

Parish Music



The wide variety of services here at St Mary's is reflected in the music provided. St Mary's has a strong and well-established choral tradition and our robed choir sings most Sundays and for special services throughout the year (taking a break in August), whether that be for Choral Evensong, Choral Eucharist or, in a more informal setting, for our Family Service which typically takes place once per month. Smaller groups of musicians also provide music for our café-style contemporary worship, Taizé and Celtic services. For more information on services including date and times, please visit our website.

Anyone wishing to be added to our mailing list to be notified of our upcoming concerts, please email music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org.



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Other Events



COFFEE MORNING CONCERTS

Autumn Series 2026

The following concerts on Wednesdays in October start at 11.30am and last approximately 40 minutes.

Refreshments available from 10.45am

7, 14, 21, 28 October

Spring Series 2027

The following concerts on Wednesdays in February and March start at 11.30am and last approximately 40 minutes.

Refreshments available from 10.45am

10, 17, 24 February

3, 10 March

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Summer Series 2027

The following concerts on Wednesdays in June and July start at 1.10pm and last approximately 40 minutes.

Refreshments available from 12.30pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June

7, 14, 21, 28 July

All concerts advertised are free with a retiring collection in aid of Music at St Mary's. Details on performers will be advertised prior to each series commencing

St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

Organ Recital



Jonathan Scott Concert Organist

Music to include works by Bach, Dukas, Mozart, and Wagner

Saturday 24 October, 5.00pm

Free admission, retiring collection





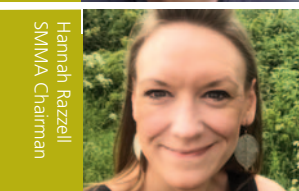
Oliver King:
Director of Music and
Organist



Jeremy Allen:
Assistant Organist



Philip Sunderland:
Assistant Organist



Hannah Razzell
SMMA Chairman

ST MARY'S MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The SMMA provides practical, administrative and financial support to the Director of Music in order to maintain a wide variety of musical events in the parish. Membership is open to all.

THE MICHAEL SWINDLEHURST ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Each summer we aim to appoint a Michael Swindlehurst Organ Scholar to start working with us in the autumn for a year. The Organ Scholar has organ lessons paid for and also receives financial recognition for playing and assisting with services. The position for 2026/27 is currently filled. Please see our website for more information.

THE CHOIRS

The main function of St Mary's Choristers and the Adult choir (both are mixed) is to lead the worship at St Mary's Church.

However, in addition, occasional concerts are given, either in aid of a charity or music funds. The Adult choir and the St Mary's Choristers are currently strong, and there are up to 16 places for teenage choral scholars. The choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, and all junior choir members have the opportunity to receive musical training following the RSCM ribbon awards scheme.

Joyful Noise, a singing group open to children aged 5–8 meets in the Parish Rooms after school on Fridays. All are welcome.

For more details contact Helen Counsell at music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

MUSIC OUTSIDE ST MARY'S

From time to time the choir visits cathedrals and other churches to sing Choral Evensong. Most recently: Guildford, Llandaff, St David's, Birmingham and Bury St Edmunds Cathedrals.

THE ORGAN

The organ, the largest in the county, is an impressive 4-manual instrument by Hill, Norman and Beard. The full specification is available on the church website and a booklet can be purchased in the church.

THE CYRIL COE MEMORIAL FUND

The Cyril Coe Memorial Fund has been established to help St Mary's Church Council fund the post of Assistant Organist. If you feel able to contribute to the fund, please contact the SMMA Chairman or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

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at St Mary's
Saffron Walden

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