

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

SUNDAY 21st April**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
4.00pm Living Stones (Parish Rooms)

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

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
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 28th April

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Village Worship

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Service of Thanks for God's Creation

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am 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
4th Sunday of Easter
21st April 2024**

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 4 v 5-12

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Genesis 7 v 2-5, 11-18

Gospel: John 10 v 11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Shirley Law, Michael Barton, Domenico Bonito, Elizabeth Jorgenson, Lorna Mufty

Those who banns are being read:

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

Wendens Ambo: Thomas Lee & Julia Wyatt

EVENTS

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

LIGHTING PROJECT CONSULTATION MEETINGS for St Mary's, SW will take place on **Thursday 25th April at 11am and 7.30pm**. Do come along to one of these sessions to hear more and make your views known. You can also find more about the project on the church website on the Latest News page.

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.

FRIENDS OF WENDENS AMBO CHURCH PLANT AND ART SALE on **Saturday 27th April from 10am to 1pm**. This will include a BBQ and bar based in the Wendens Ambo village hall.

A SERVICE OF THANKS FOR GOD'S CREATION at St Mary's, Wendens Ambo on **Sunday 28th April at 9am** followed by How to Encourage Nature in your Garden from **10.30 – 11.30am** in the Village Hall. Refreshments from 10am.

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** at St Mary's, SW will be available on **Sunday 28th April**, before and after the **10.30am** service. Cash only please.

There will be an all age **POP-UP CHOIR** for the next Family Service on **Sunday 28th April** at St Mary's, SW. We will meet before the service at 9:50am in church to go through the music. Please let Oli King know if you would like to sing at domstmaryssw@gmail.com.

REIGATE & REDHILL CHORAL SOCIETY are performing a free concert on **Sunday 5th May at 2.30pm** at St Mary's, SW. There will be a retiring collection in support of St Mary's church.

The **CHRISTIAN AID STREET COLLECTION** will be on **Saturday 18th May**. If you are willing to collect for an hour, please contact John Capper johnocapper@gmail.com stating your preferred time slot, by the end of April. Thank you.

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

NOTICES

The **CHURCH ORGAN** at St Mary's, SW is sadly in need of much work and the time has come to start thinking about how to move forward with ensuring that we have an instrument which is fit for purpose for generations to come. As part of this process, we are engaging in a 'Listening exercise' in church on **Friday 26th April between 7.15-9.15pm** (we may not need all of this time). The choir and various organ 'set-ups' will be positioned in a number of places in the building and feedback via questionnaire will be gathered from the choir, listening group, congregation, Assistant Organist and Director of Music. This will principally help us to review our statement-of-needs and to subsequently push this process forward. Please email Oli King domstmarys@gmail.com if you would like to take part in this exercise.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) INFORMATION

Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. 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.

No additions can be made to the rolls between the completion of the revision and the end of the annual meetings.

St Mary's, Saffron Walden including Little Walden & Swards End. Revision dates 6th – 20th April.

Application forms available in the church or at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll. A list of the members of the revised roll for the Parish of Saffron Walden, including Little Walden and Swards End, is being displayed in each of the three churches until the APCM on 5th May 2024. Please let me know of any errors or omissions. Clifford Want, Electoral Roll Officer, electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org **APCM on 5th May after 10.30am service**. A copy of the annual report can be found at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/pcc

All Saints, Great Chesterford & St Mary's, Little Chesterford. Revision dates 11th – 25th April.

Applications forms available from Carol Hatfield carolhatfield418@gmail.com. **APCM on 9th May**.

All Saints, Ashdon - APCM on 28th April, 10.30am.

St Mary's, Wendens Ambo - APCM on 30th April, 7.30 pm with a presentation of the plans for the toilet and servery by our church architect.

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