

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

The following services are available across the team - full details on the website and email bulletin.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube/Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion + Passion Reading - *Mark*  
President: Jeremy Trew

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music - **YouTube**

#### St James' Swards End - Zoom

9.30am Simple Communion President: Chris Bishop

#### St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion + Passion Reading - *Mark*  
President: Paula Griffiths

#### All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion + Passion Reading - *Mark*  
President: Caroline Currer

#### St Mary's Debden/All Saints' Wimbish - Zoom

9.15am Palm Sunday Service + Passion Reading - *Mark*  
Leader: John Saxon

#### Cam Villages - Zoom (limited space Wendens Ambo Church)

10.00am Holy Communion + Passion Reading - *Mark*  
President: Alex Jeewan

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - St Mary's Saffron Walden

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

8.00pm Bible Reflection + Compline Leader: Jeremy Trew **Zoom**

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - St Mary's Saffron Walden

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Rufus Barnes **Zoom**

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

8.00pm Bible Reflection + Compline Leader: Jeremy Trew **Zoom**

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - St Mary's Saffron Walden

9.30am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew **Zoom**

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

8.00pm Bible Reflection + Compline Leader: Jeremy Trew **Zoom**

8.00pm Stations of the Cross Leader: Alex Jeewan **Zoom**

### Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

9.30am Holy Communion **St Mary's SW** President: Paula Griffiths  
**in Church/YouTube/Zoom**

12 noon Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

6.30pm Plainsong Compline Leader: Marisa Baltrock **Zoom**

7.00pm Seder Meal Debden/Wimbish Leader: John Saxon **Zoom**

7.30pm Holy Communion **All Saints Ashdon**

President: Caroline Currer **in Church**

8.00pm Holy Communion **Cam Villages**

President: Alex Jeewan **Zoom**

### Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

1.00pm Hour at the Cross **Ashdon** **in Church**

2.00pm Hour at the Cross **St Mary's SW** **in Church/YouTube/Zoom**

2.00pm Hour at the Cross **Hadstock** **in Church**

2.00pm Hour at the Cross **Cam Villages** **Zoom**

3.00pm Hour at the Cross **Debden/Wimbish** **YouTube**

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

### Easter Eve Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

5.00pm Confirmation Service **Hadstock Bishop Roger** **in Church**

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music **YouTube**

## NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL EASTER DAY SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 President: Jeremy Trew  
**- in Church/YouTube**

10.00am Family Communion President: Jeremy Trew  
**- in Church/YouTube, Zoom**

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music - **YouTube**

#### St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

#### St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

#### St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Paula Griffiths

#### All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Currer

#### St Mary's Debden - in Church

9.15am Family Holy Communion President: Hilary Davey

#### All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

#### CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

#### Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

#### Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

# The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN,  
WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK

**Welcome to our services today**

**Palm Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: *Philippians 2.5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Dramatic Gospel Reading: *Mark 14.1-15.47*

See separate booklet.

### Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In March please pray for: **Abbey Lane & Newport United Reformed Church, incorporating the Methodist Church, Dame Bradbury's School**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

**Malcolm Lee, David Simms, Mary Smallwood, Joan Cowley, Hilary Parry-Jones, Arthur Rivett, Elizabeth (Liz) Cowie, Gwendoline Percival, Marion Green**

## REFLECTIONS

It happens. Two valued Christian workers disagree. The apostle Paul was concerned that these two of his fellow workers, Euodia and Syntyche, should be reconciled. (See Philippians 4.2-3). Perhaps with them in his mind he wrote that **'complete his joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in one accord and of one mind.'** Verse 2. And to encourage them to re-think things he points them to the example of true humility as seen in Jesus. A humility that was grounded in the love that he shared with his Father, and rooted in a steely determination to obey his Father's will, sealed and delivered on the cross.

As we reflect on those moving events that we recall in Holy Week let us consider Jesus who truly humbled himself, epitomised with his washing of the tired and dirty feet of his chosen disciples. The Son of God, he submitted himself to the hands of wicked men who were determined to end his life, not realising that it was in his death that he would fulfil his purpose to achieve salvation for a lost mankind.

On this Palm Sunday we remember the hymn

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.....  
Then.....

Here might I stay and sing: no story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise,  
I all my days could gladly spend.

I like to think that reading Paul's letter, Euodia and Syntyche prayed and patched things up and got on serving the Lord together again. May the Lord's example as we think of him especially this week, encourage us to be of the same mind.

John Risby

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pain and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, May we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, now and for evermore. Amen

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 41 & Luke 22:1-23 Evening Psalm 25
<b>Tue 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 27 & Luke 22:[24-38]39-53 Evening Psalm 55:13-24 & Galatians 6:11-end
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 102 & Luke 22:54-end Evening Psalm 88
<b>Maundy</b>	Morning Psalm 42 & Luke 23:1-25
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	Evening Psalm 39
<b>Good Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 69 & Hebrews 10:1-10 Evening Psalm 130
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 142 & John 2:18-22
<b>Easter Eve</b>	Evening Psalm 116

## NEWS

**SERVICES IN CHURCH** Saffron Walden, Hadstock and Ashdon have services in church this week and all our churches are planning to be open on Easter Day. Numbers are restricted to be COVID safe. You will find the full details for Holy Week on the back page. If you wish to attend St Mary's SW in person, please book your place in advance by telephoning the Parish Office by noon on Friday 27 March (this week) and Thursday 1 April (next week) or by booking online using the bulletin link. Please note the office closes 1 April at 12noon and reopens on 7 April 9.30am.

**PRIVATE PRAYER** St Mary's, Saffron Walden is open on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm. Ashdon is open every day and Hadstock is open by appointment.

Marisa Baltrock and Oli King will be leading members of the choir and friends in another service of **PLAINSONG COMPLINE** at 6.30pm on Maundy Thursday. The link is on the bulletin. *Bron Ferland*

This year, instead of the annual devotional offering given by the choir, we will have a short **REFLECTION OF WORDS AND MUSIC** each day through Holy Week (on YouTube). The first reflection will be on Palm Sunday - they will then follow through daily to Easter Day. The links are available on the website. *Oli King*

Please join me on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March on Zoom for a series of three **BIBLE REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK**, each concluding with said service of Compline. The Zoom link is on the bulletin. *Jeremy*

**ELECTORAL ROLL** Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. The roll is being revised between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 before the annual meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021. 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 from, and should be returned to, [electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) or the Parish Office or can be downloaded from [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll](http://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*

**ANNUAL MEETINGS 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** This year's Annual Meetings will be held on Zoom. Forms can be downloaded from the website: [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/annualmeetings](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/annualmeetings) or requested from the Parish Office, showing the formal requirements for nominees to fill three casual vacancies on Deanery Synod for two years, and six standard vacancies for members of the PCC for three years. Nominations may be submitted by email to the PCC secretary at [pcc@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:pcc@stmaryssaffronwalden.org) and should include the names of the proposer and seconder. If you wish to find out more of what being on these bodies involves, please contact me, the churchwardens or any of the existing members. I would be very grateful if nominations could be sent to me using the email address above by 11<sup>th</sup> April. *Lisa Brook*

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