

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 30TH MAY

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

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

Great Chesterford - Facebook
11.00am Family Communion President: Alex Jeewan
Preacher: Rachel Prior

TUESDAY

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Mike Felgate
Zoom

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon
Zoom

THURSDAY (CORPUS CHRISTI)

1.00pm Healing Service Leader: Jeremy Trew
in Church

8.00pm Corpus Christi Solemn Eucharist
in Church President: Rachel Prior

NEXT SUNDAY 6TH 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/YouTube/Zoom
10.00am Holy Communion Officiant: Jeremy Trew
& Baptism

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church
12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew
6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service Leader: Matt Williamson

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church
9.30am Family Service Leader: Paula Griffiths
Talk: Hilary Walker

All Saints Ashdon - in Church
9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren
Preacher: Rachel Prior

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom
9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon
Talk: Brian Kerrison

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom
9.30am Family Service Leader: Home Team

Great Chesterford - Facebook
11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Elizabeth Marshall

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

Welcome to our services today

Trinity Sunday
30th May 2021

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Gospel: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, 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, Debden: **Michael Jamieson & Nicola Roberts**

Those who are getting married at All Saints, Ashdon on

5th June: **Shaun Bartram & Jennifer Eastcott**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Maureen Ellis

REFLECTIONS - CHRIS BISHOP

Children are more likely to ask questions than adults. On how many car journeys have you heard the words 'Are we there yet?' Children don't mind asking questions; at school, how were many of us were relieved when someone else asked a basic question that we didn't have the courage to ask?

Nicodemus and Joseph of Aramathea were behind-the-scenes supporters of Jesus. They had seen and heard what he was doing and saying. Nicodemus wanted to know more, so we are told that this well educated, important person put his 'hand up' to ask the Master important questions.

How many more were like him at the time?

How many were later convinced, got the answers, and put their 'hands down' after Easter?

The writer, Abelard, many years later, said, in so many words, **'by doubting, we come to questioning and by questioning we perceive the truth'**. Someone also said that, **'doubt is the ants in the pants of faith'**.

Nicodemus, obviously, had some of those metaphorical creatures about him!

What about us - have all our questions been answered? At certain times, are we wanting someone else to 'put up their hands' like Nicodemus, because, like children on a car journey, we don't think that we are there yet? We are told Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and we must rightly assume that, after that particular 'tutorial', Nicodemus saw the light.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers (of this night), for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 31st	Morning Psalm 85 & Mark 3:31-end Evening Psalm 122
Tue 1st June	Morning Psalm 5 & Romans 4:13-end Evening Psalm 9 & Luke 10:38-end
Wed 2nd	Morning Psalm 119:1-32 & Romans 5:1-11 Evening Psalm 11
Thurs 3rd	Morning Psalm 147 & 1 Corinthians 10: 1-17 Evening Psalm 23
Fri 4th	Morning Psalm 19 & Romans 6:1-14 Evening Psalm 22
Sat 5th	Morning Psalm 23 & Romans 6:15-end Evening Psalm 24

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 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 - details TBC. Many thanks for all your kindness over the last four years. *Rachel*

SERVICES IN CHURCH From June, there will be an 8.00am service of 1662 Holy Communion in St Mary's every Sunday. It will also be livestreamed on the 3rd Sunday of each month (when there is no 10.00am livestream of the Family Service). 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.

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 3rd 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 SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 3rd June** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

A PLANT SALE in aid of St Mary's Debden will be held on **Saturday 5th June** 11am - 3pm in the front garden of Bartrops, 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 27th July. Please pray for him.

Please put this date in your diaries: **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 27th 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*

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