

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

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Leader: Alan Curren

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Caroline Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Service Leader: Home Team

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Alex Jeewan

Preacher: John Risby

TUESDAY - Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Sue Walker

WEDNESDAY - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

THURSDAY - in Church

1.00pm Healing Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

**NEXT SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST
SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Michael Lovegrove

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Home Team

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Sunday Praise Leader: John Saxon

Talk: Ursula Lyons

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Littlebury - Zoom

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

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

Welcome to our services today

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

1st August 2021

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Ephesians 4.1-16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel: John 6.24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In August please pray for: **Saffron Walden Baptist Church, R A Butler Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Pamela Bray, Winifred (Win) Marking, Joyce Linford

Those whose wedding banns are being called at St Mary's SW: **Rohan Sivapalan & Gail Doughton, Thomas Healey & Rebecca Chambers, Nicholas Palmer & Sophie Home**

Those who are getting married at St Mary's Saffron Walden:

Matthew Counsell & Helen Pugh on 6th August,

Greg Shaw & Roseanne Jackson on 7th August

Those who are being baptised today: **Alexandra Rose Swann**

St Botolph's Hadstock **Sylvie Ophelia Reid** All Saints Wimbish

REFLECTIONS - ANDY COLEBROOKE

The apostle Paul calls us to a life worthy of our calling; genuinely Christ-like, characterised by humility, gentleness, patience and love. This will require courage to 'go against the flow', trusting God to help us live a distinctively Christian life.

The theologian Stanley Hauerwas describes a life of faith as 'learning to let go, and to live out of control', that is, to go beyond our comfort zone and what is safe, and to journey into the unknown, trusting God with the future – a challenging, but exciting way to live!

Going deeper

Hauerwas says that living out of control means learning 'to depend on others who are also learning to live out of control. The name given to such people is church.' We need each other; Paul's favourite description of the church is the body of Christ: many members working cooperatively together, the whole greater than the sum of the parts. Today, Paul makes a strong plea that we should be united. Unity does not require a lack of diversity, but a recognition of the blessing that *each* member can bring. God has gifted us with unique brothers and sisters possessing different gifts and talents to be encouraged and nurtured. Whether we are the body of Christ gathered on a Sunday or dispersed on a Monday, our gifts were given for his service.

I wonder...

God does not ask us to do what he hasn't equipped us for; all the gifts necessary to fulfil our current mission are among us.

The challenge is to release the gifts and recognise the mission. Do I have a gift that needs to be developed in the service of God? Dare I go beyond the familiar and journey into the unknown?

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

When Thou wast taken, Lord, I oft have read, All Thy disciples Thee forsook, and fled. Let their example not a pattern be For me to fly but now to follow Thee. (Robert Herrick 1591-1674)

Post Communion *Continued from front page*

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd	Morning Psalm 44 & Mark 1:1-13 Evening Psalm 47
Tue 3rd	Morning Psalm 48 & Mark 1:14-20 Evening Psalm 50 & Acts 1:15-end
Wed 4th	Morning Psalm 119:57-80 & Mark 1:21-28 Evening Psalm 59
Thurs 5th	Morning Psalm 57 & Mark 1:29-end Evening Psalm 62
Fri 6th	Morning Psalm 27 & 1 John 3:1-3 Evening Psalm 72
Sat 7th	Morning Psalm 68 & Mark 2:13-22 Evening Psalm 66

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Now that government restrictions have been lifted, it is no longer necessary to pre-book to attend services at St Mary's (or the village churches). We want you to continue to feel safe so we are keeping some measures in place for everyone's benefit. We will request Track and Trace details when you arrive and we encourage you to wear a face covering whilst in the church building, particularly if singing. Hand sanitiser will be available and we will ensure that anyone wishing to maintain social distancing will be able to do so. Precise guidance may vary from Church to Church across the team. Please follow that where given.

SERVICES ON ZOOM

St Mary's, SW will stop zooming Sunday services from the beginning of August as there is very little demand. Services will continue to be streamed on YouTube as at present. Debden, Wimbish, Wendens Ambo and Littlebury continue to offer Zoom services – details on the bulletin.

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion will return to St Mary's Saffron Walden from **4th August**.

From **7th September**, Evening Prayer will be in the North chapel SW every first Tuesday of the month and on zoom for the rest of the month.

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 5th August** 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 5th August** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

THE FUNERAL FOR PAMELA BRAY will be held at St Mary's Saffron Walden on **Thursday 5th August** at 2.15pm. All welcome at the service and afterwards for refreshments in the Parish Room.

THERE ARE WEDDINGS on **Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Thursday 12th August** all at 1pm, so please be aware parking in St Mary's churchyard on these days will be limited. *Caroline Goulder*

NEWS FROM LYNN TRENEARY'S CMS LINK PARTNER

Lynn's latest link letter is on the church website. I have hard copies available; kindly email: suewalker619@btinternet.com
Lynn is back home recovering from an operation on her back, so please do keep her in your prayers.

THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews>

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

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