

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

SUNDAY 17th March**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism
 (livestreamed)
 12.15pm Baptism
 4.00pm Living Stones (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Villages Together-Holy Communion

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 24th MARCH
PALM SUNDAY**

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
 10.30am Family Service
 4.00pm Choral Evensong including Passion
 Reading

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Passion Reading

All Saints Wimbish

11.30am Baptism

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Family Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
5th Sunday of Lent
17th March 2024**

Collect

Gracious Father,
 you gave up your Son
 out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Hebrews 5 v 5-10

Psalm: 119 v 9-16

Second Reading: Jeremiah 31 v 31-34

Gospel: John 12 v 20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our brothers and
 sisters
 we do also for you:
 give us the will to be the servant of others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**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 March please pray for Abbey Lane and Newport United Reformed Church, incorporating the Methodist Church and Dame Bradbury's School.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Vera Ewing, Harry Villiers, Margaret Smith

Those who are being baptised:

Saffron Walden: Kai Roberts & Joy Cornwell

Those who banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Matthew Bull & Hannah Camp

Wimbish: Peter Weeks & Kate Garrett

EVENTS

COFFEE CONCERTS Our next Spring Coffee concert takes place on **Wednesday 20th March**. We are delighted to welcome students from SWCHS Music Academy. Concert starts at **11.30am** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Coffee, tea and cake available from **10.45am**. Admission is free with a retiring collection.
Hannah Razzell

ST MARY'S, SW, PCC meeting is on **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms. A list of members is in the West Porch.

SEDER MEAL on **Tuesday 26th March** at Wendens Ambo village hall. This is supper with friends based on a traditional Jewish family passover. We look at the way the passover supper has become, for Christians, the Communion Service. There are things for all the family to do, including children. Contact Sue Watson for more information 07776253449.

AGAPE SUPPER at All Saints Wimbish, **Thursday 28th March at 8.00pm**. Holy Communion and supper led by Rev'd Paula Griffiths. If you would like to join us please let Linda King know for catering purposes. lmking118@gmail.com

TENEBRAE SERVICE at All Saints Ashdon, **Thursday 28th March at 6.30pm**. A light supper followed by the service.

LENT COURSES - Last Week

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** 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. Led by Rev'd Ella Harris on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm. THIS WEEK IN THE NORTH CHAPEL.**

RIVER THROUGH THE DESERT. Entering into Jesus' journey through the Holy Land Led by Rev'd Jeremy Trew on **Thursdays at 2pm** in the North Chapel, SW

NOTICES

Many thanks to everyone who bought **MARMALADE** from me this year. I have been able to pay £300 profit into the Church General Fund for St Mary's, SW. *Lesley A Green*

Aftershock would like to extend a massive thank you for all those who came and supported this year's **JIMMY'S MEAL**. We raised an incredible £3141 for the work of Jimmy's Night Shelter. A big thank you has to go to Tracey Nicholls and Helen Nash for the amazing cooking and to our extremely talented young people who served and entertained the guests. *Matt Williamson*

EASTER LILIES Would those wishing to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies at St Mary's, SW, in memory of loved ones, please give donations to any of the Welcomers on duty at services or to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made payable to: St Mary's Church Fund Trust. *Pam Russell*

UTTLESFORD FOOD BANK As part of Lent, if anyone would like to contribute to the food bank, there will be a box to collect donations at the back of St Mary's, SW until **Sunday 31st March. There is now a list of items they are in need of on the box.**

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*

STAMP SALE The next stamp sale will be on **Saturday 27th April from 10am – 3pm** in the Saffron Walden Community Link building in aid of St Mary's, SW music and building funds.

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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