

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

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
2.00pm Baptism

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

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 with prayers for healing (Parish Rooms)
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 5th October

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Choral Eucharist - Hannah's Mass

All Saints Wimbish

11.00am Harvest Festival

St James' Sewards End

10.30am Harvest Festival

St Botolph's Hadstock

11.00am Harvest Festival

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Café Church & Harvest Festival

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Harvest Festival

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

4.00pm Harvest Festival

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at
admin@stmaryssafronwalden.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
28th September 2025
15th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 6 v 1a, 6-7

Psalm: 146

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6 v 6-19

Gospel: Luke 16 v 19-31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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, Jon Lancaster, Margaret Vines & Tony Seddon

Those who are being baptised:
Gt Chesterford: Theodore Snedker-Dowie

EVENTS

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

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.

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at the Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be **Wednesday 1st October, from 12noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 30th September and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose* email: wjr2163@gmail.com tel: 01799 516609

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

The next time of **SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 2nd October 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*

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

TODAY

QUIET AFTERNOON

'A Time for Creation, A Time for Refreshment'
All Saints, Wimbish, 3pm, followed by tea and cake

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).

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.

CHRISTMAS DRESSING UP COSTUMES More costumes are needed for the Christmas Eve services at St Mary's, SW. If you have any you no longer need or would like to make some, please let Vivian know.

Paula Griffiths was interviewed on the UCB1 [United Christian Broadcasters] radio programme *Talking Point with Vicky Gibbens* on **Tuesday 23 September at 11.40 am** about her book *The Mystery of John*. You can access the programme on <https://www.ucb.co.uk/catchup> (you may have to download an app to do so).

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