

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

SUNDAY - 26th July

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm 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 Peter's Littlebury Green

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Lt Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, SW
9.30am Holy Communion, SW

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd August

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Lammas Service

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's Littlebury Green

Service cancelled

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Sung Mattins

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Lt Chesterford

9.30am Morning Praise

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
25th July
8th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 8 v 26-39

Psalm: 119 v 129-136

Second Reading: 1 Kings 3 v 5-12

Gospel: Matthew 13 v 31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to
clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free
from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your
body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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: Lillian Maddams, Patricia Mortimore, Doreen Shaw, Rowan Sylvester-Bradley, Jeffrey Dyball

EVENTS

LAMMAS SERVICE on Sunday 2nd

August, 9.30am at All Saints, Wimbish. All welcome. He makes bread that sustains their hearts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP at St Peter's, Littlebury Green on **Sunday 2nd August** is cancelled.

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime gettogether at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 5th August**, from **12 noon**. As ever, all are welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 4th August and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose*.
email: wjr2163@gmail.com
tel: 01799 516609

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

SUMMER 'TINIES' SPECIAL PLAY and STORY SESSION for under 5's in St. Mary's church.

Tuesday 18th August 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Refreshments and crafts from 10 - 11am. All under 5's with their parents and carers and older siblings welcome. For further information please see the website or email childrenandyouth@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
No booking required.

LIFE, LOSS & LEMON DRIZZLE on **Wednesday 19th August at 10am** at Café Cornell (opposite Tesco) A chance to think about death, think about your funeral, ask questions and air your doubts. For people of all faiths and doubts. For more information contact Judith Hasler.

BE STILL & KNOW A day of Gentleness & Discovery at Clare Priory on **Saturday 10th October from 10am – 4pm.** Led by Rev'ds Susan Sayers, Paula Griffiths & Lynda Sebbage. A day to sense a deeper discovery of God or a renewed sense of clarity alongside quietness and peace. Participants can join in simple, disciple-led activities designed to nurture reflection, prayer and spiritual growth. For further information & to book please contact Rev'd Lynda Sebbage.

NOTICES

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR for St Mary's school, Saffron Walden. St Mary's school, SW are looking for a new foundation governor. Details are on a poster in the church or contact Will Coldwell, Chair of Governors
(chairofgovernors@stmaryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

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

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.

Lillian Mary Maddams passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital, after a short illness, on 23rd June 2026, aged 94. Her funeral service will be at St Mary's Parish Church, Saffron Walden on Thursday 30th July 2026 at 11.30am. All her friends & acquaintances are invited; followed by a private family cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please.

Donations in her memory, if desired, to **Friends of Saffron Walden Parish Church** will be accepted at the Service or can be made via her In Memory page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk, or sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Saffron Walden

SABBATICAL Jeremy will be returning from his sabbatical tomorrow, Monday 27th July.

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