

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

SUNDAY - 12th July

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.20am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion
2.00pm Baptism

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Churches Together

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

4.30pm Service of Celebration

All Saints Gt Chesterford

3.00pm Pet Service

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, SW
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 19th July

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.20am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion with healing

St James' Searoad End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Gt Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Lt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
12th July
6th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 8 v 1-11

Psalm: 65

Second Reading: Isaiah 55 v10-13

Gospel: Matthew 13 v 1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In July please pray for Saffron Walden Salvation Army Corps & Katherine Semar Schools,

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Alec Lightning, Lillian Maddams, Jeanette Crocker, Gordon Smith, Rowan Sylvester-Bradley

Those who are being baptised:

Debden: Ralph Bacon

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Erithier Macani & Aril Bellinfantie

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Jonny Hancock & Candice Howes

EVENTS

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 11th July from 10am -11.30am.** Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, SW BRING & SHARE LUNCH will be on **Sunday 12th July** in the Parish Rooms after the 10.30am service.

We are delighted that Wenden Church's new servery, toilet and memorial window for the Revd Tim Har-dingham are now complete. **Everyone is invited to join us on 12th July for a Celebration in song and word at 4.30pm or afterwards for cakes and fizz at 5.45pm**

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS! For this week's concert on **Wednesday 15th July**, we welcome Curlew String Quartet. The concert begins at **1.10pm** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm. Free admission with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR, on **19th July from 12 noon till 4pm** held in St John's church, Little Walden and the village hall.

HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES on **Saturday 8th August from 4-6pm** outside at All Saints, Ashdon. All proceeds to support the church. Tickets Adults £14, Children £10 from buytickets.at/thepantaloons/2217468

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NOTICES

SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES How wonderful to be able to give a Youth Bible to each of the 32 year 6 pupils leaving **St Mary's School, SW** at the end of term. If you would like to make a contribution for these bibles (approx. £13 per bible) please put your donation in an envelope marked 'SCHOOL BIBLES' and leave it in the Parish Office. Thank you *Anthea Slater*

SMMA BURSARY St. Mary's Music Association offers up to £500 based on the strength of application(s) to support the musical training and education of a young musician or young musicians in St. Mary's, SW parish in full time education. It can be used for music lessons, training courses, sheet music or towards the purchase of a musical instrument or accessories. Preference is given to applicants who use their skills in music-making at St. Mary's. Applications must be received by **31st July 2026** and the bursary runs from September to August. For further details, conditions and/or application form, please contact the SMMA Chairman, Hannah Razzell-
Email: music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

CYCLING LONDON TO PARIS Steve is off cycling again, this time to raise funds for the project, which he is leading, to build 16 new affordable homes at the almshouses off Abbey Lane. This is a £5.8m project and there's just £400,000 left to raise. L2P is 270 miles and if you'd like to sponsor Steve, go to www.justgiving.com/page/stevehaslerkevi or scan this QR code:  If you prefer to use cash, leave an envelope addressed to Steve with the Parish Office. **ALL DONATIONS INCLUDING GIFT AID ARE BEING MATCHED £ for £.** *Sponsor Me*

TINIES AND BUILDING BLOCKS This coming week is the last for Tinies and Building Blocks before the summer break. Thank you to all who are involved.

DID YOU KNOW that Premier Christian Radio are now producing a series of daily online devotional readings and prayers, which you can access with their free app **Premier Journa**? I've been invited to contribute, and am now working on a set of reflections on the seven I AM sayings of Jesus in St John's Gospel, with seven days' reflection on each saying. **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE** is the first one; I hope it will be available fairly soon. Do talk to me if you'd like to know more.
Paula Griffiths

FUNERALS

The funeral for the late Gordon Smith will be on Friday 17th July, 12.30pm at St Michael's Church, Framlingham, with refreshments afterwards at the Old Mill House, Saxtead, to which all are welcome.

The funeral for the late Rowan Sylvester-Bradley will be on Tuesday 11th August, 12.30pm at All Saints Church, Southern Road, Basingstoke RG21 3EA. The family have asked to let them know if you are going to attend. The Parish Office has contact details for the family if you need them.