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Kathryn hopes to have FRIDAY as her rest day and asks that we respect this and only disturb her in an emergency.

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CHURCH OFFICE

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The Church Office in the Community Hall is now open most weekday mornings between 9.30am and 11.00am. The office email address is office@stmaryssawston.org.uk

Our websites are www.stmaryssawston.org.uk and www.stpetersbabraham.org.uk.

Please take a look for up-to-date information.

Also find St Mary's and St Peter's on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/stmaryssawston &

www.facebook.com/stpetersbabraham

This week please pray for:

- Leaders around the world to have the wisdom to put peace before power; Justice for the vulnerable and suffering; Responsible custodianship for all of God's creation;
- Your church, that we may be filled with the joy of the risen Christ, confident in His resurrection, and with trust and patience for our journey with Him;
- Those working to protect and restore our churches for current and future generations;
- Sawston Village College and Sawston Nursery, and for children and teachers as they prepare for the forthcoming summer examinations;
- The residents of Evans Way, Martindale Way, Roe's Close and Uffen Way;
- Those known to us who are unwell at this time;
- Those with struggles we do not see;
- Those who have died recently; Richard, Christine.



St. Mary's Church
SAWSTON



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Babraham

Services and News Sheet

Sunday	19th April
9.15am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.45am	All Age Open Door
11am	Holy Communion at St Peter's (followed by APCM)
Monday	20th April
9.30-11.30am	Refresh @ the Hall
6.30pm	SYG meeting (see website for more information https://syg.org.uk/)
8pm	The Beales' Housegroup – contact the Beales for more information
8pm	Monday Housegroup on Zoom
Tuesday	21st April
9.30-11am	Tuesday Stay & Play at St Mary's Community Hall
Wednesday	22nd April
8.15am	Morning Prayer at St Peter's
8.30-9pm	Night Prayer on Zoom (note different login)
Thursday	23rd April
9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's followed by refreshments
Sunday	26th April
9.15 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.45 am	Open Door All-Age
5.30pm	Sunday Slice Youth Group yrs 5 to 8 at St Mary's Community Hall
7.15pm	POG Youth Group yrs 9+ at St Mary's Community Hall

MISSION COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Our quarterly charity for 1 April to 30 June 2026 is Christian Aid.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. They focus on building sustainable, resilient livelihoods from the ground up. **Christian Aid week is 10-16 May 2026.** This year centres on themes of climate justice, combating poverty and driving lasting change.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your Tearfund donations envelopes back to church as soon as you can if you would like your contribution to be counted in our grand total. With thanks.

PRESERVATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Works to preserve St Mary's Church for current and future generations are ongoing and the next phase to lime plaster the exposed internal walls, along with work to the electrics, are due to start on 20th April and will last well into July. We have enjoyed the rustic stonework but to protect the stonework it does need to be covered with lime plaster. Unfortunately, owing to the hazards and complexities of working with hot lime mortar, we will need to close the church on weekdays, with Thursday Holy Communion being offered at St Peter's instead. Safety permitting, we plan to continue with Sunday services at St Mary's, but we may need to be accommodating of some internal rearrangements of furniture. The church may also be open during the week for any funerals that are booked. Thank you for your understanding and patience and please pray for all those involved and affected by the works. Caring for historic buildings is both a privilege and demanding for all involved and would not be possible without Wards charity funding for which we are grateful.

OPEN DOOR SERVICES SPRING/SUMMER 2026

This term open door services will be following the theme of journeys. We will be diving deeper into some of the key journeys within the bible, starting with Mary Mother of Jesus. Do come and journey with us.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – St Mary's

These meetings will be held on Thursday April 30 2026, at 19.30 in the Community Hall. Churchwardens will be elected for the coming year. The retiring churchwardens are Sebastian Aplin and Corinne Roughley and they are both eligible for re-election. Two Deanery Synod Representatives will be elected. The retiring members are David Bard and Clare Glendinning. Three PCC members will be elected to serve for three years.

The retiring PCC members, who are eligible for re-election, are Sarah Bard, Suella Hunting, Susan Lowdell and Marian Watson. The updated Electoral Roll will be accepted at the meeting and annual reports on finances and from various committees and other groups will be received. The reports will be available in the usual booklet shortly before the meeting. Nomination forms will be available from the PCC Secretary or the Church Office.

CAMBS PRAYER TEAM QUIET MORNING

Members of the Cambs Prayer team invite you to a quiet morning at **St Andrew's and St Mary's Church, Whittlesford** on **Saturday 16th May 10am – 1pm**. It will be a time to listen to God and be in God's presence - a quiet morning where we will explore different ways of praying with the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. With time for quiet reflection. We would be grateful for a donation on the day to cover expenses and for use of the church facilities. Refreshments will be provided. **To book a place please email cambsprayer@gmail.com.**

'COMMUNICATE' MAGAZINE EDITORIAL is Sunday 3rd May

Please send your contributions for the June/July/August magazine as soon as possible and by that date to petra.shakeshaft1@outlook.com and copy in the church office office@stmaryssawston.org.uk
I look forward to receiving lots of contributions. Thank you, Petra

READINGS

The readings for our Holy Communion services on 19th April are Acts 2. 14a, 36-41 and Luke 24.13-35.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 24th April - 7-8pm Ely Choristers at All Saints Church, Harston – A varied programme of sacred and secular music for treble voices. All Tickets £12. Please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-choristers-of-ely-cathedral-at-all-saints-church-harston-tickets-1981474047215>

Thursday 30th April - 7.30pm St Mary's APCM at the Community Hall

Friday 8th May – 7pm Quiz Night in support of Christian Aid at Sawston Free Church. Tickets £8 in advance.

Saturday 9th May - 3-5pm Mothers' Union 150 years anniversary concert featuring 'Blame the Dog' at St Andrew, Stapleford.

Saturday 16th May – 10am-1pm Quiet Morning hosted by Cambs Prayer Team at St Andrew's and St Mary's, Whittlesford. E-mail cambsprayer@gmail.com to book.