

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

SUNDAY 18th February**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
4.00pm Living Stones (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards 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 Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's, Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden
9.30am Holy Communion with ashes
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
4.00pm Taizé

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Village Worship

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
1st Sunday of Lent
18th February 2024**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 9 v 8-17

Psalm: 25 v 1-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3 v 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1 v 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Links for livestreamed services are available on the website and in the weekly bulletin. Please contact the Team Administrator to be added to the mailing list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In February please pray for Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church and St Thomas More School.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Stephen Overton, Georgina Start, Paula Burton

Those who are getting married:

Saffron Walden: Harold Quansah and Angela Addae

EVENTS

LIVING STONES

4pm today, in the Parish Rooms, SW
Contemporary worship with the theme

'Sin & Repentance—clearing the way to God'

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** at St Mary's, SW will be available on **Sunday 18th February** after the **10.30am** service. Cash only please.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE for 2024 has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. They are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, lived and died, and from where our faith began and is rooted. Join with others from around the world to pray on **Friday 1st March** at Saffron Walden Baptist Church at **2pm**. Followed by refreshments.

LENT COURSES

GET OUTSIDE FOR A GREEN LENT. The Eco team at All Saints, Wimbish are hosting a weekly session during Lent on **Mondays from 10.30-11.30am** using and adapting materials from the Salisbury Diocese. It is an opportunity to be outside and connect with nature. Contact Fran Johnson 01799 527773 for more information.

THE LECTIO COURSE. Explore how to hear God speak afresh through Scripture, using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina in 5 weekly sessions. Led by Rev'd Ella Harris starting on **Wednesday 21st February, 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms, SW. Email revellaharris@gmail.com for more details.

RIVER THROUGH THE DESERT. Entering into Jesus' journey through the Holy Land using resources by Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem. Led by Rev'd Jeremy Trew starting on **Thursday 22nd February at 2pm** in the North Chapel, St Mary's, SW

NOTICES

HOME MADE MARMALADE. I will be selling marmalade at the back of St Mary's church, SW, on 18th February. £3 a pot for the church general fund. Alternatively, please telephone me on 521356 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your support.

Lesley A Green

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY for St Mary's, SW is on the **18th February, today**. Please put your response forms in the basket at the back of church. If you would like information about Stewardship Sunday this is available at the back of church.

The **QUINQUA QUIZ** which took place on February 10th raised £320 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. The winning Team, who also won it last year, were the 'Black Sheep' from Ashdon. Thank you to all the teams who took part. *Chris Bishop, Quiz Master.*

How about giving up something else this **LENT**? Something that might make a real difference? Giving up Carbon! You can find further details at www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/ *Edward Gildea*

The **JIMMY'S** meal is now full. Please complete your menu choices by **Sunday 25th February**. Thanks *Matt*

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

If you need to contact Rev'd Trew, please use email as the rectory telephone line is awaiting repair.

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