

**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' Sewards 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

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
25th 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 25th 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, 25th 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 26th January at 7.30pm**. Free glass of wine & nibbles. Donations on the night. Please contact John Forster on 0778661777 or jsforster6@gmail.com for catering purposes.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

on **Monday 26th 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 4th 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 3rd February and I will look forward to seeing you there.
Bill Rose. email: wjr2163@gmail.com
tel: 01799 516609

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

THE QUINQUAQUIZ will be on **Saturday 14th 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 **18th February at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms and **12th February at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW

THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF PARISH

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