

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

SUNDAY 10th March**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Café & iChurch

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

MONDAY

1.45pm Church Mice, Debden

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

9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

THURSDAY

2.00pm Mothers' Union Service of Reflection, SW

NEXT SUNDAY 17th MARCH

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism
(livestreamed)

12.15pm Baptism

4.00pm Living Stones (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Villages Together-Holy Communion

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
10th March 2024**

Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1 v 20-28**Psalms:** 127 v 1-4**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7**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

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this
present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be
revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 and Newport United Reformed Church, incorporating the Methodist Church and Dame Bradbury's School.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Kenneth Vincent, Raymond Stuart, Vera Ewing, Harry Villiers, Margaret Smith

Those who banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Matthew Bull & Hannah Camp

EVENTS

The FAIRTRADE STALL at St Mary's, SW will be available on **Sunday 10th March, today**, after the **10.30am** service. Cash only please.

CHURCH MICE for carers, babies and toddlers will meet on **Monday 11th March from 1.45pm - 3pm** in St Mary's, Debden.

POP UP COFFEE on **Wednesday 13th March from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

COFFEE CONCERTS Our next Spring Coffee concert takes place on **Wednesday 13th March**. We are delighted to welcome violinist *Emmanuel Bach*. 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 SERVICE OF REFLECTION will take place at **2pm on Thursday 14th March** at St Mary's, SW led by Rev'd Dr Hilary Walker. Followed by refreshments, including hot cross buns.

ST MARY'S, SW, PCC meeting is on **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

SEDER MEAL on **Tuesday 26th March** at Wendens Ambo village hall. This is supper with friends based on a traditional Jewish family passover. We look at the way the passover supper has become, for Christians, the Communion Service. There are things for all the family to do, including children. Contact Sue Watson for more information 07776253449.

AGAPE SUPPER at All Saints Wimbish, **Thursday 28th March at 8.00pm**. Holy Communion and supper led by Rev'd Paula Griffiths. If you would like to join us please let Linda King know for catering purposes. lmking118@gmail.com

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

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 to any of the Welcomers on duty at services or to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made payable to: St Mary's Church Fund Trust. *Pam Russell*

UTTLESFORD FOOD BANK As part of Lent, if anyone would like to contribute to the food bank, there will be a box to collect donations at the back of St Mary's, SW until **Sunday 31st March**.

How about giving up something else this **LENT**? Something that might make a real difference? Giving up Carbon! You can find further details at www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/ *Edward Gildea*

STAMP SALE The next stamp sale will be on **Saturday 27th April from 10am – 3pm** in the Saffron Walden Community Link building in aid of St Mary's, SW music and building funds.

LENT COURSES

GET OUTSIDE FOR A GREEN LENT. The Eco team at All Saints, Wimbish are hosting a weekly session during Lent on **Mondays from 10.30-11.30am** Contact Fran Johnson 01799 527773 for more information.

THE LECTIO COURSE. Explore how to hear God speak afresh through Scripture, using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. Led by Rev'd Ella Harris on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms, SW. Email revellaharris@gmail.com for more details.

RIVER THROUGH THE DESERT. Entering into Jesus' journey through the Holy Land Led by Rev'd Jeremy Trew on **Thursdays at 2pm. THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ROOMS.**

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