

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

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 (livestreamed)

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

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, Saffron Walden
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY 15th March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service

St Mary's, Debden

9.00am Mothering Sunday Service

All Saints, Wimbish

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

St James' Swards End

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Mothering Sunday Service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury with All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Café Church & iChurch together

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

**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
8th March
Third Sunday of Lent**

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 5 v1-11

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Exodus 17 v 1-7

Gospel: John 4 v 5-35

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Anne Armstrong

Those whose banns are being read:

Ashdon: Dominic Burchall & Charlotte Horrigan
Jack Vestey & Isabella Pardoe

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Graeme Phillips & Rachel Marshall

EVENTS

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE on Wednesdays at 9.30am. This service will be returning to the church (St Mary's, SW) from **Wednesday 11th March**

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.

POP UP COFFEE on **Friday 13th March 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 March from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP on **Saturday 21st March from 7.30 - 9pm** at All Saints Gt Chesterford

TODAY

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.
This service will be livestreamed, link available on the church website

EVENTS

LENT COURSES

Travelling Well Together continuing on **11th March at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms and **12th March at 7.30pm** in St Mary's, SW. 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 18th and 25th March** from **10-11am** at All Saints, Wimbish

Finding God in the Wilderness, runs on **Friday nights** at The Vicarage, Radwinter Road, Ashdon meeting for an informal supper first at **6.30pm**. Please email revd.romeyposton@gmail.com if you would like to join.

NOTICES

Has anyone got a **'table top' book case** (couple of shelves) that they do not want as they would be useful in the Archive to hold a growing stock of history books ! *Canon Chris Bishop*. 07810 851002

EASTER LILIES Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies at St Mary's, SW in memory of loved ones please give donations either to Welcomers or Wardens, or the Parish Office.

Cheques should be made out to : St Mary's Church Fund Trust. Thank you *Pam Russell*

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