

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

Sunday - 13th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Lt Walden

10.30am Forest Church - meet in the Village Hall
car park at 10.15am

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Cam Churches Together

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
10.00am Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 20th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.20am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion with baptism
(livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Searwards 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

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
13th September
15th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 14 v 1-12

Psalm: 103 v 1-13

Second Reading: Genesis 50 v 15-21

Gospel: Matthew 18 v 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

In September please pray for Society of Friends,
St Mary's Debden & All Saints Wimbish

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Ian Millar, Melissa Jones, Paul Garland, Michelle Spooner

EVENTS

FOREST CHURCH Sunday 13th September at 10.30 am, St John's Little Walden. Meet in the village hall car park at 10.15am. Focusing on connecting with God through nature and the environment. This service is suitable for all ages and will include a time for contemplation, craft activities and a chance to explore the outdoors. Our theme this month is "*Weaving our Faith into our daily lives.*" Everyone is welcome, for more details contact Helen Nash at helen_nash@hotmail.co.uk

TINIES returns on **Tuesday 15th September. Starting at 10am** in St Mary's, SW. It is an opportunity for parents and carers of preschool children to meet and enjoy a coffee or tea, while the children play, do a craft activity, or enjoy fresh toast. The session finishes at 11.30am after a short service with a Bible story, a prayer and some songs. For more information please see the website

PENGUINS, WHALES & ICEBERGS A talk by Edward Gildea for the Friends of St Mary's on **Monday 14th 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

BELL RINGING. As part of the national Heritage Open Days, St Mary's, SW will offer a range of events over the weekend of **19th-20th September**. Rev'd Dr Hilary Walker will lead church tours on the Saturday, and the tower and ringing chamber will be open with a display of heritage archive material. There will be a travelling mini-ring in the churchyard, and of course refreshments will be available. **Members of the congregation will have a special opportunity to try out the mini ring and explore the tower after morning service on Sunday.** Open to the public on Saturday 10am–12.30pm and 2pm–4pm, and Sunday 2pm – 4pm.

STAMP SALE on **Saturday 19th September 10am – 2pm** at Saffron Community Link. In aid of parish church building and music funds for St Mary's, SW.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Mary's, SW **Sunday 27th September at 10.30am**. Gifts will be for Uttlesford Food bank. There is a poster in church with a list of desirable items.

BE STILL & KNOW A day of Gentleness & Discovery at Clare Priory on **Saturday 10th October from 10am – 4pm. This is now full. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Rev'd Lynda Sebbage**

NOTICES

SOCIAL CHURCH CLEANING BLITZ. An autumn 'Spring' clean of St Mary's, SW on **Saturday 31st October from 9.30am—1pm**. Come along and help spruce up the church. Coffee, tea, soup & a sandwich will be provided. The more the merrier. Let Vivian know if you are available.

HOME MADE JAM will be on sale under the tower after the service **today, 13th September**. £3 a pot for Saffron Walden Church General Fund.

UKRAINE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

We are collecting items and boxes to assist Café Cornell in their Enterprise East Project, to try to fill 300 boxes. We need pens & pencils, small toys, hygiene items etc etc – see the full list on the information slope in the north aisle. Items can be left under the water table, we will transport them to Café Cornell for distribution to those who need them most. Closing date **27th September**. Thank you in advance - Pamela Mugliston - Saffron Walden Lions

CHRISTMAS FAIR, St Mary's, SW. **Saturday 28th November 10am—1pm**. This year has whizzed by, and yet again it is time to start planning for the above. We are always so grateful for those of you who give time, money and goods to support this very popular event. The income generated is an important part of the funding for St Mary's which, as in common with many charities, is finding these days very challenging. We will be continuing with the same format and hopefully our seasonal special guest will be able to make an appearance too! Set up will be in church on Friday 27th November 9-5pm. This year Kathryn Bennett has very kindly agreed to be my co-organiser and we can both be contacted via the emails and telephone number below. I will be contacting all the previous stall holders and helpers very soon. Anyone not on my list who might like to help in any way, or offer saleable items; please let us know. Many thanks again for all support offered. Sue Birchall sbirchall29@gmail.com 07813 947157 Kathryn Bennett kjbennett09@yahoo.co.uk

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