

**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 (livestreamed)

**All Saints Wimbish**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St James' Sewards 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 & Baptism

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**TUESDAY**

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

See inside of the Grapevine for details of all Ash Wednesday services.

**NEXT SUNDAY 22nd February**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)  
10.30am Family Service  
12.15pm Baptism  
4.00pm Taizé style service

**St Mary's Debden**

9.00am Parish Praise

**St John's Little Walden**

10.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.00am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

9.00am Holy Communion

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

7.00pm Compline

*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.

# The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Sunday before Lent

## Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading:** Exodus 24 v 12-18

**Psalm:** 2

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1 v 16-21

**Gospel:** Matthew 17 v 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## Post Communion

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to  
change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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:** Valerie Scott, Manda Pallett, Barbara Davey

**Those who are being baptised:**  
**Gt Chesterford:** Daisy Mathias

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

## EVENTS

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

**Shrove Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February:** Come and join us for a **PANCAKE SUPPER** at the Parish Rooms in Ashdon **6.30pm-8.00pm.** Bring your own favourite filling – creativity encouraged!

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FOR 2026** **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**STAMP SALE** We hope to hold the next sale, to raise funds for the Music and Building Funds of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** As usual, the sale will run from **10am until 3pm** and will be held at the Saffron Community Link.

## 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 **12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW and **18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms. **Please sign up in church for the afternoon course, no need to book for the evening course, just come along.**

### Get outside for Lent

A time to reflect and contemplate using music, art and poetry as stimuli. On **Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 **27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Stort Valley Schools Trust** is seeking to employ a **SCHOOLS SUPPORT WORKER** (Part time, Fixed Term) Approx. 2 days per week (or equivalent hours), for 12 months initially. For an application form or more information please contact [gary@svst.org.uk](mailto:gary@svst.org.uk)  
Closing date for applications 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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