

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**
SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER
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

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE
Wendens Ambo - Zoom
9.30am Morning Prayer President: Alex Jeewan
Talk: Liz Hartley
Great Chesterford - Facebook
11.00am Holy Communion President: Alex Jeewan
Talk: Jeremy Trew

6.00pm Carol Service Leader: Alex Jeewan

TUESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

9.30am St Mary's Tinies

Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Sue Walker

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

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

SATURDAY - St James' Swards End - in Church

5.00pm Carol Service Leader: Chris Bishop

St John's Little Walden - in Church

5.00pm Carol Service Leader: Michael Lovegrove

Great Chesterford - in Church

4.00pm Christingle Leader: Alex Jeewan

**NEXT SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER
SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**
St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church/YouTube

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

President: Jeremy Trew

St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church

10.00am Family Service Leader: Jeremy Trew +team

6.30pm Carol Service Leader: Jeremy Trew

St Botolph's Hadstock - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Sunday Worship Home Team

6.30pm Carol Service Leader: Caroline Curren

St Mary's Debden - in Church/Zoom

6.30pm Carol Service Leader: John Saxon

All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

3.00pm Carol Service Leader: John Saxon

CAM VILLAGES ONLINE
Wendens Ambo - Zoom

6.30pm Carol Service Leader: Alex Jeewan

Great Chesterford - Facebook

4.00pm Christingle 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

Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: *Philippians 4.4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Luke 3.7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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, Sidney Clark and Julien Courtauld
Those who are unwell: **Eric Hammond**

EVENTS & NOTICES

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*

ELLA HARRIS will be our new assistant curate from September 2022. She will be licensed to the Team but will focus her ministry jointly on the Cam Villages Churches and St Mary's, Saffron Walden. Ella writes: 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.

8am BCP COMMUNION Please note that there will not be 8am BCP communion services on Christmas Day and December 26th. We are sorry that our limited clergy resources do not enable us to offer more than one service on both days. 8am BCP services will resume as usual from 2nd January. Denis

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 13th	Morning Psalm 40 & Matthew 16:13 - end Evening Psalm 26
Tue 14th	Morning Psalm 70 & Matthew 17:1-13 Evening Psalm 50 & 1 Thessalonians 5:12-end
Wed 15th	Morning Psalm 75 & Matthew 17:14-21 Evening Psalm 82
Thurs 16th	Morning Psalm 76 & Matthew 17:22-end Evening Psalm 44
Fri 17th	Morning Psalm 98 & Matthew 18:1-20 Evening Psalm 49
Sat 18th	Morning Psalm 71 & Matthew 18:21-end Evening Psalm 43

NOTICES

TODAY

CHRISTMAS STALLS At St Mary's Saffron Walden we will be selling Quilted items and Handbags. Next Sunday 19th December we will be selling Handicrafts, Jigsaws at £5 each and Christmas Sweet Treats. Please give us your support; cash only please. *Pamela Mugliston*

A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, supporting the Children's Society will be held at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden at 4pm. Christingles that are lit during the service are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle symbolizing Christ as the light of the world. Everyone, especially children, are welcome

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEW ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, Claire Dunn, who will be working alongside Dawn in the Parish Office on Tuesday-Friday mornings. All items for the Grapevine please send to Claire at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
Judith Hasler, Team Facilitator

CHANCEL ROOF REPAIR Additional repairs have been found and these will delay the works which will now take until mid-February. The scaffolders will be here from Mon 13th – Wed 15th December and vehicular access to the Parish rooms will be restricted on these days, after which the work will stop until 4th January. Steve Hasler (525041)

THE 9.30AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S, SAFFRON WALDEN, will continue to take place in the Parish Rooms so that it is not interrupted by building work.

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*

JIMMY'S: Please consider Jimmy's this Christmas. We are hoping to use any money donated to purchase food, sleeping bags and blankets as there is a need this winter.

If you would like to give directly there is also an Amazon gift list:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2KG6P2B5NA73O/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

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

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