

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

SUNDAY 15th October

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion + Baptism (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
4.00pm Living Stones contemporary worship
(Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Searoad End

10.30am Harvest Service

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Morning Prayer

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Village Worship

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today
19th Sunday after Trinity
15th October 2023

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Philippians 4 v 1-9

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Isaiah 25 v 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22 v 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In October please pray for: Ashdon Baptist Church, All Saints, Ashdon, St Botolph's, Hadstock & Ashdon Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Bertrum Elsom, Keith Huddleston, Sheila Boddy, Robert 'Arthur' Burns, Lindsey Collecott

Those who are being baptised:
Saffron Walden: Flora Counsell

TODAY

LIVING STONES

Contemporary Worship service
4pm, refreshments from 3.40pm
(in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden)

EVENTS

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** will be available after the **10.30am** service at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 15th October, TODAY**. Please make payments in cash.

COFFEE CONCERTS at St Mary's, SW
Wednesday 18th October: Claire Middleton *Soprano* with the SWCHS Chamber Choir. Concerts begin at **11.30am** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments are available from 10.45am. Free admission with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

BIG BREAKFAST at Hadstock Village Hall on **Friday 27th October from 6.30 am until 2 pm** serving a full English Breakfast raising money for Prostate Cancer UK. Suggested donation £10. Parking by the Village Hall. Contact *Tim Boyden* 07776 230161 for more details

NOTICES

Janet Damary's **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Mothers' Union and church friends will take place at **2pm, Saturday 21st October** at URC church, Abbey lane.

A **WARM WELCOME** to Anthea Slater, the new Team Administrator. She will be working with Claire in the Parish Office in Saffron Walden. Her contact details are in the Ministry Team section below.

DISPLAY BOARDS in St Mary's, SW. If anyone knows someone who might be able to help with this please contact the Parish Office or Martin Hugall 01799 527 805 or martin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR JIMMY'S With **immediate effect**. St Mary's, SW. We are no longer going to deliver goods directly to Jimmy's. We **WILL** continue to collect and donate monetary gifts. (see notice board at the back of church) *Kathleen Huey*

RIDE AND STRIDE 2023. Thank you for your support to my recent ride. The total raised was £2120, £1500 at St Mary's SW, £200 at St James Swards End and the rest across 4 other churches in the Deanery. Half of the totals for St Mary's SW and St James' will be returned to those churches. *Steve Hasler*

I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those that came to my leaving party and final service last week. I was so moved by your generosity and kind words. I will very much miss serving my wonderful villages and being part of the Saffron Walden team. My prayers go with you for the future and I know God has good things planned. Do come to my licensing at All Saints, Milton on Thursday 26th October at 7pm. You will be assured of a warm welcome. Love and best wishes, Alex.

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

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