

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

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' Searoads 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

This service has been cancelled

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Worship

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, with prayers for
wholeness & healing, Parish Rooms, SW
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY 8th March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.25am Sunday Club, Parish Rooms
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Service of Light

St Mary's, Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Cam Villages service

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
1st March
Second Sunday of Lent**

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 4 v 1-5, 13-17

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Genesis 12 v 1-4a

Gospel: John 3 v 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended
from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt
the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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 March please pray for Abbey Lane United Reformed Church, incorporating the Methodist Church, the Community Church and Dame Bradbury's School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Eric Chapman, Barbara Scrase, Lisa Woollard

Those whose banns are being read:

Lt Chesterford: James Woodman & Connie Bagley

EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP at St Peter's, Littlebury Green on March 1st, TODAY has been cancelled

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING at St James', Swards End after the **10.30am service on Sunday 1st March.**

AFTERSHOCK Sunday 1st March, TODAY— Percussion and guitar workshop - led by Patrick Li, come along for a fun session, and have a go at these instruments for worship music in a relaxed atmosphere **7-8.30pm**, Parish Rooms for ages 11-18 years

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 4th March, from 12noon.** As always, all are welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 3rd March and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose.* email: wjr2163@gmail.com. tel: 01799 516609

The next time of **SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 5th March at 10am** in the Parish Rooms. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

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, SW 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.

QUIET MORNING FOR LENT in Paintings and Poetry Saturday 14th March in the Parish Rooms, SW, doors open at **9.30am for 10am** start. Open to all churches in the Team. Speaker The Rev'd Andy Colebrooke. If you would like to stay for lunch, bring a sandwich, soup provided. Contact: hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com or sign up in St Mary's, SW.

MOTHERING SUNDAY TEA, at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 15th March from 2.30-5pm.** Everybody welcome, not just Mums.

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, on the Bulletin & in news section of the St Mary's, SW website
Jeremy

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

If anybody else would like to purchase **HOME MADE MARMALADE** at £3 a pot for the SW church general fund. Please telephone me on 01799 521356 or see me in church. Thank you *Lesley*

THE MARCH EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews
COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jeppickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 1st March.**

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. Continuing on **4th March at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW and **5th March 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, runs on **Friday nights** 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.

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