

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.25am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Cam Churches Together

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 15th February

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Seward's End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

10.30am Sunday Worship (& pancakes)

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
8th February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent**

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 1 v 1–2 v 3

Psalm: 136

Second Reading: Romans 8 v 18-25

Gospel: Matthew 6 v 25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on
earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**If you have a visual impairment and
producing the Grapevine in a different
format could improve your access to it,
please contact Claire in the Parish
Office so that we can work together on
this.**

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
by 9.00am on Wednesday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In February please pray for Our Lady of compassion Roman Catholic Church and St Thomas More school.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Brian Brooke-Smith, Valerie Scott, Manda Pallett

Those whose banns are being read:
Saffron Walden: Graeme Phillips and Rachel Marshall

EVENTS

FAIRTRADE STALL will be available after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 8th February, TODAY**, at St Mary's, SW. Cash only please.

POP UP COFFEE on **Thursday 12th February from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 14th February from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

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 If you can help set-up the tables beforehand, please let Chris know.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2026 **Friday 6th March at 10.30am** has been prepared by women from Nigeria. This year it will be held in St Mary's Church in the south chapel. We will hear personal stories of life in Nigeria with the current unrest. Also readings, prayers and joyful songs. Everyone is welcome to join in this worldwide, 24 hour circle of prayer for Nigeria, after which refreshments will be served.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion & Ashes
(Parish Rooms)
7.30pm Choral Eucharist & Ashes

St Mary's Debden

8.00pm Holy Communion & Ashes

All Saints Ashdon

7.30pm Holy Communion & Ashes

All Saints Great Chesterford

8.00pm Holy Communion & Ashes

NOTICES

LENT COURSES

Travelling Well Together

Being a faithful Christian in a diverse Church during changing and challenging times is not easy. 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. **From 12th February at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW and **18th February at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms. Just come along, no need to book.

Get outside for Lent

A time to reflect and contemplate using music, art and poetry as stimuli. On **Wednesdays 4th, 18th and 25th March from 10-11am** at All Saints, Wimbish. Contact Pete Gray 07901 946440 for more information.

Finding God in the Wilderness, will run on **Friday nights from 27th February** at The Vicarage, Radwinter Road, Ashdon meeting for an informal supper first at **6.30pm**. The course is based on a couple of books by Paula Gooder, 'Let me Go There – the Spirit of Lent' and 'A Way Through the Wilderness – Experiencing God's Help in Times of Crisis'. Please email revd.romeyposton@gmail.com if you would like to join.

HOME MADE MARMALADE will be on sale under the tower at the back of St Mary's, SW after the 10.30am service today or telephone Lesley on 01799 521356 to arrange collection or delivery. £3 a pot for the Church General Fund. Many thanks.

SEWARDS END YOUTH CLUB - is restarting every **Friday** during term time from **7-8.30pm** in the Village Hall for young people in years 5 &6. Email sewardsendyouthclub@gmail.com for more information or to register.

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