

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

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 President: Chris Bishop

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

**All Saints Ashdon - in Church**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

**All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom**

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon  
(*Joint Service with Debden*)

**CAM VILLAGES ONLINE**

**Wendens Ambo - Zoom**

9.30am Matins Leader: John Risby

**Great Chesterford - Facebook**

11.00am Family Communion President: Alex Jeewan

**TUESDAY - Zoom**

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Judith Hasler

**WEDNESDAY St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

**THURSDAY St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church**

1.00pm Healing Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

**NEXT SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
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**

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

**St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church**

12 noon Baptism Officiant: Jeremy Trew

6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service

**St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church**

9.30ams Sunday Worship Leader: Home Team  
Talk: Alan Curren

**All Saints Ashdon - in Church**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren  
11.30am Baptism Officiant: Caroline Curren

**All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom**

5.00pm Flower Festival Leader: John Saxon  
Talk: Jeremy Trew

**CAM VILLAGES ONLINE**

**Wendens Ambo - Zoom**

9.30am Sunday Service - tbc

**Great Chesterford - Facebook**

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: Elizabeth Marshall

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# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Collect**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: James 1.17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**Post Communion**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

## REFLECTION - ANDY COLEBROOKE

This is the last 'Grapevine Reflection' for the time being, a feature Rachel introduced at the beginning of lockdown 16 months ago. Looking back over that time much has happened, although it is difficult now to recall many of the details. The challenges and concerns that each day brings ensure that memories soon fail, and important lessons can be lost. As the pace of life quickens, I find myself echoing the 1960's Musical: 'Stop the world - I want to get off.'. Finding space for recollection and reflection is becoming increasingly difficult.

### Going deeper

James has a visual metaphor for us to ponder today: someone who catches a glimpse of themselves in the mirror, then goes off and immediately forgets what they look like! It is not enough to take a cursory glance at God's word, we should meditate upon it, allowing it to impact our thinking and our behaviour. What is true for the book of God's word holds true for the book of God's works – the world around us. In her poem *Aurora Leigh* Elizabeth Barrett Browning highlights the opportunities we miss in not being attentive to the divine in the ordinary: -

Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God,  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;  
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.

### I wonder...

Where can I carve out time in my busy life to meditate more upon the books of God's word and God's works?

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts. Amen.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 126 & Mark 8:11-21 Evening Psalm 127
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 132 & Mark 8:22-26 Evening Psalm 135 & Acts 11:1-18
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 119:153-end & Mark 8:27-9.1 Evening Psalm 136
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 143 & Mark 9:2-13 Evening Psalm 138
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 144 & Mark 9:14-29 Evening Psalm 145
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Psalm 147 & Mark 9:30-37 Evening Psalm 148

## NEWS

**SERVICES IN CHURCH** Whilst restrictions have been lifted, 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. **ONLINE SERVICES** St Mary's, SW will continue to stream one service each week on YouTube as at present. Debden, Wimbish and Wendens Ambo continue to offer Zoom services – details on the bulletin.

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September FLOWER FESTIVAL**, All Saints Church Wimbish CB10 2XG. Theme: 'Praise and Thanksgiving'. Please note timings Saturday 1.00pm - 5.00pm BBQ and Teas. Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm Cream Teas. Refreshments served outside. Music and stalls both days. Sunday 5.00pm 'Flower Festival Praise' with Rev Jeremy Trew. Further details on [www.wimbishchurch.org.uk](http://www.wimbishchurch.org.uk) *Fran Johnson*  
From **7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MEN'S WALK** Bi-monthly walks start again on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. We meet at the west door of St Marys, Saffron Walden at 10am and from there, travel to Swards End Village Hall to walk a fairly easy and flat 5 miles circular taking in St James, Swards End and All Saints, Wimbish with a pub lunch in Saffron Walden afterwards. All welcome. Further details from 07736 070508. *Anthony Armon-Jones*  
**SAFFRON WALDEN BIBLE FOCUS**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September** 2.30 - 7.00pm at Abbey Lane URC 'Get Ready! The day of the Lord is coming' Speaker: Revd. Rob Hudson. Pre-booking required. Parallel children and youth programme available. For more information, pick up a flier from St Mary's church, SW, or look at the website [www.waldenbiblefocus.com](http://www.waldenbiblefocus.com)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV JEREMY COLLINGWOOD** 12 noon **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at St Mary's, SW, followed by Hog Roast at home (or Baptist Church Hall if wet). You are warmly invited to both - please come! *Margaret*

**THE TRANSITION PROJECT** With more jobs available locally than are presently being taken up, the Project will remain online for the time being and not reopen its doors on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Initial contact continues by telephoning 07901 173763. *Anthony Armon-Jones*  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR STALLS - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** If you haven't already been contacted regarding running or helping on a stall, please contact Pamela on 521697 asap. Lots of help is required to make this a special year.

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