

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

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**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

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 *in Church/YouTube*

President: Jeremy Trew

10.00am Family Service *in Church*

Leader: Jeremy Trew

6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols - *in Church/YouTube*

**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

**TUESDAY - St Mary's Saffron Walden - Zoom**

5.00pm Evening Prayer Leader: Mike Felgate

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

9.30am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

**NEXT SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden - in Church**

10.00am Holy Communion President: Jeremy Trew

**All Saints Ashdon - in Church**

9.30am Holy Communion President: Caroline Curren

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

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

See St Mary's Church, SW, website at  
[www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org) to find out more.



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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**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Collect**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Micah 5: 2 – 5a**

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**Gospel: Luke 1.39-45**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

**Post Communion**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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:  
**Sidney Clark, Raymond Robarts, David Biggs and Michael Haddock**

### CHRISTMAS EVE —24th December

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

4.00pm Lighting the Tree Service *in Church*  
6.00pm Lighting the Tree Service *in Church*  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion *in Church*  
President: Jeremy Trew

#### St James, Swards End - in Church

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
President: Chris Bishop

#### St Botolph's, Hadstock— in Church

6.00pm Light of the World Service  
Leader: Caroline Currer

#### All Saints Ashdon - in Church

4.00pm Christingles & Carols Leader: Caroline Currer  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
President: Caroline Currer

#### St Mary's Debden - in Church

5.30pm Nativity Service Leader: John Saxon

#### All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

3.00pm Nativity Service Leader: John Saxon  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
President: John Saxon

### CHRISTMAS DAY —25th December

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden—in Church/YouTube

10.00am Family Communion President: Jeremy Trew

#### St James, Swards End - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Chris Bishop

#### St Johns, Little Walden—in Church

11.15am Holy Communion President: Michael Lovegrove

#### St Botolphs, Hadstock— in Church

9.30am Family Communion President: Caroline Currer

#### All Saints Ashdon - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Andy Colebrooke

#### St Mary's Debden - in Church

9.30am Holy Communion President: Hilary Davey

#### All Saints' Wimbish - in Church/Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion President: John Saxon

### CAM VILLAGES ONLINE

#### Wendens Ambo - Zoom

9.30am Family Communion Leader: Alan Curres

#### Great Chesterford - Facebook

11.30am Family Communion Leader: Alex Jeewan

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>** Morning Psalm 46 & Matthew 19:1-12  
Evening Psalm 4

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup>** Morning Psalm 121 & Matthew 19:13-15  
Evening Psalm 84

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** Morning Psalm 124 & Matthew 19:16-end  
Evening Psalm 48

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** Morning Psalm 130 & Matthew 23:1-12  
Evening Psalm 89

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Morning Psalm 45 & Matthew 23:13-28  
Evening Psalm 85

## NOTICES

### TODAY

#### CHRISTMAS STALLS in St Mary's, Saffron Walden

Your last chance to purchase Christmas items!! We will be selling Handicrafts, Jigsaws at £5 each and Christmas Sweet Treats; cash only please. **Thank you for all your support.**

**8am BCP COMMUNION** Please note that there will be no 8am BCP communion services at St Mary's, Saffron Walden on Christmas Day and 26th December. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Denis

**CHANCEL ROOF REPAIR** Additional repairs have been found and these will delay the works which will now take until mid-February. The work will pause between 16th Dec and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NO TEAM JC** on 26th December and 2nd January. It will restart on 9th January.

**TRANSITION PROJECT UPDATE** The transition Project has had a very successful few weeks since returning to meeting clients face to face. Unfortunately, due to the increasing Covid risks we have now reverted to working from home. Please call 0790 1173 763 or email [swtransitionproject@gmail.com](mailto:swtransitionproject@gmail.com) for help or advice on job searching, CV preparation etc. *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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2KG6P2B5NA73O/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**OASIS** Our next men's lunchtime get together at **The Old English Gentleman** in Gold Street will be as usual the first Wednesday in the month - **5th January from 12noon**. All welcome but please let me know by **Tuesday 4th January** if you intend to come as I have to confirm numbers to secure an adequate table. Bill Rose (tel: 516609, email: [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com))

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

**GLAD TIDINGS FROM GREAT NOTLEY!** Revd Rachel Prior tells us "Sam and I are expecting another baby! The baby is due in early May, so shortly after Maggie turns two. I'll be taking six months of maternity leave this time. Love and best wishes to all at St.Mary's." *Denis & Gill*

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will close at 12noon on Thursday 23 December and re-opens on Wednesday 5 January 2022

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