

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

**SUNDAY - 23rd August**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)

10.30am Family Communion

**St Mary's Debden**

3.00pm Pet 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 Little 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 30th August**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.30am Team Communion service (livestreamed)

12.15pm Baptism

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Morning Prayer

# *The Grapevine*

**Welcome to our services today  
23rd August  
12th Sunday after Trinity**

## **Collect**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading:** Romans 12 v 1-8

**Psalm:** 138

**Second Reading:** Isaiah 51 v 1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 16 v 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **Post Communion**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
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 August please pray for Saffron Walden Baptist Church, St Mary's Wendens Ambo and R A Butler schools.

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Ian Millar, Holly Grayson, Louise Stuart, Josephine Hockley, Peter Day, Kenneth 'Gavin' Lumsden, Bunny Hare

## TODAY

**PICNIC** at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 3-5pm**. There will be garden activities & games for children. Bring your own picnic and blanket or chairs.

**PET SERVICE** on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 3pm** at St Mary's, Debden. If the weather is good, the service will be outside followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome with, or without a pet because we are celebrating all of God's creation.

## EVENTS

### TEAM SERVICE

hosted by St Mary's, SW  
on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am**  
Come along and enjoy fellowship with others from across the Team.

**SEPTEMBER FAIR** at All Saints, Ashdon on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 11am –3pm**. Food & drink stalls, donkeys, live music, games, books & bric-a-brac, cakes, tombola & face painting.

All Saints Great Chesterford will be having their annual **TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 2 to 4pm** at the church. Brave bears and other toys will have the chance to parachute off the church tower while their owners can browse the stalls and have tea and cakes.

**RIDE & STRIDE** is taking place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Several of the churches in the Team are taking part including St Mary's, Wendens Ambo. They are also taking part in the Churches and Chapels on the Air, an amateur ("ham") radio event. The radio will be set up in the porch with an aerial in the churchyard. Churches of all denominations take part from all over the country (and a few in Europe and the US) and aim to contact as many other churches as possible, from northernmost Scotland to Cornwall. Details of churches taking part in Ride & Stride at [www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride-open-churches](http://www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride-open-churches)

**PENGUINS, WHALES & ICEBERGS** A talk by Edward Gildea for the Friends of St Mary's on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms. Glass of wine & nibbles. Donations on the night. If you can help with refreshments please sign up on the board in church or contact John Forster 0778661777 or email [jsforster6@gmail.com](mailto:jsforster6@gmail.com)

## EVENTS

**BE STILL & KNOW** A day of Gentleness & Discovery at Clare Priory on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### A NEW HOMEGROUP

Homegroups are a great way to join with others and explore faith together in a relaxed, unthreatening way. I'm looking to see if there is interest in starting a new one on alternate Wednesday evenings. If you would like more details contact me at [andy.colebrooke@gmail.com](mailto:andy.colebrooke@gmail.com)

**COPY** for the October edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, [jeppickthorn@gmail.com](mailto:jeppickthorn@gmail.com) by **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

### PARISH NEWS

Would anyone like to join our Parish News Team to assist on editorials, layout and/or advertising for a few hours each month? If you feel that you would like to help, please contact the Editor, John Pickthorn for an informal chat at [jeppickthorn@gmail.com](mailto:jeppickthorn@gmail.com) or 01799 523311.

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