

**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 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**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  
including Wedding Blessing

**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

**TUESDAY - Zoom**

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Judith Hasler

**WEDNESDAY - Zoom**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Rachel Prior

**NEXT SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
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/Zoom**

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew  
& Thanksgiving Service Preacher: Rachel Prior

**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 Officiant: Caroline Curren  
+ Baptism

**St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom**

9.15am Holy Communion President: Hilary Davey

**CAM VILLAGES ONLINE**

**Great Chesterford - Facebook**

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

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# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13**

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

**Gospel: Mark 4.35-41**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

**Post Communion**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## 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**

Those who are receiving a Wedding Blessing today at St Botolphs' Hadstock: **Robert Howes & Charlotte Batley**  
Those who are getting married at St Mary's SW on 26th June: **David Lockwood & Denise Smith**

## REFLECTIONS - JOHN RISBY

It is good to see young children being introduced to water early in their lives. Almost from the start they learn not to fear water and can swim almost before they walk! I am envious as one who only learnt to swim as an adult. At school swimming sessions I used to creep across the pool, walking whilst most were able to swim! Eventually I taught myself to take my feet off the bottom, to learn to float and to swim.....not before time!

Peter and the other disciples had to learn this lesson, too, not only in water on a stormy lake, but also in life. As they spent more time with the Lord, so their faith in him grew, and they overcame their fears. For some of us there is a constant battle going on 'faith v fear' and sometimes we win and sometimes we lose! The Lord encourages us to look to him and his unchanging Word each day, this could be described as 'abiding in him', resting in him and his word.

Hudson Taylor, who headed mission work in China long ago, records in his journal how there came a time when the pressures of leadership and his own soul struggles were threatening to get on top of him, like waves about to engulf him. A letter from a dear friend was used by God to open his eyes to his oneness with Jesus. 'How to get faith strengthened?' this was the burning question. McCarthy had written... 'not by striving after faith, but by resting on the Faithful One.' 'If we believe not, he [Jesus] remains faithful.' [2 Timothy 2.13]. God spoke to Hudson Taylor through those words as he speaks to us when we look at the waves and feel the force of the wind...to turn to Jesus and ask him to help us to trust in him and in the faithfulness of him who said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' [Hebrews 13.5]. I am still learning, spiritually, to take my feet off the bottom, and to trust the one who is, and always will be, my Saviour.

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Help us, O Lord, to emulate the psalmist who said, 'when I am afraid I put my trust in the Lord.' \* Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

\*Psalm 56 verse 3

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 71 & Romans 11:25-end Evening Psalm 72
<b>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 73 & Romans 12:1-8 Evening Psalm 74 & Luke 15:11-end
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 77 & Romans 12:9-end Evening Psalm 119:81-104
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 50 & Luke 3:1-17 Evening Psalm 80
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 55 & Romans 13:8-end Evening Psalm 69
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 76 & Romans 14:1-12 Evening Psalm 84

## NEWS

**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.

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** 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*

**JUNIOR CHOIR AND JOYFUL NOISE RECRUITMENT AFTERNOON** in St Mary's church on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:choirsmw@gmail.com) *Bron Ferland*

**COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES** - an opportunity to explore the Christian faith with others. The course is open to anyone aged over 16 and runs over 2 years, based on weekly meetings in groups or online. For more information please contact Judith Hasler.

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

**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*

**WE HAVE A GROUP OF 8-11 YEAR OLD BOYS LOOKING FOR LEADERS FROM SEPTEMBER** Our Boys' Brigade Company, 1st Saffron Walden Boys' Brigade ([wixsite.com](http://wixsite.com)), which caters for boys from across the Churches in the Town (and their friends from school) rather like VBS did, is in need of help. If you can spare an hour or so on a Tuesday evening, although not necessarily every week, please contact me for a chat (no obligation!!) *A DBS check is mandatory for all those working with children.* *Mike Turner* Tel: 01799 523905 email: [mikeandlyn106@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikeandlyn106@hotmail.co.uk)

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to [secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com](mailto:secretary.swrectory@ntlworld.com) by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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