday 5th August 10am -12noon in the Parish Rooms, SW. For ages 0-11 years. All children to be accompanied by a parent or carer.

MORNING PRAYER at St Mary's, SW will be at 8.30am, in the Parish Rooms on Wednesdays 6th, 13th & 20th August.

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on Wednesday 6th August, from 12 noon. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 5^t August and I will look forward to seeing you there. Bill Rose.

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THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on Thursday 7th August at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms (small hall). 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

Everyone is welcome to join us at a PICNIC FUNDAY at All Saints Church Wimbish, CB10 2XG from12 noon-3pm on Monday 11th August .Bring your own food & picnic blankets There will be drinks, games, storytelling & bug hunting. Fun eco activities for all ages exploring our lovely grounds.

POP UP COFFEE on Tuesday 12th August from 10am-11.30am in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

VJ DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Friday 15th August at 5.45pm at St Mary's, SW.

VJ DAY 80 LIGHTING OF THE BEACON and blessing, Friday 15th August at 7.45pm, refreshments from 7pm at Debden Village Hall.

NOTICES

CHILDREN AND YOUTH **LEADER**

We are excited to announce that Julie Lester has been appointed to this joint role. Julie is known to us through her leadership in the Guiding movement and as a member of All Saints, Ashdon. Please pray for Julie as she grows into these roles, and for others working with our children and young people. Jeremy

SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES Thank you to those who have donated towards the bibles for the year 6 pupils leaving St Mary's school, SW. If anyone would still like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'SCHOOL BIBLES' and leave it in the Parish Office. Thank you. Anthea Slater

We celebrate Romey Poston's licensing as

Associate Priest on **Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm**at All Saints, Ashdon

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

THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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, jejpickthorn@gmail.com by Sunday 7th September.

Please remember that CHURCH PATH around St Mary's, SW is a shared space between pedestrians and vehicles and drive with care.

THANK YOU to everyone who have responded with generous offers of help and support to our Ukrainian family. They are now getting settled in their flat in Saffron Walden and are hugely grateful to everyone who has contributed. The family still have need of a rug or two, plus an oven and TV. With the electricals, I believe they will be making contact with the British Heart Foundation in Cambridge who refurbish and supply used electricals. So other than these items they are all fine and certainly comfortable in their new surroundings. Thank you all so much - your kindness has been overwhelming. Rev'd Lynda.

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on Wednesday.

Links for livestreamed services are available on the weekly bulletin. Please contact the Parish Administrator to be added to the mailing list.