

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

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

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
10.00am Tinies, Parish Rooms, SW
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, Parish Rooms, SW
9.30am Holy Communion, Parish Rooms, SW
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY 1st March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

St James' Sewards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

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 Worship

*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
22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer to you in the
desert: help us to use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer that we may witness to
your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 2 v 15-17 - 3 v 1-7

Psalms: 32

Second Reading: Romans 5 v 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4 v 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the
true and living bread, and enable us to live
by every word that proceeds from out of your
mouth; 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, Barbara Davey, Eric Chapman

Those who are being baptised:
Saffron Walden: Dominic Jefford

EVENTS

AFTERSHOCK Sunday 22nd February, TODAY—Games & Bible Study 7-8.30pm, Parish Rooms for ages 11-18 years

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 aisle. 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.

SERVICE OF LIGHT A special choral service of light on **Sunday 8th March at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden to celebrate and give thanks for the new lighting. Followed by demonstration of the lighting and refreshments. All welcome.

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. **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 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.

NOTICES

100 Days of Prayer

All churches in the Diocese of Chelmsford are encouraged to share in 100 Days of Prayer.

Flyers to guide our prayers will be available each Sunday for the week ahead at St Mary's, SW and on the Bulletin.
Jeremy

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Bulletin, please contact Claire Dunn

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
Closing date for applications 10th March 2026

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.

QUINQUA QUIZ Thank you to the six teams that took part. £220 was raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. *Chris Bishop*

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