THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

AROUND THE TEAM

SUNDAY 24th September

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662(livestreamed)

10.30am Harvest Festival

(Breakfast from 9.45am)

6.30pm Taizé

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Harvest Festival (followed by breakfast)

St John's Little Walden 10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Harvest FestivalSt Peter's Littlebury Green4.00pm Harvest Festival

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Harvest Festival (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford 10.30am Harvest Festival

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock 9.30am 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

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

+ Team JC

6.30pm H2H

All Saints Wimbish

11.00am Harvest Festival

St James' Sewards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

3.30pm Harvest Čafé Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed)

All Saints Great Chesterford 10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.00am Morning Prayer

Links for livestreamed services are available on the weekly bulletin. Please contact the Parish Administrator to be added to the mailing list. SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today 16th Sunday after Trinity 24th September 2023

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: Joel 2 v 21-27

Psalm: 145 v 1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1 v 21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20 v 1-16

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: Jennifer Brooke-Smith, Penny Davey, Lee Sharland, Stephen Purkiss, Hazel Hawkins, Janet Lawrence

EVENTS

There will be a **HARVEST COLLECTION** of dry goods and toiletries for the Saffron Walden Food Bank at the Harvest Service at All Saints, Ashdon on **Sunday 24**th **September, 9am, TODAY**. Cash donations will be for Water Aid.

There will be **BREAKFAST** at **9.45am** before the **HARVEST** family service at St Mary's, SW on Sunday **24**th **September, TODAY**. All ages welcome. Harvest Donations will be for Uttlesford Foodbank. Their website has a harvest list. They are well stocked for pasta, beans & soup.

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** will be available **after the 10.30am** service at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 24**th **September, TODAY.** Cash only please.

ORGAN RECITAL, 30th **September** at **5.00 pm** at St Mary's, Wendens Ambo. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Under 18s free at bit.ly/organ-recital2023 and on the door.

MINISTRY OF PRAYERS for wholeness and healing at St Mary's SW. This ministry will take place on the first Wednesday of each month during the 9.30am communion service starting on 4th October. This takes the place of the monthly Thursday healing service.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE at St Mary's SW Parish Room **5**th **October at 3pm**. There will be tea, chocolate cake and informal conversations about death and funerals. Pick up a flier or look at St Mary's website for more information.

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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NOTICES

ORDINATION

Rev'd Ella Harris is being ordained as a Priest

On Saturday 30th September in Coggeshall

Please pray for her as she prepares for the next stage in her ministry

I'm very grateful to you all for your kind words and encouragement as I prepare to leave the Saffron Walden Team and become Priest-in-Charge at Milton in Cambridge. I will be very sad to go and I will miss such lovely parishioners, people and colleagues.

My licensing service will be at 7pm on Thursday 26th October at All Saints, Milton, CB24 6AB. Anyone who would like to come would be very welcome to attend.

We move on the 13th October, if you would like our new address please do ask myself or Claire In the parish office.

With much love and gratitude,

Alex.

The **funeral** for the late Jenifer Brooke-Smith will take place on **Wednesday 27**th **September at 11.30am** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden.

The ROTARY CLUB are collecting donations for UK-Aid to send to UKRAINE on Saturday 30th September on the Common in Saffron Walden from 9am –1pm. More details of what is needed from the parish office.

RIDE AND STRIDE Sponsorship Money. There are just a few donations to collect. If yours is one of these, please make your cheque payable to Friends of Essex Churches Trust and pop it through the Parish Rooms' letter box. The list of donors and other ways to pay are on display at the back of St Mary's SW. Steve Hasler

STAMP SALE IN AID OF ST MARY'S BUILDING AND MUSIC FUNDS The next Stamp Sale will take place on Saturday 14th October from 10am-3pm. At the Saffron Community Link, next to Saffron Building Society in Market Street. Thousands of stamps on sale, individually priced.

BULLETIN Please contact the parish office with your email address if you would like to receive the Bulletin. This gives details of the online services plus a copy of the Grapevine each week. admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

A date for your diary: **Saturday 9th December**, **Quiet Morning** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. Led by Rev'd Ella Harris. Watch out for details later in the year. *The Prayer Team*, hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com

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