

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

### Christmas Eve

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4.00pm Lighting the Christmas Tree

6.00pm Lighting the Christmas Tree

Children are welcome to dress as shepherds or angels to take part in the Christmas story. A collection will be shared between the Mayor's charities and EACH.

11.30pm **Midnight Holy Communion**

Carols: 1, 6, 2,13,10

### Christmas Day

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am **Family Communion**

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

### Boxing Day

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Carols:16(omit vs 2&4),17,7,8,11

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662
<i>Epiphany</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	H2H (Parish Rooms)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	1.00pm	Healing Service

**JIMMY'S:** in Cambridge supports the homeless. With any money donated we hope to purchase food, sleeping bags and blankets. Donations can be placed in the blue safe at the back of church. 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)

**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*

**OASIS** Our men's meal at **The Old English Gentleman** will be **Wed 5th Jan at 12noon**. Contact Bill Rose by Tues 4th January if you are coming 516609 or wjr2163@gmail.com

**MEN'S WALK 8th Jan 10am** meeting at St Mary's. Contact Antony Armon-Jones 07736 070508 or toawaj@gmail.com

**St Mary's Christmas Stalls** A **BIG** thank you to everyone. We raised £1272.20 for church funds. Pamela Mugliston



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

## THE GRAPEVINE

### Christmas Edition 2021

This has probably not been the quietest of years for any of us. Even if your everyday is not the busiest, we have all lived with the background of Covid and Brexit, an increasing awareness of global environmental concern, and the emotional and ethical challenge of migrants and refugees wanting to enter this country. This is to say nothing of the events that have eroded trust in those we would look to for leadership. No one has been immune from these events. I offer you this:

This was the moment when Before  
Turned into After, and the future's  
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing  
Happened. Only dull peace  
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans  
Could find nothing better to do  
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment  
When a few farm workers and three  
Members of an obscure Persian sect  
Walked haphazard by starlight straight  
Into the kingdom of heaven.

U A Fanthorpe; BC-AD

Heaven is in the ordinary. The peace and hope that God brought into the world is not to be briefly hoped for just once every year. Neither is it the private possession of the holy and other-worldly. The gift of Christmas is for you, even in the midst of turmoil, each and every day.

May I wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas.

*Jeremy, Rector*

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

## Welcome to St Mary's!

Rector: Revd. Jeremy Trew

Tel: 01799 500947

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

**Parish Office** in St Mary's, Church Path,  
Saffron Walden, CB10 1JP

Tel. 01799 506024

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

(Closed from 12 noon on 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 9.30am on 5<sup>th</sup> January). Due to current conditions the office is not open to personal callers. Thank you for your understanding.

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 in term time (*for children*)  
(*all Sundays except third of the month*)

**Family Service**

(*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month*)

**Evensong**

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

4.00pm

or 6.30pm

in summer

**Evening Communion** with prayers for  
wholeness & healing (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*)

**Taizé Service** (*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*)

**H<sub>2</sub>H Youth Led Service** (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*)

6.30pm

### Tuesdays:

9.30am

5.00pm

St Mary's Tinies (*in term-time*)

**Evening Prayer** (*on Zoom*)

### Wednesdays:

9.30am

**First Thursday of the month**

1.00pm

Holy Communion  
Service with Prayers for Healing

Further details available on the website

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

**Team JC in term time:** 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:** is our youth group which meets on Sunday evenings in the Parish Rooms from 7-8.30pm. It is a great chance to socialise, learn & enjoy each other's company. Plus there's normally food involved!

**Youth Bible Study:** meets on Wednesdays at 4.30pm - 6pm. Here we dive deeper into the Bible and attempt to answer life's big questions.  
*Contact: Matt Williamson  
on 07794 518907*

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

**Brownies:** Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7pm

**Rainbows:** Mondays 4.15pm - 5.30pm

*Contact: Margaret Jacobs on 522801*

**St Mary's Tinies:** is our babies and toddler group which meets on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am in St Mary's Church. Join us for some tea and toast followed by some songs, instruments, bible story and a craft.  
*Contact Matt Williamson  
on 07794 518907*

## Epiphany Carol Service Sunday 23<sup>rd</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: Mr C.D. Jarman  
Telephone: 01799 523384

St Mary's Church Pre-school in the grounds of the Primary School  
Learning through play  
Manager: Maxine Fenwick  
Telephone: 01799 520358

## 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.

*Jeremy Trew*

**Sewing Circle:** meets every Monday from 9.30am at The Priory, making kneelers and banners.

*Contact Tessa Hawkes on 523888*

**Mothers' Union:** Next meeting is in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Thursday 13th January at 2pm. The speaker is Rufus Barnes. Subject: Visiting and Living in Israel. Visitors Welcome  
*Contact Brenda Sheath on 513204*

**Julian Group:** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 9.00pm for a short meditation and discussion.

*Contact Tessa Hawkes on 523888*

**St Mary's Music Association:** supports the Director of Music with practical, administrative and financial support. We have three strong choirs (Joyful Noise, Juniors and Adults and Choral Scholars) and a brass group.  
*Contact Bron Ferland  
on 07427612359 or  
email [music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)*

**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, SW, or  
*Contact Pamela Mugliston on 521697*



Look on our website for  
more news and information:  
[www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)