

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

SUNDAY 11TH JULY

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Michael Lovegrove

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew
+ Baptism

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: 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
+ Baptism

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Judith Hasler

WEDNESDAY - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

**NEXT SUNDAY 18TH JULY
SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

10.00am Family Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

Talk: Home Team

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

6.30pm Holy Communion (with prayers for wholeness &
healing) President: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Leader: Barbara Marshall
Preacher: Alan Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Morning Prayer Leader: Angela Want



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

Welcome to our services today

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11th July 2021

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Gospel: Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are unwell: **Patricia Brobyn**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Kelly Rutherford & Michael Dix

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW:

Savannah Fox & Artemis Forman

Those whose wedding banns are being called:

John Revell & Leanne Hardingham (Sewards End)

Callum Riley & Madeleine Long (Debden)

Those who are getting married at St Mary's, Debden on

17th July: **Michael Jamieson & Nicola Roberts**

REFLECTIONS - MICHAEL LOVEGROVE

In one organisation for which I worked, I was responsible for press and public relations. I was sent on a "Master Class" conducted by Bernard Ingham (one time Press Secretary to Margaret Thatcher) to learn "the tricks of the trade". He asked "What sells newspapers"? Three things he said, and if they are combined so much the better. They were royalty: almost any story about a member of the Royal family will sell. Sex - nothing like a scandal, especially if it involves people in high places. Then religion - people are still aware that there are unanswered questions and an authentic spokesperson for God is still newsworthy.

Put this package together and locate it in first century Palestine and you have the story of Herod and John the Baptist - our Gospel for today. It's a sordid, shabby and shameful event - exactly the sort of thing that people like to read about. The scandalous goings on at Herod's birthday party, the erotic dance of his step daughter and his rash (probably drunken) promise to execute the prophet to whom many had gone for baptism - if it happened today, it would be in every newspaper.

Unlike John the Baptist we are unlikely to be persecuted for our faith. We are more likely to face ridicule or even more likely, apathy, but in this ugly story can be found real encouragement to faithful witness and constant hope. And for us the story of the Baptist is a warning against petty irritations that can swell into hatred and the weakness that gives way to evil for the sake of peace and personal reputation. It is also a reminder to us to pray for those who still suffer in the name of Christ.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity: help us to minister to them thy strength and consolation, and so endow us with the grace of sympathy and compassion that we may bring them both help and healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (From the Book of Common Prayer).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 12th	Morning Psalm 126 & 2 Corinthians 6:1-7.1 Evening Psalm 127
Tue 13th	Morning Psalm 132 & 2 Corinthians 7:2-end Evening Psalm 135 & Luke 21:5-19
Wed 14th	Morning Psalm 119:153-end & 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Evening Psalm 136
Thurs 15th	Morning Psalm 143 & 2 Corinthians 8:16-9.5 Evening Psalm 138
Fri 16th	Morning Psalm 144 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-end Evening Psalm 145
Sat 17th	Morning Psalm 147 & 2 Corinthians: Chapter 10 Evening Psalm 148

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.

ONLINE WEEKDAY SERVICES: In view of the continuing COVID restrictions, 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion and 5pm Tuesday Evening Prayer will remain on Zoom throughout July. If restrictions are lifted, the Wednesday service will be held in church from 4th August, instead of on Zoom. Tuesday Evening Prayer will remain on Zoom in August but hopes to return to church once a month from September.

THANK YOU for the lovely send off and for all your kind words, cards and gifts. We are so grateful for our time with you. Please do save the date to join in 'virtually' with my licensing service on **22nd July** at 7.30pm. Details to come! May God bless you all. Love Rachel, Sam and Maggie

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

LIFTS TO CHURCH – DRIVERS NEEDED As restrictions ease, we would like to offer lifts to the 10am service to those who are unable to get there on their own. We need about half a dozen volunteers to help us on a rota basis, roughly once a month. Can you help? Please contact me for more information. *Judith Hasler*

YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES Thank you to all of you who gave towards the Good News Bibles that we bought to present to Year 6 School Leavers at St Mary's school. Thank you for your generosity. I am sure they will be treasured by all the Year 6 pupils. *Dawn Saxon*

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

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