

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion with healing

St James' Swards End

10.30am Sing Praises! with St Mary's, SW junior choir

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

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
10.00am Tinies, SW (Parish Rooms)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 28th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Harvest Family Service

All Saints Wimbish

3.00pm Quiet Afternoon

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Harvest Festival

St Peter's Littlebury Green

4.00pm Harvest Festival

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

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
21st September 2025
St Matthew

Collect

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of
gain and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Proverbs 3 v 13-18

Psalm: 119 v 65-72

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4 v 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 9 v 9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In September please pray for the Society of Friends, Saffron Walden, St Mary's, Debden and All Saints, Wimbish

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Carole Purdy, Winifred Digges-La Touche, Gillian 'Ann' Byford and Jon Lancaster

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Hugh Acland & Eliza Walter

EVENTS

HARVEST SUPPER on **Friday 26th September** at Debden Village Hall, **6.30pm**. Delicious supper and a great raffle. £10 per head (under 16s £5 per head). For bookings contact Hilary Davey hilarydavey@btopenworld.com

FAIRTRADE STALL on **Sunday 28th September** before and after the family service at St Mary's, SW. Cash only.

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

A **CHEESE TASTING** evening at Mutlow Hall in aid of the Wendens Ambo accessible toilet and servery project is on **29th September**. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this Monday evening event. bit.ly/mutlowhall for more information.

DEANERY SYNOD on **Wednesday 1st October 7.30pm** for **7.45pm** at Debden Village Hall. All welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER at Swards End Village Hall **Saturday 4th October 7 for 7.30pm**. Two course meal, raffle and a seasonal quiz run by Chris Bishop; Tickets £6 available from Sue Powell 07743 180286

Philip Sunderland has written a mass, '**HANNAH'S MASS**' in memory of his sister, and this beautiful offering will be given at a special communion mass on **Sunday 5th October at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, SW. Whilst this is dedicated to Hannah's life, the idea is that all are welcome to attend this service as a memorial to all loved ones lost. Please do come along. Refreshments will be served after the mass. Philip is raising money through this project for Hospice in the Weald and St Mary's Church; if you would like to donate, please visit his Justgiving page tinyurl.com/yeu49frk

GRANTA CHORALE CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS, ASHDON To support Ashdon church lighting scheme. **7.30pm on Saturday 18th October**. A varied selection of short pieces about light. £15, to include a glass of wine, (under 25's £5). Tickets on the door or in advance from Granta Chorale

A MORNING WITH THE BARDFIELD ARTISTS: Guided Tour with Dr Janet Dyson on **Friday, 21st November 2025 at 10am**. More details from Rev'd Lynda: debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com
Proceeds to St Mary's, Debden

TODAY

St James' Church welcomes
St Mary's Junior Choir to lead our service
'SING PRAISES!'
at **10.30am**
All welcome.

NOTICES

NEW HOME GROUP Due to the growing demand for places on the existing Home Groups, we are planning to start a new one. This will be led by Gill Caswell and will take place at Vivian Falk's house, Brackendale House, Debden Road, Saffron Walden (just opposite Station Road), on the the first and third Mondays of the month, between 1.45pm and 3.45pm, beginning on **6th October**. For more information, or to register interest, please speak to Gill (01799 520485) or Vivian (07811 165049).

HOME MADE JAM will be on sale at the back of church at St Mary's, SW **TODAY**. £3 a pot for the Church General Fund.

It is with great sadness that we report the gentle passing of Carole Purdy in her sleep. She was a longstanding Churchwarden in Little Chesterford and member of Deanery Synod and Team Council. During years of dedication to the Church she made friends with many people in our Team and Deanery. There will be a Service of Celebration of Carole's life in St Mary's Church, Little Chesterford on Monday September 29th at 11am. There may also be a chance to join us online, contact Alison Tills (a.tills@sky.com) for further details nearer the date.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 22nd September.

HARVEST SERVICES

Sunday 28th September

9.00am St Mary's, Debden (Family Service)
followed by a light breakfast
9.00am All Saints, Ashdon
preceded by breakfast at 8am & followed by a bring and share lunch at 12noon
10.30am St Mary's, SW (Family Service)
4.00pm St Peter's, Littlebury Green

Sunday 5th October

9.00am St Mary's, Wendens Ambo
11.00am St Botolph's, Hadstock
followed by lunch
10.30am St James', Swards End
10.30am Holy Trinity, Littlebury
10.30am Café Church activities
11.00am Informal Harvest service
11.00am All Saints, Wimbish
followed by lunch, please book by 25th September. tracey@hightrees.uk.com
4.00pm St Mary's, Little Chesterford

Sunday 12th October

10.30am St John's, Lt Walden (Family Service)
preceded by a community breakfast

Sunday 26th October

10.30am All Saints, Gt Chesterford