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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;
- Those suffering the consequences of environmental events - flooding in Nepal and Tibet;
- That we honour Christ through care for our community, local environment, and the global impacts of our personal actions;
- Our local artists and all those participating in their celebration at St Peter's;
- The PCC, meeting this week;
- The Students and Staff at the local schools as they start the new academic year;
- The residents of Camping Close, Churchfield Avenue, Shingay Lane and Cambridge Road including Wandlebury, Copley Hill and Reed Farm, Mount and Chalk Farm;
- Those with struggles at this time;
- Those known to us who are unwell at this time;
- Those who have died recently; Margaret S, Liz D, Andrew.



St. Mary's Church
SAWSTON



St Peter's Church
Babraham

Services and News Sheet**Sunday**

10am

5.30pm

7.15pm

Monday

8am

9.30-11.30am

6.30pm

8pm

Tuesday

8am

9.30-11am

2.30pm

8pm

Wednesday

8.15am

8.30-9pm

Thursday

9.30am

7.30pm

Saturday

7pm

Sunday

9.15am

10.45am

11am

13th September

St Mary's Patronal Service - All Together Holy Communion at St Mary's (sidesperson training following the service)

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

14th September

Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Refresh – now at St Mary's Community Hall

SYG meeting (see website for more information

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

Monday Housegroup on Zoom

15th September

Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Tuesday Stay & Play at St Mary's Community Hall

MU Deanery service at Balsham Church. Celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union.

The Beales' Housegroup – contact the Beales for more information

16th September

Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Night Prayer on Zoom

17th September

Holy Communion at St Mary's *followed by refreshments*

St Mary's PCC meeting, St Mary's Community Hall

19th September

Moderator's Trip to India. Puddings and chat! Rev'd Canon Lythan Nevard will speak about her faith and her visit to Vellore. Sawston Free Church.

20th September

Holy Communion at St Mary's

Open Door *with Children's Church*

Holy Communion at St Peter's

MISSION COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Our quarterly charity for 1st July to 30th September 2026 is Mission to Seafarers.

'The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.89 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat.'

More information can be found at <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/>

PRESERVATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

We are now into the final straight, installation of heaters and pews are almost completed however some electrical works remain outstanding. Thank you to everyone who has helped tidy and clean the church ahead of our services and thank you to you all for your patience.

HOME GROUPS ARE BACK!

And new members are most welcome...

Monday Housegroup on Zoom will restart on Monday 7th September, continuing to study Isaiah. Please speak with Rosie if you would like to join.

The Beale's Homegroup will move to Tuesdays from September and will meet formally fortnightly starting on the 8th September.

Friday Group will be hosted by Janet Marven on the following dates for this upcoming term: 11th Sept, 25th Sept, 9th Oct, 23rd Oct, 4th Dec. All start at 10am. Ian will be facilitating and we will be exploring the readings and teaching from the previous Sunday. All are welcome but please speak to Ian to let him know your intent.

LICENSING OF JOANNE BEALE

We are delighted that Joanne Beale will be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) at Ely Cathedral on **Saturday 3 October at 2.00pm**. Please do hold Joanne and her family in your prayers as she prepares for this important step in her ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to join the celebration, either in person at Ely Cathedral or via the YouTube livestream. A link to the livestream will be shared as soon as it is available. Please support Joanne as we celebrate with her and pray for God's blessing on this new chapter in her ministry.

YOUTH ALPHA

Youth Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming space for young people aged 11–18 to explore some of life's big questions, discover more about the Christian faith, and share their own thoughts and ideas. No previous

church experience or knowledge is needed — just curiosity and a willingness to join in. If you'd like to know more, or think Youth Alpha might be for you, please speak to Kathryn or Ian or watch the video on this website: <https://www.ssyi.club/>

2026 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL – Blythswood Care

We are very pleased to confirm that St Mary's will be collecting Christmas Shoeboxes again this year. The deadline for receipt of the filled shoe boxes is still to be confirmed but is estimated to be **the middle of October**. Of course you are welcome to drop them off at the office or at a St Mary's service whenever you are ready. Leaflets are available to collect from St Mary's Church or online <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>.

We know that filling a shoe box can be expensive, as all the items have to be new, and so please may we suggest that the collecting of items for a shoe box for either an adult or child could be shared with one or more of your friends at St Mary's to create 'shared Christmas Shoe Boxes'. If wrapping the shoebox itself is your barrier, please do drop a shoebox off at the office and it can be wrapped for you.

Full details of the list of requested items for a Christmas Shoebox are available on the Blythswood Care website. If you have any queries, please talk to Jo or contact the office.

READINGS

Readings for our St Mary's Patronal Holy Communion service on 13th September are Galatians 4:4-7 & Luke 1:39-55.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 30th September – 7.30pm Corelli and Company at Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham. Tickets £20 from Eventbrite or at the door. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/corelli-and-company-tickets-1997558208374>

Saturday 3rd October – 2pm Joanne Beale will be licensed as an LLM at Ely Cathedral.

Saturday 3rd October - 2.30-4.30pm Harvest treasure hunt and teas at St Peter's

Tuesday 6th October - 7.30pm Mothers' Union at St Mary's Church Hazel Williams MBE, Diocesan Vice President speaking on the life and legacy of Mary Sumner.

Saturday 17th October – 10am-12noon Bereavement Café at St Mary's Community Hall