

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

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

MONDAY

1.45pm Church Mice, Debden

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

9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Wiggle Church (Parish rooms)

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

6.30pm H2H

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion and Annual Church meeting

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Prayer

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.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
2nd Sunday of Lent
25th February 2024**

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 17 v 1-7, 15-16**Psalms:** 22 v 23-31**Second Reading:** Romans 4 v 13-25**Gospel:** Mark 8 v 31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Kenneth Vincent, Raymond Stuart

EVENTS

CHURCH MICE for carers, babies and toddlers meets on **Monday 26th February from 1.45pm - 3pm** in St Mary's, Debden.

COFFEE CONCERT on Wednesday 28th February. Concerts starts at **11.30am** and last approximately 40 minutes. Coffee, tea and cake available from 10.45am. Admission is free with a retiring collection. This week it is the Mercadante Duo with Samuel Huston on Clarinet and Antonio Morabito on piano. *Hannah Razzell*

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.

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING will be at St Paul's Mission Hall on **Saturday 9th March from 10am - 11.30am**. Refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, produce and preserves.

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 on **Wednesdays at 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 on **Thursdays at 2pm** in the North Chapel, St Mary's, SW

NOTICES

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*

HOME MADE MARMALADE. I will be selling marmalade at the back of St Mary's church, SW, on 3rd February. £3 a pot for the church general fund. Alternatively, please telephone me on 521356 to make other arrangements. This will be your last opportunity to purchase marmalade. Thanks for your support. *Lesley A Green*

THE MARCH EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor andycolebrooke@gmail.com by **Sunday 3rd March**.

NEW EDITOR If our Parish News is to continue past September then we need someone to take this on please, and that could be God's calling to you or someone else you might know of? If you know of someone who might be interested or would like to know more, do speak to Andy or Martin Hugall on the Communications Committee.

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

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