

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

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Family Service  
4.00pm Taizé style Service

**St Mary's Debden**

3.00pm Songs of Praise

**St John's Little Walden**

10.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.00am Sunday Worship

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

9.00am Holy Communion

**Little Chesterford Village Hall**

10.30am Ecumenical Service

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

7.00pm Compline

**MONDAY**

1.40pm Holocaust Memorial Day Service,  
Saffron Walden

**TUESDAY**

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock  
10.00am Tinies, Saffron Walden (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 1st February**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.25am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)  
10.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.30am Village Worship

**St James' Seward's End**

10.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.00am Sunday Worship

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

9.00am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Sung Matins

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

10.30am Café Church

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

9.30am Sunday Worship

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

9.30am Morning Praise

**SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY**

# *The Grapevine*

Welcome to our services today  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Conversion of Paul

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint  
Paul: grant that we who celebrate his  
wonderful conversion may follow him in  
bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus  
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Acts 9 v 1-22

**Psalm:** 67

**Second Reading:** Jeremiah 1 v 4-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 19 v 27-30

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left  
everything and followed you. What then will  
we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell  
you, at the renewal of all things, when the  
Son of Man is seated on the throne of his  
glory, you who have followed me will also sit  
on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes  
of Israel. And everyone who has left houses  
or brothers or sisters or father or mother or  
children or fields, for my name's sake, will  
receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal  
life. But many who are first will be last, and  
the last will be first.'

## 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.

Links for livestreamed services are available on  
the weekly bulletin.

Please contact the Parish Administrator

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at  
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church and Saffron Walden County High School

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Wendy Linney, Daniel Brown, Roger Grace, Susan Weller

## EVENTS

Great and Little Chesterford will be holding a joint **ECUMENICAL SERVICE** on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** in Little Chesterford Village Hall starting at **10.30am**. It is hoped that as many other local denominations as possible will join us for this special service.

### **SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

Debden Church – **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 3pm**

You are warmly invited to join us for a joyful afternoon as we share together in some of our much-loved hymns and readings. Following the service, we look forward to enjoying fellowship and conversation over refreshments!

Friends of St Mary's, SW invite you to '**The Camino Pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostela**' a talk by Mark Vernon & Julie Kendall, in the Parish Rooms on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**. Free glass of wine & nibbles. Donations on the night. Please contact John Forster on 0778661777 or [jsforster6@gmail.com](mailto:jsforster6@gmail.com) for catering purposes.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 1.40pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. Rabbi Alexandra Wright will be the speaker.

**OASIS** Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, from 12 noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and I will look forward to seeing you there.

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**DEANERY SYNOD MEETING** on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm for 7.45pm** at Thaxted Church Hall. Deanery Synod meetings are open to all.

**THE QUINQUAQUIZ** will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7pm for 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms. Teams of 6 at £5 per head. Please register with the Parish Office. All further information from Chris Bishop. 01799 523722 or 07810 851002

## NOTICES

The **LIGHTING INSTALLATION** contractors at St Mary's SW are now working in the chancel and sanctuary and we are also carrying out some plasterwork repairs from scaffolding at the same time. Unless we find unexpected problems the scaffolding should be removed by the end of January. Thank you for your patience as we do this work, especially to the choir and our 8am congregation. *Steve Hasler*

### **LENT COURSE - Travelling Well Together**

Being a faithful Christian in a diverse Church during changing and challenging times is not easy. The temptation is to withdraw into a "holy huddle", pull up the drawbridge, and turn our backs. Through a series of reflections, using Lectio Divina, we will be considering how we might better be the people of God together and live out our faith. Hilary will offer this course on Wednesday afternoons, and Jeremy on Thursday evenings, in the context of Night Prayer. This is taken from the Chelmsford Diocesan resources for "Travelling Well Together" and comes with Bishop Guli's recommendation. From **18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms and **12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW

**THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS** is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online

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