

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
AROUND THE TEAM**

SUNDAY 30th January

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
+Team JC

4.00pm Taize

All Saints Ashdon

9.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30am Matins

Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Service with a Difference

The Chesterfords, at the Community Centre

10.00am Ecumenical Service

TUESDAY

9.30am St Mary's Tinies, Saffron Walden Church

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Valley

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion - SW Parish Room

9.30am Toddler Church - Great Chesterford

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Valley

THURSDAY

1.00pm Healing Service, Saffron Walden Church

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Valley

NEXT SUNDAY 6TH February

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.00am Holy Communion + Team JC

6.30pm H2H

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.30am Sunday Worship

All Saints Ashdon

9.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Praise

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

9.45am Café Church

All Saints Great Chesterford

11.00am Morning Prayer

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Prayer

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
4th Sunday of Epiphany
Candlemas
30th January 2022**

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Malachi 3 v 1-5

Psalm: Psalm 24[1-6]7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2 v 14-18

Gospel: *Luke 2 v 22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the
mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the
world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In January please pray for: Saffron Walden Community Church, Saffron Walden High School
The family and friends of those who have died recently:
Barbara (Joan) Griffiths nee Thake and Eunice Harris

EVENTS

SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE, Sunday 4pm at Holy Trinity, Littlebury with the theme of Nature and Climate including the animation shown at COP26 'Delphine and the Imaginary Menagerie'. Led by the Home Team. For all ages followed by refreshments.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION, Wednesday 9.30 am at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, will continue to take place in the Parish Rooms so that it is not interrupted by building work.

OASIS Our next men's lunchtime get together will be at the Old English Gentleman on **Wednesday 2nd February from 12 noon**. All welcome but please let me know by Tuesday 1st if you intend to come to enable me to confirm the number attending. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend on this occasion, therefore unable to offer the usual transport.
Bill Rose 516609, wjr2163@gmail.com

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

In February St Mary's will be running the Church of England's '**Living in Love and Faith**' course. This five session course is in response to, and will inform, the debate within the CofE about gender and sexual identity. Broader than that, it has been shown to be an effective way of exploring how we, in a broad church, live with difference of belief and opinion of all kinds. I thoroughly recommend it to anyone who can give the time. Weekly discussions will be from **2.30pm - 4pm on Wednesdays** in the Parish Rooms starting on the **2nd February** (no need to book). After Easter I will be running an evening group. People from all the churches of the team are welcome. *Jeremy Trew*

SILENT PRAYER – TASTER SESSION

Thursday 3rd February at 10am in the Parish Rooms. As Lent approaches, we are being encouraged to listen to God more closely – silent or 'centering' prayer is one approach to this. If you would like to know more, please come to this taster session, in the company of our regular monthly group, to explore whether you would find it helpful in your prayer life. *Judith Hasler*

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 3rd February at 1pm** in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY will take place on **Saturday 5th February from 10am to 4pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. For this important day, please pray for the wedding couples attending.
Caroline Goulder

NOTICES

TODAY
SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE
NATURE AND CLIMATE
HOLY TRINITY, LITTLEBURY 4PM

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: thanks to the generosity of those who attended the two Christmas Tree services on Christmas Eve, at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, we have sent £523 to EACH and £523 to the Mayor's charities.
Denis & Gill

CHANCEL ROOF REPAIR at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. The scaffolding will be removed from Wednesday 2nd February until Friday 18th February. Vehicle access via Museum St will not be possible on weekdays between these dates. *Steve Hasler 525041*

JIMMY'S Please remember our collection for Jimmy's next Sunday **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. The noticeboard at the back of St Mary's, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

PRAYER MINISTRY I am pleased to announce that there will be a member of the Prayer Ministry Team to pray with anyone wanting prayer after each Family service and during Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. This will take place in the North Chapel so do please come and receive some prayer for anything that is troubling you. For more information contact suewalker619@btinternet.com

THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available on the shelves by the servery of St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, and can also be seen on the website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor andycolebrooke@gmail.com by Sunday 7th February.

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

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