

**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 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube/Zoom**  
10.00am Holy Communion President: Rachel Prior  
Preacher: Jeremy Trew

**St James' Sewards End - in Church**  
9.30am Morning Praise Leader: 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 Curren

**St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom**  
9.15am Family Communion President: 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**

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Joe Hordern  
**Zoom**

**WEDNESDAY**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Paula Griffiths  
**Zoom**

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# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**

**Pentecost  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

**Post Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those whose wedding banns are being called at:

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

Those who are getting married at All Saints, Ashdon on

29<sup>th</sup> May: **Sam Shepherd-Barron & Anna Spooner**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

**Maureen Ellis**

## REFLECTIONS - RACHEL PRIOR

After the Ascension, the disciples spent time in the upstairs room. We do not know much about how long they spent inside, whether they went out at all, nor what kind of distance they kept from others, but we do know that they stuck together as one group and they prayed. They were waiting expectantly - waiting for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had told them about. And when the Spirit descends upon them, they are filled up, and sent out with a new freedom: the freedom to share the wonders of God in the languages of those around them. Once God had seemed far off, but in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, he had come near. Through the Spirit, this news about the love of God for each one of us is being told so each one of the people nearby can hear. God bursts into our vernacular, so that the extraordinary work of Jesus can be heard by us ordinary people.

As we begin to unlock, after a long time of waiting cautiously, we find ourselves with more freedom than we once had. Going inside a coffee shop, having a hug, or visiting a friend's house - things once so ordinary they barely crossed our minds - have now become so extraordinary as to grace the front pages.

What will we do with our new-found freedom? Perhaps we would do well to ask God for grace 'to have a right judgement in all things' (as in the words of our Collect) as we weigh up making plans and invitations. I wonder if too, God is inviting us to consider what have we learned from this time of waiting, and how we might we use this freedom for God's sake.

**I wonder...**

As you reflect back on the last fourteen months, how have you experienced the Holy Spirit?

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Whirlwind Spirit of God, Roar through our timidities and fears, Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities, Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy, Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another. Then into all our empty spaces, breathe re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice, renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation, revitalised passion to change our lifestyles, re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite. Let gentle breeze and still small voice become in us today mighty wind and loud proclamation. Make of us a Pentecost people! Amen

*Kathleen O'Brien/CAFOD*

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 126 & Romans 1:1-17 Evening Psalm 127
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 132 & Romans 1:18-end Evening Psalm 135 & Luke 9:28-36
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 119:153-end & Romans 2:1-16 Evening Psalm 136
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 143 & Romans 2:17-end Evening Psalm 138
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 142 & Romans 3:1-20 Evening Psalm 145
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 147 & Romans 3:21-end Evening Psalm 97

## NEWS

**Disasters Emergency Committee - Coronavirus Appeal for India - SPECIAL COLLECTION** during May. Please donate by using the blue envelopes in church, or by donating to St Mary's online specifying DEC appeal or you can donate directly at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/coronavirus-appeal>

I'm delighted to say that I have been **APPOINTED THE RECTOR** of Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne near Braintree. Sam, Magdalene and I will be moving in the summer, dates TBC. After almost four wonderful years with you, it will be very hard to leave but we are excited for all that lies ahead. Many thanks for all your support. *Rachel*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**THE SILENT PRAYER GROUP** will restart on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at 10am in the Parish Rooms. Sitting in a socially distanced circle we start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

**A PLANT SALE** in aid of St Mary's Debden will be held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June** 11am - 3pm in the front garden of Barltrops, High Street, Debden. Kindly wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please be patient if there is delay to enter the garden! Everyone welcome. *Hilary Davey*

We are looking for **NEW SIDESMEN/WELCOMERS** If you would like to enrol, or even re-enrol, we would love to welcome you on board. Please reply to the Parish Office. *Pamela Mugliston*

**DAVID SHEPPARD** is going to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Buckden with the Offords (in the diocese of Ely) on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for him.

Please put this date in your diaries now: **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. After missing out last year, we must make a special effort to re-establish this event in the Saffron Walden calendar. We need a lot of help with stalls and in support roles. Please contact Pamela Mugliston (521697) or me. Also please put aside *quality* items for sale. *Denis*

**PHOTOS** 2 sets of lovely photos of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, can be seen in the Latest News section of the website. *Martin Hugall*

**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.

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