

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
AROUND THE TEAM**

SUNDAY 19th November

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion & Team JC
(livestreamed)
4.00pm Living Stones (parish rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Praise

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden
9.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
4.00pm Taizé

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Family Service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Family Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on
Wednesday.

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
2nd Sunday before Advent
19th November 2023**

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1-11

Psalm: 90 v 1-8

Second Reading: Zephania 1 v 7, 12-18

Gospel: Matthew 25 v14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In November please pray for: St Mary's, Little Chesterford & All Saints Great Chesterford. Wimbish and Debden Schools

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Vanessa Wilmott, Linda Phipps, Alan Rust, Rene Patient, Jean Collins

EVENTS

Christmas Fairs on Saturday November 25th

ST MARY'S, SW, CHRISTMAS FAIR

10am -1 pm in the church. Please join us for all the fun of a traditional fair. Lots of stalls including, refreshments, children's activities and Christmas music.

WIMBISH CHURCH BAZAAR is from **11.30am - 2pm** at Wimbish Village Hall. Light refreshments, stalls and 'chat'. Everyone is most welcome.

The **CHESTERFORDS CHRISTMAS FAIR** starts at **12pm** in the Chesterford Community Centre. There will be lunches, teas and cakes, gifts, books and produce stalls and more, Calamity Clown to entertain the children, the Grand Raffle draw and of course Father Christmas with his elves. Please come and support us.

Sunday 26th November: PAULA GRIFFITHS will be giving an illustrated talk on **CHURCHES IN GERMANY AND THE LEGACY OF LUTHER**, in the Parish Rooms, following the visit she and Roger made to Germany this July. All welcome. Tea and coffee from **2pm**: talk begins at 2.30pm. Free entry: donations invited for St Mary's Church.

CHURCH MICE will be on **Monday 27th November** from **1.45pm -3pm** in the New Room at Debden church. All parents/carers and pre-schoolers are welcome for a social session with a mixture of activities: toys, crafts, songs, and refreshments.

QUIET MORNING on **Saturday 9th December, 9.30am - 12 noon** in St Mary's, SW, Parish Rooms. Rev'd Ella Harris will lead us; her theme is "The Creator and the Clay". To help us with catering, please let us know if you intend to come: hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com

LITTLEBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in the church **Saturday 9th and 10th December 11am - 4pm** - free admission, all day refreshments including soup lunches organised by the church and the friends (FoHTL) in aid of Holy Trinity Church.

NOTICES

I'm handcrafting my **CRACKERS** again this year at the increased price of £3.50 each. They contain a hat, snap, motto, gift and 'something to play with'! Orders by Sunday 26th November or at St Mary's, SW church fair please. Diana Hoy - dd.hoy@ntlworld.com

HELP FOR ST MARY'S, SW, CHRISTMAS FAIR The fair is nearly here and this is a specific shout out for **CAKES!** Both for the Refreshments and the Cake Stall. Please telephone Kathryn Bennett on 07796 341768 or email kjbennett09@yahoo.co.uk if you can help with the refreshments. Judy Patston is masterminding the Cakes/ preserves (any food items really) and will welcome any contributions. 01799 501452 judy.patston@outlook.com.

Jo Proctor has kindly offered to clean your **Brass and not especially valuable SILVER** for a donation. She will be in the church on the 25th with her cloths and polish!

The **Tombola, Grand Draw and Preloved/ Upcycling, Plants and Jigsaw puzzles** will also welcome any donations, along with the **Children's Toys and Teddy tombola**. There is a full list of needs in the church. Please have a look if you can help. **The Christmas Crackers and Flower Decorations are also taking pre orders.** Please contact Diana Hoy or Pam and Jane. Thanks *Sue Birchall* sbirchall29@gmail.com

CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION Help is needed on **Friday 8th December from 10am-12.30pm** in the parish rooms to prepare the christingles for St Mary's, SW. Please let Gill Caswell know if you can help with this. Bring an apron and an apple corer (if you have one).

TODAY cards will be available to sign for prisoners supported by **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** at St Mary's, SW. Please come and sign to show that they are not forgotten.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of **CHRISTIAN AID** in the Israeli-Gaza conflict on **Sundays 26th November and 3rd December** at St Mary's, SW

HA!MAN music event for school age children: workshop and performance on 25th November in Wendens Ambo.

Tickets and more information available: bit.ly/haman_wenden

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