

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

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
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 Morning Worship

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Family Communion

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**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 3rd DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed) +  
Team JC  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.00am Holy Communion

**St James' Swards End**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

6.00pm Advent Readings & Music

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

4.00pm Café Christingle

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.00am Morning Prayer

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

9.00am Morning Prayer

*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  
Christ the King  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Collect**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34 v 11-16, 20-24

**Psalm:** 95 v 1-7

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 34 v 11-16, 20-24

**Gospel:** Matthew 25 v 14-30

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

**Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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: Rene Patient, Jean Collins, Michelle Arnold, Lorna 'Jane' Ready

## EVENTS

**MORNING PRAYER** on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at **8am**, will not be livestreamed.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at **10am** in the **PARISH ROOMS**, SW. We start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. Please note the change of venue for this month. *Judith Hasler*

**QUIET MORNING** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com)

**LITTLEBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** in the church **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** We will be gathering on Horse River Green in Great Chesterford at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** to sing carols around the Christmas Tree. We will be led by Janet Cattley and there will be a barbecue selling hotdogs, marshmallows on a fire pit and mulled wine to keep you warm while you sing. There will be a bucket collection but there are no tickets, just turn up and join in.

## NOTICES

**HELPERS** are needed on the evening of the **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** at St Mary's, SW on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, to carry candles around the church to light the way for the choir as the service travels from darkness to light. It's a lovely traditional and multi denominational service - no experience necessary. Children welcome with parents. You'll be needed for a practice at 5.30pm ahead of the service at 6.30pm. Contact me if you can help [mat.s.lester@gmail.com](mailto:mat.s.lester@gmail.com) or 07932 027076 *Mat Lester*

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 26<sup>th</sup> November or at St Mary's, SW church fair please. *Diana Hoy* - [dd.hoy@ntlworld.com](mailto:dd.hoy@ntlworld.com)

**CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION** Help is needed on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Israel-Gaza conflict on **Sundays 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at St Mary's, SW.

**CHRISTIAN AID** are launching a major campaign to coincide with **COP 28** 30<sup>th</sup> November - 12<sup>th</sup> December. Their aim is to apply pressure for Justice amongst those who are suffering the worst effects of the Climate Crisis. They have produced a pack of prayers and a sample letter to write to your MP at [www.christianaid.org.uk/resources](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources) Do download a copy and do whatever you can to help! *Edward Gildea*

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