

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

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

Please see insert for details of midweek services for Holy Week.

**NEXT SUNDAY 31st MARCH
EASTER DAY**

St Mary's Saffron Walden

6.30am Sunrise Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock joint with Ashdon

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Family Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Family Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

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
Palm Sunday
24th March 2024**

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

First Reading: Isaiah 50 v 4-9a

Psalm: 118 v 1-2, 19-29

Second Reading: Philippians 2 v 5-11

Gospel: Mark 11 v 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to the, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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: Margaret Smith

Those who are being baptised:

Wimbish: Stephen Kirby

Those who banns are being read:

Great Chesterford: Mark Thomas & Luisa Fisenda

Debden: Hugh Mizen & Charlotte Jenkins

EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Please see the insert for details of Holy Week services across the team.

CHURCH MICE for carers, babies and toddlers meets on **Monday 25th March from 1.45pm - 3pm** in St Mary's, Debden.

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.

Archdeacon Rev'd Kate Peacock will be leading the HOUR AT THE CROSS at St Mary's, Saffron Walden at **2pm on Good Friday**.

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 4th April at 10am** in the North Chapel of St Mary's, SW. We start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the St Mary's Music Association will be held in the Parish Room on Sunday 21st April 2024 at approximately 12 noon following the 10.30am service. All are welcome. *Hannah Razzell, SMMA Chairman*

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

NOTICES

Please remember that the clocks change next Sunday

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*

THANK YOU. This is the last week before the Easter break for many of the children and young people's activities. Thank you to all who help these activities take place.

THE APRIL 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 7th April**.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. The Saffron Walden roll, including Little Walden and Swards End, is being revised between 6th and 20th April 2024 before the annual meetings on 5th May 2024. As well as a confirmation of your commitment to the church community, membership enables you to vote and stand for election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Application forms are available in church and should be returned to, electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or the Parish Office or can be downloaded from www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll. No additions can be made to the roll between the completion of the revision and the end of the annual meetings. *Clifford Want*

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

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