

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

SUNDAY 7th April**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
9.15am Wiggle Church (Parish rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm H2H (Parish rooms)

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Family Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY 14th April

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Cam Villages Together,
Holy Communion

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.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
2nd Sunday of Easter
7th April 2024**

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 4 v 32-35

Psalms: 133

Second Reading: Exodus 14 v 10-30

Gospel: John 20 v 19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Donald Loveday

Those who banns are being read:

Great Chesterford: Mark Thomas & Luisa Frisenda

Saffron Walden: Simon Brady & Sonja Smith, Peter Yates & Rosie Shennan, Matthew Sitkiewicz & Katherine Scott.

TODAY

H2H

6.30pm in the Parish Rooms

Come along to this every age service and support our young people from across the team.

EVENTS

POP UP COFFEE on **Tuesday 9th April** from **10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

INFORMAL GROUP BIBLE STUDY (new series) A warm invitation to join us in All Saints, Great Chesterford Church Room on **Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm** as we look together at Sunday's Gospel reading (see overleaf). If you would like to know a little more, please ring John Risby (01799 830532).

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, postcode CB10 2XE. **Saturday 13th April from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

LITTLEBURY PLANT SALE on **Sunday 14th April** from **2pm-4pm** at Holy Trinity, Littlebury. Also book stall and teas.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the St Mary's Music Association will be held in the Parish Room on **Sunday 21st April 2024** at approximately **12 noon** following the 10.30am service. All are welcome. *Hannah Razzell, SMMA Chairman*

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.

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

NOTICES

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

ELECTORAL ROLL – Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. The Saffron Walden roll, including Little Walden and Swards End, is being revised between 6th and 20th April 2024 before the annual meetings on 5th May 2024. As well as a confirmation of your commitment to the church community, membership enables you to vote and stand for election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Application forms are available in church and should be returned to, electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or the Parish Office or can be downloaded from www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll. No additions can be made to the roll between the completion of the revision and the end of the annual meetings. *Clifford Want*

Very advance warning! The **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR** in Saffron Walden will be a little later this year on **Saturday 30th November**. So plenty of time for preparations, and we will look forward to welcoming our friends and neighbours for a fun event. Any new ideas for stalls etc. very welcome. Sue Birchall 07813 947157 sbirchall29@gmail.com

THANK YOU for all the kind donations to the Food Bank during Lent at St Mary's, SW which were gratefully received. In the future a collection will be taken on the last Sunday of each month. For convenience a box will be available for donations throughout the month.

If you need to contact Rev'd Trew, please use email as the rectory telephone line is awaiting repair.

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