

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

SUNDAY 8th October

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Second Sunday Communion (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Cam Villages Together

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

NEXT SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion + Baptism (livestreamed)
+ Team JC
4.00pm Living Stones contemporary worship
(Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Harvest Service

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

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
18th Sunday after Trinity
8th October 2023**

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Philippians 3 v 4b-14

Psalm: 80 v 9-17

Second Reading: Isaiah 5 v 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 21 v 33-45

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.
Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In October please pray for: Ashdon Baptist Church, All Saints, Ashdon, St Botolph's, Hadstock & Ashdon Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Janet Lawrence, Elizabeth Newbold, Bertrum Elsom, Keith Huddleston, Sheila Boddy

EVENTS

COFFEE CONCERTS We are delighted to announce a couple of Autumn Coffee Concerts which will be taking place on **Wednesday 11th October and Wednesday 18th October**. Please put the dates in your diaries! 11th October: Oliver King *Organ*, 18th October: Claire Middleton *Soprano* with the SWCHS Chamber Choir. Concerts begin at **11.30am** and will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments are available from 10.45am. Free admission with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

POP UP COFFEE on **12th October - 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION Meeting on **Thursday 12th October**. Tracey Nichols will talk on Her Life as a Lay Minister. This will be interesting and everyone is welcome. The meeting is at **2pm** in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Tea and biscuits to follow.

ASHDON CHURCH is tidying the churchyard which is now managed for wildlife diversity on **14th October from 10am –12noon**. All welcome to help. Bacon rolls, tea and biscuits provided.

HARVEST SUPPER at Swards End Village Hall on **Saturday 14th October 7.30pm**. Two course meal and entertainment from Canon Chris Bishop. Tickets £6(£3) available from Judith Hasler

CONCERT of Italian music from Monteverdi to Dalla at St John's Church, Little Walden on **Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm** with refreshments. Free admission-donations in aid of Médecins sans Frontières and the Woodland Trust.

NOT ONLY ASSANDUM-Landscape & Archaeology in Ashdon. A Talk by Simon Coxall at All Saints, Ashdon on **Saturday 14th October at 7pm**. Tickets £10 including refreshments. All proceeds towards maintenance of the church.

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** will be available after the **10.30am** service at St Mary's, SW on **Sunday 15th October**. Please make cash payments.

NOTICES

Alex's Farewell

Alex's final Saffron Walden Team Service will be a Cam Villages together service on **Sunday 8th October at 10.30am, TODAY**, at St Mary's, Wendens Ambo.

Alex's Licensing service

Alex will be licensed by **Bishop Dagmar of Ely diocese** as he becomes **Priest in Charge of All Saints Church, Milton, Cambridge** which will be held at All Saints Church, Milton on **Thursday 26th October at 7pm**. You would be very welcome to attend and it would be great to show Alex your support.

THANK YOU to everyone for your good wishes and gifts sending us off to our new parishes, especially to Debden and Wimbish. Hope to see many of you at my licensing **Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm** Tendring Church, CO16 0BN. Love and prayers, John and Dawn.

VERY MANY THANKS to all who came to the **Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning** held in St Mary's Church last Friday 29th. Very grateful thanks also to those who donated cakes and who gave money before the event. We were well provided for! I am delighted to report a grand total of £663.75 including gift aid. We were very blessed with the generosity of you all. *Sue Birchall*

STAMP SALE IN AID OF ST MARY'S BUILDING AND MUSIC FUNDS The next Stamp Sale will take place on **Saturday 14th October from 10am-3pm**. At the Saffron Community Link, next to Saffron Building Society in Market Street. Thousands of stamps on sale, individually priced.

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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