

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 13TH JUNE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8am Holy Communion 1662 President: Michael Lovegrove

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Rachel Prior

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Rachel Prior

St James' Searwold - 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 Currer

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Paula Griffiths

WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Angela Want

NEXT SUNDAY 20TH JUNE SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 President: Rachel Prior

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

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Sibson

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Morning Prayer Leader: Andy Colebrooke



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

Welcome to our services today

Second Sunday after Trinity

13th June 2021

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In June please pray for: **Saffron Walden Assemblies Team, Stort Valley Schools Trust**

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

At St Mary's, Saffron Walden: **Matthew Counsell/Helen Pugh, Greg Shaw/Roseanne Jackson, Christopher Bulgen/Emma-Jayne Clark, Charles Johnson/Emma Murray, Ian Millar/Patricia White.** At St James', Searoads End: **John Revell & Leanne Hardingham**

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:

Olivia Boddy

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Mary Morgan

REFLECTIONS - MICHAEL LOVEGROVE

Today's Common Worship Gospel gives us two short parables about the growth of the Kingdom of God. In the first one Jesus says that the Kingdom is growing gradually even though we may not notice the growth. In the second parable Jesus says that the small Kingdom will become an immense one and he was right! In may be here in Europe we are having a spiritual decline but the church of Christ is not the church of one country or continent and continues to grow in Africa, South America and the Far East. Even in this country research indicates that some 250 new Christians are signing up to the main denominations in one form or another - a figure that most political parties would rejoice at - and remember Jesus started with just 12!

Sometimes, however, it may seem to us that the whole world is in a mess - in the grip of tyrants, terrorists and fraudsters. We may feel that notions of public service, decency and honour have fled from our parliamentarians and that our national traits of hospitality and decency are in rapid decline. We have to accept too that there are churches which are struggling to survive and that there are still painful divisions within and between our different denominations and traditions.

And yet despite all this Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is among us and that it is growing imperceptibly day and night and that it will expand. There is a sense of inevitable triumph in what Jesus says about God's Kingdom, for the Kingdom is the eternal gift of God. We should read today's parables then, as a summons to hope. They are a rejection of any talk of despair. They are summoning us to a renewal of our commitment to Christ and to an increase in energy in our task of building the Kingdom of God on earth, in our parish and in our hearts.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

O Lord our God, Grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart; That so desiring we may seek and find you; And so finding may love you; And so loving, may hate those sins from which You have delivered us; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Anselm 1109)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 14th	Morning Psalm 44 & Romans 9:1-18 Evening Psalm 47
Tue 15th	Morning Psalm 48 & Romans 9:19-end Evening Psalm 50 & Luke 13:10-21
Wed 16th	Morning Psalm 119:57-80 & Romans 10:1-10 Evening Psalm 59
Thurs 17th	Morning Psalm 57 & Romans 10:11-end Evening Psalm 62
Fri 18th	Morning Psalm 51 & Romans 11:1-12 Evening Psalm 38
Sat 19th	Morning Psalm 68 & Romans 11:13-24 Evening Psalm 66

NEWS

I have been **APPOINTED THE RECTOR** of Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne near Braintree. My final Sunday will be 27th June, and I will be licensed to the benefice on 22nd July in Great Notley. Many thanks for all your kindness over the last four years. *Rachel*

ST MARY'S, SW is now open every day from 10am-4pm for visits and prayer. Ashdon church is also open every day and Hadstock is open by appointment.

SERVICES IN CHURCH Please continue to book in advance for services at St Mary's whilst numbers are restricted and to assist with Track and Trace. Book online using the link on the website or bulletin or by contacting the Parish Office before noon on Friday.

ASHDON OPEN GARDENS Sunday 13th June, 11am - 5pm. Programmes from outside Village Hall, CB10 2ET and from All Saints church rooms, CB10 2HG. Admission £5 adults, children free. Proceeds to All Saints Church, Ashdon. Refreshments in the village hall and church rooms. Disabled facilities. Further details 01799 584945. *Robert Gardner*

MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER will be held on **Thursday 17th June** 2pm at St Mary's, SW, in the North Chapel. Visitors are welcome. *Helen Hawkes*

JUNIOR CHOIR AND JOYFUL NOISE RECRUITMENT AFTERNOON in St Mary's church on **Saturday 3rd July** 3-5pm. This is for children aged 5 through to 13. Please see details on the website. To book places email: choirsmw@gmail.com *Bron Ferland*

POSTPONEMENT Thanksgiving Service for Rev Jeremy Collingwood on 26th June now postponed until **Saturday 18th September**. Service at St Mary's at 12 noon then hog roast chez Collingwood. Please put in your diary! *Margaret*

CHURCH FACEBOOK We are looking for someone to manage our Facebook page. If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact Riina - riina.driscoll@gmail.com or Martin - martin@hugall.co.uk

ST MARY'S SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES As is our custom, we will be presenting all Year 6 leavers with a Good News Bible at the end of the summer term. Donations are particularly welcome this year due to the Covid pandemic (cost £11.50 per bible). If you would like to donate, kindly put your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'School Bibles' and drop it into the Parish Office post box (outside the parish rooms). If you need to post your donation, please address to Dawn Saxon, St Mary's Parish Office, Church Path, Saffron Walden CB10 1JP. Thank you. *Dawn Saxon*

THE JUNE 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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