

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

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

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 with prayers for wholeness
& healing
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 6th April

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Worship

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Lt Chesterford

9.30am Morning Worship

**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
Mothering Sunday
30th March 2025**

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7

Psalm: 34 v 11-20

Second Reading: Exodus 2 v 1-10

Gospel: Luke 2 v 33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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: Henry Crosby, Graham Redcliffe, Cherry Fisher

TODAY

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

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

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

EVENTS

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime gathering at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 2nd April 2025, from 12 noon**. As ever, all are welcome but if you are intending to come please let me know by 6pm on Tuesday 1st April 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 3rd 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*

FAIRTRADE STALL will be available after the **10.30am** service on **Sunday 6th April** at St Mary's, SW. Cash only please.

POP UP COFFEE on **Tuesday 8th April from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 12th April from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

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.

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 in Debden Church, New Rooms. The new date for this is **Saturday 12th July** from **10.00am to 12noon**. Refreshments available.

To book please contact
Revd Lynda Sebbage:
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Open to people from all churches in the Deanery.

NOTICES

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. Thank you *Pam Russell*

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 application.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

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

CARBON FAST Let's reduce our Energy and Water consumption. Try unplugging appliances not in use; washing clothes at a lower temperature and avoiding tumble drying; taking shorter showers; turning down your thermostat by a degree or two, putting on an extra layer if you feel chilly! Simply treading more lightly on God's earth. Full details at www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/ *Edward Gildea*

The Inner Wheel Club of Saffron Walden is hosting a Garden Evening in the Parish Rooms, in aid of Maggie's, Cambridge 7pm Thursday 10th April. Speaker: Nigel Start - **COPING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE** Tickets: £10 includes refreshments (and cake!) available from Sara Eastham on 07766710753 All warmly welcome

THE APRIL EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews **COPY** for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jepickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 7th April**.