THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

SUNDAY 16th June

St Mary's Saffron Walden8.00amHoly Communion 166210.30amHoly Communion (livestreamed)

St James' Sewards End 10.30am Morning Praise

All Saints Wimbish 10.30am Holy Communion

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

6.30pm Living Stones

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion TUESDAY

8.30amMorning Prayer, Hadstock9.30amTinies, Saffron Walden5.00pmEvening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00amMorning Prayer, Saffron Walden9.30amHoly Communion9.30amBuilding Blocks, Gt Chesterford5.00pmEvening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd June

8.00am	Family Service
	Little Walden Holy Communion
All Saints 9.00am	Ashdon Sunday Worship
-	Wendens Ambo Morning Prayer
	Great Chesterford Holy Communion
St Mary's 7.00pm	Little Chesterford Compline

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. SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today 3rd Sunday after Trinity 16th June 2024

Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5 v 6-10, 14-17 Psalm:92 v 1-4, 12-15 Second Reading: Ezekiel 17 v 22-24 Gospel: Mark 4 v 26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining

and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear

until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In June please pray for Saffron Walden Assemblies Team and Stort Valley Schools Trust

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Peter Gerard, Victor Mortlock, Hamish Walker, John Hurry, Thelma Jones

Those whose banns are being read: Saffron Walden: Michael Newson & Donna Hagget Andrew King & Joanna Clark Great Chesterford: Adam Sparrow & Nicola Block, Constant Marmonier & Rachel Burnett

EVENTS

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS! For this week's concert on **Wednesday 19th June**, we welcome Krassimira Jeliazkova *violin* and Elizabeth Mucha *piano.* This is a fabulous duo and we are really looking forward to their concert. The concert begins at **1.10pm** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm. Free admission with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER

celebrating our Overseas Link Branches. **2pm** in the Parish Rooms on **Thursday 20th June**. You are very welcome to join us. Tea and biscuits to follow.

FETE DE LA MUSIQUE On **Sunday 23rd June** more than seventy different musical groups or individuals will be performing at a dozen different locations in Saffron Walden - including a number of organists playing the organ at St Mary's between 2 & 5pm. All entirely free!

Sunday June 23rd at 5pm. An evening with **NANCY MAY**, classical soprano, at St Mary's, Debden. Tickets £15 available from Alison Hare 07904 954199 alison.hare@ymail.com An evening of beautiful music for everyone to enjoy. Proceeds in aid of Debden Church roof.

LITTLEBURY REMEMBERS D-DAY. Step inside and remember. There is a display at the back of Holy Trinity, Littlebury until 23rd June from 10am -4pm.

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We are holding a **SPECIAL SERVICE** on **Sunday 30**th **June at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, SW and everyone from our team churches is warmly invited.

Last November prayers allowing the recognition of same sex relationships were authorised in the Church of England. Many feel these are a good and Godly thing to offer. Others think the opposite. Both due so out of sincere conviction and from their reading of the Bible. Jeremy and Ella hold these two positions and together offer this evening's service as a way of demonstrating that although we disagree we recognise each other as God's people and commit ourselves to working for the unity of the Church. We will each be addressing three key issues and explaining why we believe what we believe. Please join us as we explore this contentious issue with grace and worship God together. *Jeremy & Ella*

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE We now have a new Facebook page for St Mary's Church, SW. Do visit us at www.facebook.comstmaryschurchsaffronwalden and like and follow. There is also a link to this at the bottom of each page of St Mary's website. Hannah Razzell is kindly managing this page.

SUMMER WELCOMERS for St Mary's, SW. During the summer there are a lot of visitors to the church. It would be good if we could have some Welcomers. If you are interested in giving your time please speak to Gill Caswell. Training will be given.

Do you have **FIRST AID TRAINING**? If you are willing to help in an emergency during a service at St Mary's, SW please let Simon Potter or Vivian Falk know so they can update their list.

UTTLESFORD FOOD BANK This month's donations for the foodbank at St Mary's, SW will be taken after next Sunday. Please put your donations in the box ready for collection.

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