

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

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew
+ Team JC

6.30pm H2H Youth Led Service - in the Parish Rooms

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Home Team

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.00am Morning Prayer Leader: John Risby

TUESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

9.30am St Mary's Tinies

Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Rufus Barnes

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

9.30am Holy Communion President: Angela Want

**NEXT SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER
SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

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: Andy Colebrooke
+ Team JC

4.00pm Christingle Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

St James' Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

11.15am Family Service Leader: Tracey Nicholls

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

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11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan

6.00pm Carol Service Leader: Alex Jeewan

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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today

Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Philippians 1.3-11*

My brothers and sisters, thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: *Luke 3.1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In December please pray for: **New Life Church, Great Chesterford Primary School**
The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Henry Blackie
Those who are unwell: **Eric Hammond**

EVENTS & NOTICES

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 sessions via zoom, on **Thursday 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.

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

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*

MEN'S WALKS The next walk will be on **Saturday 8th January** from Wendons Ambo to Littlebury Green. Full details will be published in the Christmas edition of the Grapevine. *Anthony Armon-Jones*

INTRODUCTION TO ELLA HARRIS Originally from Widdington in Essex, I now live in Cambridge with my husband Toby. I'm currently completing my ordination training at Ridley Hall. God willing, I will be ordained deacon in September 2022. We know and love Saffron Walden and the surrounding area well, having both gone to primary school here. We're so glad to be returning to such a vibrant town, and I'm excited to get to know you and all the beautiful churches that you worship in. My first degree was in archaeology and anthropology and I have a deep interest in the diversity of human cultures, be that ancient or modern. I'm a keen musician, playing cello and orchestral percussion, and I'm never happier than when I'm in the countryside and around nature. We're really looking forward to moving to the area in June, and living and serving alongside you all. *Ella Harris*

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 6th	Morning Psalm 44 & Matthew 14:1-12 Evening Psalm 144
Tue 7th	Morning Psalm 56 & Matthew 14:13-end Evening Psalm 11 & 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Wed 8th	Morning Psalm 62 & Matthew 15:1-20 Evening Psalm 10
Thurs 9th	Morning Psalm 54 & Matthew 15:21-28 Evening Psalm 73
Fri 10th	Morning Psalm 86 & Matthew 15:29-end Evening Psalm 90
Sat 11th	Morning Psalm 145 & Matthew 16:1-12 Evening Psalm 94

NOTICES

TODAY

CHRISTMAS STALLS We will be selling Jigsaws at £5, Handbags and Knitted Baby Items. Next Sunday, 12th December, we will be selling Quilted items and Handbags. Please bring along your shopping list and cash. Full rota on the noticeboard. *Pamela Mugliston*

JILL HROUDA, RECTOR'S SECRETARY, will sadly be leaving us on 6th December after more than 7 years of committed and conscientious support of the Saffron Team Ministry, which has included funeral administration, producing the weekly Grapevines and service sheets, amongst many other duties. I'm sure you join me in thanking her and wishing her well for the future. Please note that messages for anything that would have gone to Jill, should now be directed to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org or by telephone to the Parish Office. *Judith Hasler, Team Facilitator*

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 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>

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org by 9.00am on Wednesday.

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