

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

SUNDAY 25TH JULY

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St James' Searwicks End - in Church

9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Communion President: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Rufus Barnes

WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Angela Want

NEXT SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Leader: Alan Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Service Leader: Home Team

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Alex Jeewan

Preacher: John Risby



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SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity
25th July 2021**

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Ephesians 3.14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 6.1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In July please pray for: **Saffron Walden Salvation Army Corps, Katherine Semar Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Michael Dix, Patricia Brobyn, Julia Tillett & Pamela Bray

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's, Debden: **Callum Riley & Madeleine Long**

REFLECTIONS - CHRIS BISHOP

When things are amazing, I like the challenging expression, 'so get your head around that'.

I suppose that would be a challenge after reading the Gospel today. All those people to feed with so little to give and yet, look at what was left over....get your heads around that!

If challenged as to why I am a Christian, I would have to answer that one of the reasons why would be that what happened all those years ago changed ordinary people's lives, in such a dramatic way, that you just can't ignore the facts and that so many people witnessed amazing things.

We have the words today in the Epistle, *'the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge'* and then *'now to him who, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.'* Words that come speeding to us from many years ago.

I have a prayer in my prayer book which has these words:

'Lord, keep reminding us that we are earth bound, and that your truth is always beyond the grasp of our minds or the compass of our words. But never let us forget that your love has been poured into our hearts, and your Spirit gives us your whole truth, to overflow our words, institutions and activities and make its way by stealth or explosion into the lives of individuals, communities and nations.'

There is 'bread' for thought there, and plenty left over to sustain us.....and, for everybody else who wants to sit down on the grass and listen to what Jesus has to say, plenty of spiritual nourishment.

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Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 26th	Morning Psalm 30 & James 2:1-13 Evening Psalm 28
Tue 27th	Morning Psalm 36 & James 2:14-end Evening Psalm 33 & Luke 23:26-43
Wed 28th	Morning Psalm 34 & James: Chapter 3 Evening Psalm 119:33-56
Thurs 29th	Morning Psalm 37 & James 4:1-12 Evening Psalm 40
Fri 30th	Morning Psalm 31 & James 4:13-5.6 Evening Psalm 35
Sat 31st	Morning Psalm 42 & James 5:7-end Evening Psalm 46

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Now that government restrictions have been lifted, it is no longer necessary to pre-book to attend services at St Mary's (or the village churches).

We want you to continue to feel safe so we are keeping some measures in place for everyone's benefit.

We will request Track and Trace details when you arrive and we encourage you to wear a face covering whilst in the church building, particularly if singing.

Hand sanitiser will be available and we will ensure that anyone wishing to maintain social distancing will be able to do so.

Precise guidance may vary from Church to Church across the team. Please follow that where given.

SERVICES ON ZOOM

St Mary's, SW will stop zooming Sunday services from the beginning of August as there is very little demand. Services will continue to be streamed on YouTube as at present. Debden, Wimbish, Wendens Ambo and Littlebury continue to offer Zoom services – details on the bulletin.

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion will be on Zoom this week for the last time and return to St Mary's SW from 4th August.

From 7th September, Evening Prayer will be in the North chapel SW every first Tuesday of the month and on zoom for the rest of the month.

THE FUNERAL FOR MICHAEL DIX will be held at Littlebury Church on **Tuesday 27th July** at 2pm. It will also be available on Zoom - details provided on the bulletin.

THE FUNERAL FOR PATRICIA BROBYN will be held at St Mary's Saffron Walden on **Thursday 29th July** at 2pm.

All welcome at both these services - the COVID safety procedures will be the same as for Sunday services.

CHANCEL ROOF The metal on the roof needs replacing and the work should start in September. The Faculty has been applied for and we are now in the 28 day period when our proposals are open for public consultation. These can be seen at <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/FAS/ApplicationPublicNotice.aspx?Id=62153> Steve Hasler

NEWS FROM LYNN TRENEARY'S CMS LINK PARTNER

Lynn's latest link letter is on the church website. I have hard copies available; kindly email: suewalker619@btinternet.com
Lynn is back home recovering from an operation on her back, so please do keep her in your prayers.

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

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