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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;
- Our brothers and sisters of all faiths and none;
- Those working to protect and restore our churches for current and future generations;
- All those participating the Sawston Fun run - whether organising, helping, running or supporting- and for the work of the charities they are supporting;
- Those sitting Summer examinations, that they know that they are much more than an examination grade;
- Babraham Primary School and Babraham Nursery;
- The residents of High Street, London Road, Mill Lane and Cambridge Road including Wandlebury, Copley Hill and Reed Farm, Mount and Chalk Farm;
- Those known to us who are unwell at this time;
- Those with struggles we do not see;
- Those who have died recently; David Baron, Patricia, Susan.



St. Mary's Church
SAWSTON



St Peter's Church
Babraham

Services and News Sheet**Sunday**

9.15am

5.30pm

7.15pm

Monday

9.30-11.30am

6.30pm

8pm

8pm

Tuesday

9.30-11am

Wednesday

8.15am

8.30-9pm

Thursday

9.30am

12.30-2pm

Saturday

10am-1pm

Sunday

10.30am

11am

10th May – Fun Run

Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday Slice Youth Group yrs 5 to 8 at St Mary's Community Hall

POG Youth Group yrs 9+ at St Mary's Community Hall

11th May

Refresh @ the Hall

SYG meeting (see website for more information

<https://syg.org.uk/>)

The Beales' Housegroup – contact the Beales for more information

Monday Housegroup on Zoom

12th May

Tuesday Stay & Play at St Mary's Community Hall

13th May

Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Night Prayer on Zoom

14th May

Holy Communion at St Peter's followed by refreshments

Soup and Sandwiches at St Mary's Community Hall

16th May

Quiet Morning hosted by Cambs Prayer Team at St Andrew's and St Mary's, Whittlesford. E-mail

cambsprayer@gmail.com to book.

17th May

Joint service at Sawston Free Church

Holy Communion at St Peter's

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.

PRESERVATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Works to preserve St Mary's Church for current and future generations are ongoing with the current phase to lime plaster the exposed internal walls, along with work to the electrics, projected to last well into July. Unfortunately, owing to the hazards 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. 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.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These meetings took place on Thursday April 30 2026, at 19.30. Sebastian Aplin and Corinne Roughley were appointed as churchwardens, with many thanks for all their hard work, especially over the building. David Bard and Clare Glendinning were appointed as Deanery Synod Representatives to serve for up to three years. Kieran Cooper, Suella Hunting and Marian Watson were appointed to the PCC to serve for three years. Susan Lowdell was warmly thanked for her service on the PCC and presented with flowers as a token of appreciation. The revised Electoral Roll, with 88 names, was accepted along with the accounts and annual report for 2025. The new treasurer, Susan Chase, could not be present but was thanked for all her work in dealing with the accounts. The vicar's report can be read [here](#), page 17. She emphasised that in the Church we work very much as a team. Reports from various Church groups were also received. The vicar was thanked for her firm and inspiring leadership of the team and then wine and nibbles were served and those able to stay could talk among themselves. Some booklets are still available in Church for anyone who is interested and the booklet is

available online. Our thanks go to Joanna Johnson for assembling the booklet and to all the contributors who took the trouble to write about Church activities. Please do read what they wrote and ask if you have any queries. Mary Dicken

SAWSTON FUN RUN – Sunday 10th May

Sawston Fun Run will take place on Sunday 10th May. This year is the 40th Anniversary of this celebrated village event, which raises money for local organisations to enhance the quality of life for people living in Sawston and the surrounding villages. Most of these organisations work with young people in a variety of educational and social setting, whilst some provide support to older residents and those with additional needs. With over 1,700 entrants and spectators, this year they aim to raise between £14,000 and £16,000. With so many people participating, it is necessary to close a number of roads for a short period of time on the day. The four access roads into Sawston will be closed from 10am-12 noon and roads on the route, including Church Lane are left free of parked cars between 10am and 11.30am (New Road between 8.30am and 12noon).

THY KINGDOM COME 2026 'God with us' 14th-24th May 2026

This years' theme is all about the presence of God through His Spirit. "The God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him. From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come- over the 11 days we will explore a different Bible story each day, which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places. Our hope is that as we pray for our five people, they will also experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow Him."

An excellent set of resources are available from the website

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>.

READINGS

The readings for our Holy Communion service on 10th May are Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21.