

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Andy Colebrooke

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew
+ Team JC

6.30pm Advent Carol Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

St James' Sewards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

6.00pm Advent Carol Service Leader: Caroline Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.30am Christingle Service Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Communion President: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

9.30am St Mary's Tinies

Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Judith Hasler

**WEDNESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in the
Parish Rooms**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

THURSDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

1.00pm Healing Service

**NEXT SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER
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St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Family Service Home Team

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

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All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

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11.00am Morning Prayer

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SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

COVERING THE PARISHES OF SAFFRON WALDEN,
WIMBISH, DEBDEN, ASHDON AND HADSTOCK

Welcome to our services today

First Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In November please pray for: **All Saints, Ashdon, Wimbish and Debden Schools**

The family and friends of those who have died recently:

Sam West, Brian Bacon

Those who are unwell: **Eric Hammond**

EVENTS

The Prayer Team is excited to announce that **THE ADVENT QUIET MORNING** will be held in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, and the Parish Rooms on **Saturday 27th November** from 10 am - 12 noon. We are also excited to announce that Rev Andy Colebrooke will be leading this on the Advent Hymn O COME, O COME EMMANUEL. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the back of St May's church, SW, or email Sue by 24th November: suewalker619@btinternet.com

All Saints Church Wimbish **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** in Wimbish Village Hall, **Saturday 27th November** 11.30 - 2.00pm. Refreshments and stalls. Do come and join us. Further details at www.wimbishchurch.org.uk Fran Johnson

25th November marks the beginning of 16 Days of Global Activism against Gender Based Violence and Abuse. On **Saturday 27th November** Mothers' Union Members **WILL HOLD A VIGIL** in the North Chapel from 12.45 - to 3pm for Prayer and Reflection. On Sunday 28th the MU branch leader will lead intercessions at the 10am service based on this theme. *Brenda Sheath MU Branch Leader*

ADVENT PRAYER SPACES OFFERING TIME FOR QUIET PRAYER AND REFLECTION in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, from **Monday 29th November - Friday 3rd December**. Advent is a timing of waiting which is usually overtaken by busyness in preparing for Christmas. Under Matt's leadership and guidance the Prayer Team will be putting on some themed prayer spaces around St Mary's church, which would follow on from the Quiet Morning and offer time for further quiet reflection. All welcome. For more information contact suewalker619@btinternet.com

OASIS Our next men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 1st December** from 12 noon. All welcome; please let me know if you intend to come by Monday 29th November, as I have to book a table. Bill Rose (tel. 01799 516609 email: wjr2163@gmail.com)

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 2nd December** at 10am in the Parish Rooms. Sitting in a socially distanced circle 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. *Judith Hasler*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 2nd December** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING We are having a session of assembling Christingles on **Friday 10th December** 1.15-4.15. Helpers needed. Please contact Gill Caswell 01799 520485

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 29th	Morning Psalm 50 & Matthew 12:1-21 Evening Psalm 71
Tue 30th	Morning Psalm 47 & John 12:20-10.32 Evening Psalm 87 & John 1:35-42
Wed 1st Dec	Morning Psalm 7 & Matthew 12:38-end Evening Psalm 77
Thurs 2nd	Morning Psalm 42 & Matthew 13:1-23 Evening Psalm 40
Fri 3rd	Morning Psalm 25 & Matthew 13:24-43 Evening Psalm 17
Sat 4th	Morning Psalm 9 & Matthew 13:44-end Evening Psalm 27

NOTICES

TODAY

CHRISTMAS STALLS We will be selling Candles, Crackers, Cakes and Plants. Next Sunday, 5th December, Jigsaws at £5, Handbags, Knitted Baby Items; please give us your support. Cash only please. Full rota on the noticeboard.

Pamela Mugliston

Andy Colebrooke and Caroline Curren are planning to lead an **ADVENT COURSE** exploring the four songs in the Christmas story. These are the songs of Zechariah (the Benedictus); of Mary (the Magnificat); of the angels (the Gloria) and of Simeon (the Nunc Dimittis). There will be four sessions via zoom, on **Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December** We hope to run one group in the afternoon 4 - 5 pm, led by Caroline, and one in the evening 7.30 - 8.30 pm, led by Andy. If you are interested in either the afternoon or the evening group, please contact Caroline (c.curren@btinternet.com) stating which time you would prefer.

CHRISTIAN AID TALK Alex Cassidy, the local organiser, will talk about the work of Christian Aid on **Saturday 11th December** at 10am in the United Reformed Church Hall, Abbey Lane. Coffee and biscuits from 9.30am. *Kathryn Fiddock*

CHANCEL ROOF REPAIR The new lead covering is being installed on the chancel roof for 3 weeks from Monday 22nd November. Please be aware that this is noisy work with long periods of hammering and it will be noisier inside St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, during the working day for these 3 weeks. For safety reasons no-one should enter the chancel and sanctuary during the working day, it will remain taped off with hazard warning tape. The work is going well and we're nearly there! *Steve Hasler (525041)*

THE 9.30AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN, will take place in the Parish Rooms from Wed 24th November for 3 weeks so that it is not interrupted by the noise of the lead work on the chancel roof.

TRANSITION PROJECT UPDATE In addition to helping with job searching and updating CV's remotely, we now have appointments for face-to-face help sessions. Phone 07901 173763 or email swtransitionproject@gmail.com for further information. *Gerald Gardner*

THE NEXT SVST NEWSLETTER is now available in St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. *Nicola Williamson, Schools Support Worker – Stort Valley Schools Trust*

CRACKERS FOR CHRISTMAS In case you missed the Parish News - I'm taking orders for Christmas Crackers (£2 each) up to Sunday 28th November. Please contact me dd.hoy@ntlworld.com - all Funds to St Mary's church, Saffron Walden. Thanks. *Diana Hoy*

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, and can also be seen on the website at <http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews>

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