

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 4TH APRIL

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 President: Jeremy Trew
- in Church/YouTube

10.00am Family Communion President: Jeremy Trew
- in Church/YouTube/Zoom

6.30pm Reflection - Words & Music - YouTube

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: 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 President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church

9.15am Family Holy Communion President: Hilary Davey

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.15am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY

5.00pm Evening Prayer Zoom Leader: Mike Felgate

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion Zoom President: Chris Bishop

NEXT SUNDAY 11TH APRIL SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE

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

10.00am Holy Communion President: John Sibson

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion 1662 President: Paula Griffiths

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: Angela Want

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: John Risby

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SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Easter Day

4th April 2021

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In April please pray for: **St Mary's Church of England, St Mary's C of E Primary School**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Hilary Parry-Jones, Marion Green, David Lunt, Jean Harmer

REFLECTIONS

"Christ is risen: He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!" The Easter acclamation is like the gasp for air when we emerge from holding our breath underwater. As we journey through the chaotic events of Holy Week we may find ourselves, with Jesus, longing for a moment of peace. And then the peace comes. But it is not a restful peace, and it is a peace laden with uncertainty. It is the peace of the garden tomb, and the uncertainty that surrounds the disciples, causing some to flee, and others to hide behind locked doors. It's an agitated, unrestful peace, like a bad dream, which is broken by the relief, and the light of a new day and resurrection hope.

I'm writing about Easter, but of course I could just as well be writing about Covid, or about the hurts and losses that many of us have experienced in our lives. Easter is not simply about religion, it is about the incarnate God learning what it is to be truly human. And it leads to new life.

Jeremy

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

"Servant Christ, help us to follow you of the road to Jerusalem, to set our faces firmly against friendly suggestions for a safe expedient life; to embrace boldly the way of self-offering, the way of life given for others gain; Servant Jesus, help us to follow you." From the disciples of Christ the Servant, India.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 5th	Morning Psalm 111 & Mark 16:1-8 Evening Psalm 135
Tue 6th	Morning Psalm 112 & Luke 24:1-12 Evening Psalm 136 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Wed 7th	Morning Psalm 113 & Matthew 28:16-end Evening Psalm 105
Thurs 8th	Morning Psalm 114 & Luke 7:11-17 Evening Psalm 106
Fri 9th	Morning Psalm 115 & Luke 8:41-end Evening Psalm 107
Sat 10th	Morning Psalm 116 & John 11:17-44 Evening Psalm 145

NEWS

SERVICES IN CHURCH Services are taking place in all our churches this week. Numbers are restricted to be COVID safe. If you wish to attend St Mary's SW in person, please book your place in advance by telephoning the Parish Office by noon on Friday or by booking online using the bulletin link.

SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE are listed on the back page and in the weekly bulletin. Zoom services can be accessed by telephone - please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL Now would be a very good time to join the electoral roll **if you are not already enrolled**. The roll is being revised between 28th March and 10th April 2021 before the annual meetings on 25th April 2021. As well as a confirmation of your commitment to the church community, membership enables you to vote and stand for election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Application forms are available from, and should be returned to, electoralroll@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or the Parish Office or can be downloaded from www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/electoralroll. No additions can be made to the roll between the completion of the revision and the end of the annual meetings. *Clifford Want*

ANNUAL MEETINGS MIDDAY 25TH APRIL This year's Annual Meetings will be held on Zoom. Nomination Forms can be downloaded from St Mary's website, or requested from the Parish Office, showing the formal requirements for nominees to fill three casual vacancies on the Deanery Synod for two years, two churchwardens and four assistant churchwardens for St Mary's for one year and six standard vacancies for members of the PCC for three years (www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/annualmeetings). Scanned nomination forms may be submitted by email to the PCC secretary at pcc@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or posted through the Parish Office letter box or handed to a churchwarden or sidesman. Completed forms should include the names of the proposer, and seconder, and must be signed. You don't all need to sign the same form as long as it is clear who you are nominating. If you wish to find out more of what being on these bodies involves, please contact me, the churchwardens or any of the existing members. I would be very grateful if nominations could be sent to me by 11th April. *Lisa Brook*

THE APRIL EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews>. A limited number of paper copies will be available at the back of St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on Sunday morning.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS The week after Easter - Wednesday to Friday mornings 9.30am - 12noon by 'phone or email. The office is not currently open to personal callers.

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