

**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 Taizé style service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

12.30pm Baptism

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 30th March

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Celtic service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Family Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Family Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon- at Ashdon School

10.00am Mothering Sunday service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Mothering Sunday Morning Prayer

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Mothering Sunday iChurch/Café church

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 send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on Wednesday.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
The Third Sunday of Lent
23rd March 2025**

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 v 1-13

Psalm: 63 v 1-9

Second Reading: Isaiah 55 v 1-9

Gospel: Luke 13 v 1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
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: Brian Kerrison, Henry Crosby

The funeral for the late Brian Kerrison will be at Cam Valley crematorium on **Tuesday 25th March at 11am**. The service will be livestreamed – the link is available on the weekly Bulletin

Those who are being baptised:

Littlebury: Rory Bradshaw

EVENTS

We welcome members of the **HMS LAPWING ASSOCIATION** who are visiting our town this weekend for a memorial service on **Saturday 22nd March at 2.30 pm** in The Close Gardens (at the bottom of St Mary's churchyard) To commemorate the sinking of HMS Lapwing on 20th March 1945.

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 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.

COFFEE CONCERTS Our next Spring Coffee Concert takes place on **Wednesday 26th March**. We delight to welcome Bob Goldsmith (*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*

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

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

LEADING INTERCESSIONS course 29th March
This course has been postponed. A new date will be advertised in due course.

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

A special joint **iCHURCH/CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE** with Littlebury on **Mothering Sunday 30th March** held in All Saints' Great Chesterford at **10.30am**.

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

Gt and Lt Chesterford are having a **TAPAS EVENING** in All Saints' Church on **Saturday 26th April at 7pm**. Come and enjoy an evening of Spanish food and drink in good company. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for children up to 12 yrs with under 5 yrs free. Tickets available from Dave and Pam Maskell and Alison Tills. There will be a licensed bar with wine and Spanish beers and plenty of Sangria.

NOTICES

Many thanks to all who bought my **HOME MADE MARMALADE**. I have been able to donate £218 profit to the Church General Fund. *Lesley A Green*

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Gift Day at Wendens Ambo church on Saturday, 22nd March. We are working hard to raise funds to provide an accessible toilet, better lighting and pathways and a servery.

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 either to Welcomers or Wardens, or the Parish Office. Cheques should be made out to : St Mary's Church Fund Trust.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Thank you to everyone who has completed an application form for the new Electoral Roll. There are still forms at the back of church for St Mary's, SW & it's daughter churches or they may be downloaded from the church website. We are also contacting by email the remaining people on the existing roll to invite them to complete an application. Where we have no email address, there are named letters at the back of church. Please pick up any letter for yourself and any others you can deliver. If you wish to continue to receive information on other church matters, please also complete and return the Consent Form to the Parish Office together with your Electoral Roll

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

All Saints, Ashdon, 10.15am	Sunday 13 th April
St Mary's, SW, 11.45am	Sunday 11 th May

application.

CARBON FAST Take the Carbon out of your money. Your bank account, savings or pension could be funding fossil fuel projects. Check out what your bank or building society is funding and decide whether a change could lower the carbon footprint of your savings. Google Operation Noah's Big Bank Switch to get started. *Edward Gildea*

OFFERING Please note that the offering at the 10.30am service at St Mary's, SW has reverted to a retiring collection. Please speak to a welcomer for details of the different ways to give.