

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

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' Sewards 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

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 - 27th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am BCP Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Harvest Family Service
6.30pm Taize style service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Parish Praise

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

10.30am Harvest Festival

St Peter's Littlebury Green

4.00pm Harvest Festival

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

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
20th September
16th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Jonah 3 v 10 - 4 v11

Psalms: 145 v 1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1 v 21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20 v 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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: Melissa Jones, Paul Garland, Michelle Spooner

Those who are being baptised:

Saffron Walden: Bonnie Baker & Baxter Baker

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Henry Newman & Peony Knight

EVENTS

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.

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at All Saints, Ashdon **Sunday 27th September at 10.30 am**, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Baptist Church Rooms all welcome.

CHOIR SINGS EVENSONG AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL - Saturday 3rd October 5.15pm

We would love to see some familiar faces in the congregation so, if you would like to join us, a coach will leave Swan Meadow at 12.30pm returning approx 7.30pm. Cost £22. Please email carolinegoullder@gmail.com if you would like a place.
Caroline

HARVEST FESTIVAL at Wimbish Church **4th October at 11am** followed by lunch. Gifts for Uttlesford Food Bank and Water Aid.

HARVEST SUPPER at Debden Village Hall, **Friday 9th October at 6.30pm** – a traditional village evening of delicious food, friendship and community. £12 per adult, under 16s - £5. Contact Hilary Davey: hilarydavey@btopenworld.com

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**

HARVEST FESTIVAL at Debden **11th October at 9am** followed by breakfast. Gifts for Uttlesford Food Bank and Water Aid.

Harvest Supper at Swards End Village Hall 17th October 7pm for 7.30pm. Two course meal, raffle and live music. Tickets £6 (Children £3) available from Sue Powell 07743 180286

NOTICES

A new HOMEGROUP is starting on **Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm** and will be hosted by Vivian Falk. If you would like to join us please contact: andy.colebrooke@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY (St Mary's SW) **TODAY** If you are on the electoral roll you should have received a letter. If not, please talk to one of the welcomers. For more information see the information board at the back of church. If you are not on the electoral roll, please do consider joining; forms are available by the welcome desk.

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.
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