

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village 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

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 13th April - Palm Sunday

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion with Passion Reading
(livestreamed)
6.30pm Devotional Offering

St Mary's Debden joint with Wimbish

9.00am Passion Reading

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Villages together

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.

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
5th Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Philippians 3 v 4b –14

Psalm: 126

Second Reading: Isaiah 43 v 16-21

Gospel: John 12 v 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In April please pray for St Mary's, SW and St Mary's C of E Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Graham Redcliffe, Cherry Fisher

Those whose banns are being read

Saffron Walden: Joseph Hall & Emily Simou, Jordan Foster & Jodie Willson, Marlon Geen & Georgie Goddard

Wimbish: Robert Cargill & Gemma Barton

St Mary's, SW is looking for a

Children and Families Worker

to lead our ministry with 0-11 year-olds and their families in church and school-based activities.

15 hours per week. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience

Full details & application form on the church website.

Closing date 28th April

EVENTS

FAIRTRADE STALL will be available after the **10.30am** service on **Sunday 6th April, Today**, 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.

MU MEETING in the Parish Rooms at **2pm on Thursday 10th April**. Jackie Bartlett talking about the Quaker Tapestry. Tea and biscuits to follow.

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.

Palm Sunday Evening Stainer's Crucifixion will be presented as a **DEVOTIONAL OFFERING** on **Sunday 13th April at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, SW. The work will be performed by St Mary's Church Choir and soloists Robert Folkes and Tom Butler. Admission is free with a retiring collection. All are most welcome.

WENDENS AMBO COFFEE MORNING in the church on **Wednesday 16th April from 10.30am to noon**. Everyone welcome.

EASTER EVENTS IN LITTLE WALDEN

18th April (Good Friday), St John's will be selling homemade Hot Cross Buns on the green in Little Walden from 9 am until they are gone!

19th April (Easter Saturday) Easter Eggs Hunt around the village

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*

CALLING ALL BARISTAS! Many of us enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat after the 10.30am service at St Mary's, SW. However, we badly need a few more volunteers to help make and serve the coffee and tea. The equipment is very easy to use, and serving is a lovely opportunity to talk to everyone as they pass through. If you feel you could help out, perhaps twice every 3 months, on days to suit you, please talk to Kathryn Bennett or Andrew Robinson – we would be very grateful.

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.

CARBON FAST This week let's try to reduce the environmental impact of our daily travel. Fast from all unnecessary driving, and instead to go on foot, by bike, or on public transport. If car travel is necessary, try to combine trips and car-share when you can. www.traveline.info/ might help you plan.
Edward Gildea

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

Ashdon, 10.15am	Sunday 13 th April
Debden, 10.00am	Sunday 27 th April
Wimbish (St Paul's Mission Hall), 7.30pm	Monday 28 th April
Saffron Walden, 11.45am	Sunday 11 th May
Wendens Ambo, 7.15pm	Monday 12 th May

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jepickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 7th April**.

CYCLE ACROSS WALES FOR OUR LIGHTING PROJECT. Mainly due to a change in the VAT rules we are now £38,000 short of our target and from 6th to 9th May, I'm cycling from Holyhead to Cardiff to raise funds for our replacement lighting and all sponsorship is very welcome. Look out for the sponsorship forms on display in St Mary's SW. Details how to donate electronically can also be found at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting - please use the reference "Lighting" if sponsoring me this way. *Steve Hasler*