

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S



St Mary's Church  
Saffron Walden  
Sharing God's Love

### Christmas Eve

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Lighting the Christmas Tree

6.00pm Lighting the Christmas Tree

Carols: 19 (omitting vs.3 & 6), 7, 13, 6 and

12 (omitting v.4)

You are invited to bring a toy for a child, preferably unwrapped. These will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices. There'll also be a retiring collection, shared between the church and the mayor's chosen charities: "Street Pastors" and "The Salvation Army".

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Carols: 1, 6, 2, 10 (Communion: 13)

### Christmas Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Family Communion

Carols: 19, (omitting vs 3 & 6) 18, 15, 12

(Communion: 8)

Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr</i>	9.30am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Holy Communion
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>	9.30am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Holy Communion
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Holy Communion
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion Carols: 3, 7, 16, 9 (Communion: 6) Evensong
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019		<i>No Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Healing Service
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Prayer Meeting in the Parish Rooms

## THE GRAPEVINE

### Christmas Edition 2018

Politics and public debate has become increasingly divisive in recent years here and elsewhere. When opinions are polarised, rational argument is often replaced by name-calling. What was ground on which different perspectives could be explored – the centre ground - becomes 'no man's land' – where few have the courage to stand. Rather the two sides stick to their entrenched position and take pot shots at each other.

Jesus Christ, knowing how communities can disintegrate, commanded his followers to 'love your neighbour' and, even, to 'love your enemies.' His vision is 'a world united in love for God, and characterised by peace and justice.' The transformation of the world, Jesus Christ insists, is through each of us - without exception - being transformed. In Jesus eyes, there are not 'good' and 'bad' people; we are all capable of good or bad actions. Therefore, we all need to turn towards God and discover what God offers us in Jesus Christ.

The final line of the Carol 'In the bleak midwinter' reads, 'What I can I give him; give him my heart.' Jesus Christ came to make whole our divided hearts. With our lives renewed and centred on God's Kingdom of love, we learn to play our part in healing our fractured communities, nation and world. That's why the angels on the hilltop outside Bethlehem sang at Jesus birth, 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth...' That's why the Shepherds, often excluded, were invited to see the baby in the manger. That's why the wise men from the East, representing all the nations, came to see the 'new-born King' who is the Saviour of the World.

Have a joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

David Tomlinson  
Team Rector of Saffron Walden  
and Villages Team Ministry

Please take this sheet home with you.  
We hope you will find the enclosed information useful.

## Welcome to St. Mary's!

### Team Rector:

Rev. Canon David Tomlinson  
The Rectory, 17 Borough Lane,  
Saffron Walden, CB11 4AG.

Tel: 01799 500947

e-mail: [rector@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:rector@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

If you wish to enquire about baptisms, weddings  
or other church information, contact:

**Parish Office** in St. Mary's Churchyard.

Tel: 01799 506024

e-mail: [office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

### Opening hours:

Mondays - Fridays 9.30am - 12 noon  
(Closed from 12 noon on 21st December  
to 9.30am on 2nd January).

Most of our church organisations are taking a break  
over Christmas. Please contact the people named  
below or the Parish Office for more information  
about any of them.

## Normal Service Times

### Sundays:

8.00am

10.00am

**Holy Communion** (Book of Common Prayer)

**Holy Communion**

with Team JC (for youths + children)  
(all Sundays except third of the month)

**Family Service**

(third Sunday of the month)

**Evensong**

(2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month)

4.00pm  
or 6.30pm  
in summer

**Evening Communion** with prayers for  
wholeness & healing (third Sunday)

**Celebrate @ 4** (see below)

**H<sub>2</sub>H Youth Led Service** (first Sunday)

(no service on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

### Tuesdays in term time:

2.00pm

St. Mary's Tinies (in St Mary's church)

### Tuesdays:

5.00pm

**Evening Prayer** resumes on 15th January

### Wednesdays and Saints' Days:

9.30am

Holy Communion

### First Thursday of the month

1.00pm

Service with Prayers for Healing

## Children's & Youth Activities in St Mary's Parish Room

**Team JC:** for children aged 3 to 11.  
Meets in the Parish Rooms for  
breakfast at 9:45am on Sunday.  
Followed by games, stories and crafts.

**Aftershock Youth Club:** for young  
people aged 11 - 18 years. Meets on  
Sunday 7.00pm - 8.30pm. A chance to  
socialise, learn & enjoy each other's  
company. And there's normally food  
involved!

Contact: Matt Williamson on  
07794 518907

**Guides:** Tuesdays 7.15pm - 8.45pm.

**Brownies:** Tuesdays at 5.30pm.

**Rainbows:** Mondays 4.15pm - 5.30pm.  
(Girls aged 5-7 years.)

Contact: Margaret Jacobs on 522801

**M5 Men's Lunch** Our first meeting of 2019  
will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**, from  
12:15 at the Kings Arms, Market Hill. As  
usual all are welcome and I look forward to  
seeing you for an hour or so of fellowship  
and good food. Meanwhile, I wish you all  
the joy of Christmas and a Happy New  
Year to follow. *Bill Rose 516609*

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...

to you, from all the clergy. Our grateful  
thanks for the beautiful cards and gifts  
you have given us.

We trust you will know God's peace  
at Christmas and God's blessing  
in the New Year.

*David, Team Rector*

**Celebrate @ 4 Service**  
the next service is at 4.00pm on  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Refreshments available from 3.45  
All welcome to this service  
for all ages

**Epiphany Carol Service**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm**



## Our Church School and Pre-School



St Mary's Primary School in Castle  
Street, offers a first class education  
with a caring and Christian ethos.

Head Teacher: Mrs F. Reid

Telephone: 01799 523384

St Mary's Church Pre-school  
in the grounds of the Primary School

Learning through play

Manager: Mrs F. Jeffs

Telephone: 01799 520358

**Look on our website for more  
news and information:**

[www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

**St. Mary's Tinies:** A very informal  
service for parents and toddlers/babies at  
2pm on Tuesdays in term time in St  
Mary's church, followed by coffee and  
toys.

Contact Alison Knights 01223 835912

**Sewing Circle:** meets every Monday  
from 9.30am at The Priory, making  
kneelers and banners. Contact Tessa  
Hawkes - 523888

**Mothers' Union:** next meeting is in St  
Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
January** at 1.30pm for 2pm. Speaker,  
Rachel Prior, talking about her trip to  
Kenya. All welcome.

Contact Brenda Sheath on 513204

**Julian Group:** meets on the 2nd  
Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm -  
9.00pm for a short meditation and  
discussion.

Contact Tessa Hawkes on 523888.

Please note that copies of the **Dusting  
Rota** for 2019 are at the back of St  
Mary's church. *Anne Rhodes*

**St. Mary's Music Association:** supports  
the Director of Music with practical,  
administrative and financial support. We  
have a strong choir and brass group and  
a woodwind group. Brochures are  
available at the back of St Mary's church.  
Contact Bron Ferland on 521497

**Friends of St. Mary's:** If you would like  
to help us maintain and preserve this  
beautiful building, you can join the  
Friends - forms at the back of St Mary's  
church or Contact Pamela Mugliston on  
521697

**St Mary's Book Group** will hold their  
next meeting at 8.15pm on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
January** at 4 Castle Street to discuss  
**Peter Doherty's** medieval detective  
novel 'A Pilgrimage to Murder'. Please  
contact me if you would like a copy  
(520291). *Robin O'Neill*