

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
AROUND THE TEAM**

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Friendly Eucharist

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Family service

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

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
7.30pm Licensing service for Rev'd Romey Posten, Ashdon

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, SW (Parish Rooms)
9.30am Holy Communion, SW with prayers for wholeness & healing (Parish Rooms)
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 7th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Patronal Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

St James' Sewards 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 Prayer

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.**

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
31st August 2025
11th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Hebrews 13 v 1-8, 15-16

Psalm: 112

Second Reading: Proverbs 24 v 6-7

Gospel: Luke 14 v 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Rosemary Nicol, Bob Rust, Carole Purdy

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Greig Collins & Johanna Beetlestone (Saturday 30th August)
Harry Rudd & Courtney Nixon (Friday 5th September)
Nicholas Church & Diana Mamonova (Saturday 6th September)

EVENTS

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 4th September** at 10am in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden. 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*

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at the Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be **Wednesday 3rd September, from 12noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 2nd September and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose*
email: wjr2163@gmail.com
tel: 01799 516609

The Friends of All Saints, Ashdon are having an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 13th September** between **11am and 3pm**. A varied selection of live music will be accompanied by tea, cake, a BBQ, tower tours and activities. There will also be donkeys in the churchyard!

STAMP SALE IN AID OF ST MARY'S BUILDING AND MUSIC FUNDS The next Stamp Sale will take place on **Saturday 20th September from 10am until 3pm**. At the Saffron Community Link (next to Saffron Building Society in Market Street). Thousands of stamps on sale, individually priced.

QUIET AFTERNOON at All Saints Wimbish on **Sunday 28th September at 3pm**. 'A Time for Creation, A Time for Refreshment'

NOTICES

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

We welcome Julie Lester as the new Children and Youth leader
She will be taking up her post on
Monday 1st September.
Please hold Julie in your prayers.
Jeremy

St Mary's, SW choir is singing Choral Evensong at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury on **Saturday 18th October at 3.30pm** and we have some spare seats on the coach which will leave Swan Meadow around 9.30am tbc. Cost likely to be approx. £22 depending on numbers. We'd be delighted to have some familiar faces in the congregation! Please email carolinegoulder@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Strethall church is holding an **ART EXHIBITION** on the afternoons of **30th & 31st August**. Contact Liz Stott for more details 07801 496707.

St Mary's, SW **CHRISTMAS FAIR**. Saturday 29th November. The time is flying by even faster it would seem this year, and it is time to remind all kind stall holders and helpers, that the fair this year is only 3 months away. Some of you might be wondering if the lighting project will impede us in anyway. Well there may be slight changes, but overall not much reduction in space. There will be a break in the installation for a few weeks over the fair and Christmas. I will send out a preliminary email in September to all previous supporters and we will then make our plans. Thank you all for your very kind support in so many different ways. Any enquiries, please phone or email Sue Birchall on 07813 947157 or sbirchall29@gmail.com

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