

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Praise

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

9.00am Café Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Sung Mattins

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am BCP Morning Prayer

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

St Mary's, SW

9.30am Holy Communion & Ashes
7.30pm Choral Eucharist & Ashes

St Mary's, Debden

8pm Holy Communion & Ashes

St Mary's, Lt Chesterford

8pm Holy Communion & Ashes

NEXT SUNDAY 9th March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
4.00pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Cam Villages Together

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

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
Sunday before Lent
2nd March 2025**

Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Exodus 34 v 29-35

Psalm: 99

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3 v 12-4 v2

Gospel: Luke 9 v 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MINISTRY TEAM

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Elizabeth McClure Hamilton, Brian Kerrison

EVENTS

COFFEE CONCERTS Our next Spring Coffee Concert takes place on **Wednesday 5th March**. We delight to welcome Philip Sunderland (*Organ*). The 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*

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 5th March, from 12 noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are planning to come please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 4th March and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose email wjr2163@gmail.com tel 01799 516609*

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 6th March 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*

Christian women from the Cook Islands have prepared the **SERVICE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. We will be sharing in this worldwide event at the United Reformed Church on **Friday, 7th March at 2.00pm**. Men and women are invited to come and hear about life on faraway islands, their beauty and problems. Lovely songs to sing and prayers to pray together, plus refreshments.

QUIET MORNING FOR LENT on **Saturday 8th March from 9.30am - 12.30pm** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. **'Fasting & Feasting'** led by The Ven. Kate Peacock, Archdeacon of Stansted. Open to all churches across the Team. If you would like to stay on afterwards, bring a sandwich - soup will be provided. Please let Hazel know if you are coming. hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 8th March from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

All Saints Church Wimbish and the Thaxted Astronomical Society present "**THE HEAVENLY NIGHT SKY**" **Saturday March 8th, 6-8.30pm** at the church, CB10 2XG. There will be presentations, activities and refreshments whatever the weather. You may like to download the apps 'Night Sky' and 'Star Walk' before you come. Please bring red lighted torches and wrap up warmly. Donations to Wimbish Church. It would be good to know if you are coming for refreshment purposes.

RSVP francesjohnson@meadowfield.uk

FAURÉ REQUIEM with works by Purcell & Walton. The Choir of Gonville & Caius. **Saturday 22nd March, 6pm** at St Mary's Church, SW. Free admission, retiring collection in aid of SMMA.

EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT for St Mary's, Wendens Ambo on **Saturday 22nd March** at Wendens Ambo Village Hall. Tickets £14.00, doors open at **7.00 pm**. Teams of 8. Tickets available from wendenstickets@gmail.com

Sunday 23rd March Covid, 5 years on, A TIME FOR REFLECTION. St John's, Lt Walden will be holding a time for people to reflect on the impact that Covid has had on their lives, to remember loved ones who died during the pandemic and a chance to for prayer/contemplation for healing. The church will be open from **3 -5pm**, everyone is welcome to come and stay as long as needed.

QUIZ NIGHT for St Mary's, Debden in the Village Hall. **Friday 28th March at 6.30pm**. Tickets £15 per person to include Fish & Chips (or alternative). To book please contact Rev'd Lynda Sebbage at debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com

A MOTHERING SUNDAY TEA at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 30th March 3.30 - 5pm** is being planned. Canon Chris Bishop will be serenading us in his talented way! Any offers of cakes etc. will be gratefully received. Contact Sue Birchall sbirchall29@gmail.com or tel 07813 947157

LENT COURSES

Get outside in Lent!

A gentle 4 week Lenten journey through nature at Wimbish Church on **19th, 26th March & 2nd, 9th April from 10-11am**. Contact Pete Gray to book a place or for more information 07901 946440 or email: petewgray@hotmail.co.uk

Unanswered Prayer

Provoking honest conversation around the hardest questions we all ask about prayer. At St Peter's Church & Community Hub, Littlebury Green on **Tuesdays, 11th March-8th April at 7.30pm**.

The Bible Course

This course will run during Lent and conclude after Easter on **Wednesdays at 2pm** starting on **12th March** or **Thursdays at 7.30pm** starting on **13th March**. Both courses will be in the Parish Rooms. Please sign up on the list at the back of St Mary's, SW.

NOTICES

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jeppickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 2nd March**.

THINKING OF GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT?

Be different this year and join thousands of Christians giving up Carbon for Lent! Every week there will be a different focus, from Consumerism to Waste and ending with 'Speaking Up'! You can sign up for full information and encouragement here www.climatestewards.org/carbon-fast/ *Edward Gildea*

STAMPS I am no longer going to be collecting used stamps to raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Thank you to all who have donated in the past. *Margaret Walter*