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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;
- Joanne and her family as she prepares for her licensing and service as an LLM;
- Lesley and John preparing for marriage at St Mary's in the next few weeks;
- Our local schools as they prepare for and celebrate Harvest Festival;
- The residents of Church Lane, Lynton Way, Sainfoin Close and The Close;
- Those with struggles at this time;
- Those known to us who are unwell at this time;
- Those who have died recently; Michael, John.



St. Mary's Church
SAWSTON



St Peter's Church
Babraham

Services and News Sheet**Sunday**

9.15 am
10.45 am
5.30pm

7.15pm

Monday

9.30-11.30am
6.30pm

8pm

Tuesday

9.30-11am

Wednesday

8.15am

8.30-9pm

Thursday

9.30am

2-3.30pm

Saturday

2pm

2.30-4.30pm

Sunday

9.15am
10.45am
11am

27th September

Holy Communion at St Mary's
 Open Door All-Age with Holy Communion
 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
28th September
 9.30-11.30am Refresh @ the Hall
 6.30pm SYG meeting (see website for more information <https://syg.org.uk/>)
 8pm Monday Housegroup on Zoom

29th September

Tuesday Stay & Play at St Mary's Community Hall

30th September

Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Night Prayer on Zoom

1st October

Holy Communion at St Mary's *followed by refreshments*
 Tea and Friendship at St Mary's Community Hall

3rd October

Joanne's LLM licensing at Ely Cathedral
Harvest treasure hunt and teas at St Peter's

4th October

Holy Communion at St Mary's
 Open Door *with baptism*
Harvest Festival at St Peter's followed by bring and share lunch.

MISSION COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Our quarterly charity 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.

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, <https://www.youtube.com/@Ely-Cathedral/streams>. Please support Joanne as we celebrate with her and pray for God's blessing on this new chapter in her ministry.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

We will be collecting gifts of non-perishable items for the John Huntingdon's Charity foodbank. Details can be found in Church of most needed items, or alternatively if you would like to contribute towards a Christmas hamper (delivered to recipients early in December!).

St Peter's warmly invite you to their Harvest treasure hunt and teas on Saturday, 3rd October between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

St Peter's Church will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 4th October at 11am. There will be a bring and share lunch immediately following the service. Please do bring some food (eg bread, cheese, salad, dessert) to share.

St Mary's Church will celebrate Harvest on 11th October at 10am. There will be light refreshments in Church after the Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist to which we hope everyone will stay. There is a sign-up sheet for contributions if you are able to bring something. We already have crisps and similar snacks.

On Monday 12th October Refresh will be celebrating Harvest in St Mary's Church, 9.30am-11.30am. If you have preschool children do come along, or

if you know someone who does please do invite them. If you are strong and willing we could also do with some help setting up the Church following the Harvest lunch.

2026 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL – Blythwood 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://blythwood.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 Blythwood Care website. If you have any queries, please talk to Jo or contact the office.

READINGS

Readings for our Principal Service on 27th September are Philippians 2.1–13 & Matthew 21.23–32. Our Open Door reading is John 1:47–end.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 4th October – 3-4pm Prime Brass concert, All Saints' Church, Harston. Tickets £12 [Newsletter | Harston, Hauxton and Newton churches](#)

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 10th October – 2pm Jumble Sale at St Mary's Community Hall

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

Saturday 31st October – All day - Family prayer stations in St Mary's Church. 5-7pm Light Station outside St Mary's Church. Drop by for a warming drink.

Sunday 1st November – 3pm Remembering service at St Mary's, Sawston

29th October to 28th November – Month of Accompanied prayer - for more information please see our website