

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)
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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 16th March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
6.30pm H2H

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

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The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
The First Sunday of Lent
9th March 2025**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 10 v 8b –13

Psalm: 91 v 1-11

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 25 v 1-11

Gospel: Luke 4 v 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

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: Brian Kerrison

EVENTS

COFFEE CONCERTS Our next Spring Coffee Concert takes place on **Wednesday 12th March**. We delight to welcome Krassimira Jeliaskova (*Violin*) Elizabeth Mucha (*Piano*). 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*

MOTHERS' UNION, 2pm on the 13th March. "Meditation Service for Lent," led by Rev'd Andy Colebrook in the North Chapel. Open invitation to the congregation to join us.

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.

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 wendentickets@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.

GRANTA CHORALE CONCERT AT LITTLEBURY CHURCH. Sunday 23rd March at 4pm. Music and words celebrating gardens and gardeners from Capability Brown to the Compost Heap. £12 with 50% of proceeds going to Holy Trinity, Littlebury.

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

LEADING INTERCESSIONS Are you already writing and leading intercessions, but would like a 'refresher' session? Or are you someone who feels called to do this but feel unsure where to start? If the answer is 'yes' then why not join me in a short and gentle session covering the basics. Debden Church, New Rooms, **Saturday 29th March at 10.30am** Refreshments available To book please contact Revd Lynda Sebbage: debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com 01799 796193 Open to people from all churches in the Team.

SKÁLHOLT CATHEDRAL CHOIR & SW CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT Saturday 29th March at 2.30pm St Mary's, SW. Retiring collection for St Mary's church.

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE at 10am on Sunday 30th March in Ashdon School Hall. Actives for all ages plus refreshments with a short Service. This is joint service, All Saints, Ashdon Baptist Church and Ashdon Primary School

NOTICES

A NEW ELECTORAL ROLL has to be prepared at least 15 days before the Saffron Walden Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on **Sunday 11th May 2025**. Inclusion on the roll enables you to attend and vote at the APCM and to stand for election to the PCC or as a sidesman. **Everyone wishing to be on the new electoral roll must reapply, even if they are on the existing roll.** Also, if you wish to be kept in touch with all other church matters please fill in the **Data Processing Consent Form** even if you already receive emails or letters from the church. Both forms are available in church or may be downloaded from the church website www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org in the Latest News section. Please return the completed forms by **6th April** to allow time for the production of the new electoral roll. Completed forms may be sent to electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or delivered to the Parish Office.

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*

OFFERING Please note that the offering at St Mary's, SW will be reverting to a retiring collection. Please speak to a welcomer for details of the different ways to give.

To all **QUINQUA QUIZERS**—thank you for supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the homeless charity 'Housing Justice'. The quiz raised £235. Many thanks *Chris Bishop*.

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,