

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 9TH MAY

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew
Preacher: Rachel Prior

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion 1662 President: Paula Griffiths

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE - Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Judith Hasler
Zoom

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew
Zoom

THURSDAY - ASCENSION DAY

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

2.00pm Mothers' Union SW Deanery Festival Service
Chris Bishop & Alex Jeewan

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

7.30pm Choral Eucharist Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - Zoom

7.30pm Holy Communion President: Paula Griffiths

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

8.00pm Holy Communion President: John Saxon

NEXT SUNDAY 16TH MAY SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

10.00am Family Service Leader: Rachel Prior
Talk: Tracey Nicholls

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Paula Griffiths
Preacher: Jeremy Trew

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Morning Prayer Leader: Alan Curren

Great Chesterford - Facebook

9.30am iChurch Leader: Alex Jeewan



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

Welcome to our services today

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9th May 2021

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel: John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In May please pray for: **Sewards End & Little Walden C of E, Radwinter Primary School**

Those whose wedding banns are being called at:

St Mary's, Saffron Walden: **Jonathan Irving & Sophie Parkin**

St Mary's, Debden: **Michael Jamieson & Nicola Roberts**

St James', Sewards End: **Michael Chitson & Lesley Maher**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Margaret Rowell

REFLECTIONS - MICHAEL LOVEGROVE

Much of my professional life before ordination was concerned with recruitment, selection and manpower planning. I was familiar with the "tools of the trade" as it were, such as psychometric testing, assessment centres and the structured interview. This interest continued and led to an interest in the recruitment process used for the twelve apostles. You will find an insight into this in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Here we read that a replacement for Judas Iscariot was deemed necessary and we are told how the disciples went about it.

In our Gospel reading today we read the words of Jesus: "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit".

These words speak to us as they did to the disciples. We did not choose to be Disciples of Christ. He chose us. It is of course true that, at some point, we made a conscious decision to associate ourselves with the company of Christ, to come to church, to follow in the way of Christ and perhaps become a formal member of the church. Yet in the first place it was not we who did the deciding but God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, who called us.

We are chosen, and called, not only for our personal blessing and wellbeing but also that we may share in the ministry of Christ to others, so that they may also know the joys of life within the Kingdom of God. We are to go and bear fruit, that is part of our calling, and we can only continue in it if we ourselves abide in Christ.

We are to endeavour to make a lasting impression, to make a Christian mark (which is the sign of the cross) upon the life of the world. May God grant that we may be fruitful in his service.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

(Mary Sumner 1828-1921)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 10th	Morning Psalm 65 & 1 Peter 4:1-11 Evening Psalm 121
Tue 11th	Morning Psalm 126 & 1 Peter 4:12-end Evening Psalm 128 & Luke 6:39-end
Wed 12th	Morning Psalm 132 & 1 Peter: Chapter 5 Evening Psalm 15
Thurs 13th	Morning Psalm 110 & Hebrews 7:[11-25] 26-end Evening Psalm 8
Fri 14th	Morning Psalm 16 & Acts 2:37-end Evening Psalm 80
Sat 15th	Morning Psalm 47 & 1 John 2:7-17 Evening Psalm 85

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH Services are taking place in all our churches this week. Numbers are restricted to be COVID safe. 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 or by booking online using the bulletin link.

SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE are listed on the back page and in the weekly bulletin. Zoom services can be accessed by telephone - please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY FESTIVAL SERVICE

13th May, 2.00pm St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden.

Rev'd Canon Chris Bishop will take the service and

Rev'd Alex Jeewan will be Guest Speaker. *Helen Hawkes*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10th - 16th May If you do not receive an envelope and want to donate to the vital work of Christian Aid in Christian Aid Week, you can do so online www.christianaid.org.uk or you can take a donation to James the Jewellers in Church Street, where they will have envelopes available.

ANNUAL MEETINGS - RESULTS OF ELECTIONS At our Annual Meetings on Sunday 25th April, the following were elected: Denis Tindley and Gill Caswell - Churchwardens, Bill Rose, Jan Siewertsen, Pamela Jenner and Pam Russell - Assistant Churchwardens, Shawn Martin - Deanery Synod rep for a 2 year term and Anna Martin, Bron Ferland, Hannah Razzell, John Pickthorn and Richard Freeman - PCC for a three year term. *Lisa Brook, PCC Secretary*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS The Parish Administrator is available by phone or email on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am - 12 noon. The office is not currently open to personal callers.

THE MAY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews>

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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