

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

**SUNDAY 27th November**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)  
10.00am Family Service with Baptism  
12 noon Baptism  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

**St James' Swards End**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St John's Little Walden**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

6.00pm Advent Carol Service  
+ Lighting of Christmas Tree

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Debden**

9.30am Christingle (livestreamed)

**All Saints Wimbish**

11.30am Baptism

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.30am Family Communion (livestreamed)

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

9.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

11.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**TUESDAY**

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock  
9.30am St Mary's Tinies, Saffron Walden Church  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**WEDNESDAY**

8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden Church  
9.30am Holy Communion, Saffron Walden Church  
9.30am Toddler Church, Great Chesterford  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**THURSDAY**

1.00pm Healing Service, Saffron Walden Church  
2.15pm Mothers' Union Advent Service, Saffron Walden  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**NEXT SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.00am First Sunday Communion (livestreamed)  
6.30pm H2H in the Parish Rooms

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

11.00am Holy Communion

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

4.00pm Café Christingle

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

6.00pm Carol Service

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

9.30am Morning Prayer

# The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today

**1st Sunday of Advent  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of  
holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2 v 1-5

**Psalm:** 122

**Second Reading:** Romans 13 v 11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24 v 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

**Post Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 November please pray for: St Mary's, Lt Chesterford, All Saints, Gt Chesterford, Wimbish & Debden Schools.

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Geoffrey Ball, Ruth Cornell, Michael Start

Those who are being baptised:

**Saffron Walden:** Ruta Jomantaite, Florence Harrington and Hugo Harrington  
**Wimbish:** Wilfred Catchpole

## EVENTS

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Today, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 6.30pm** at St Mary's bringing together churches from across Saffron Walden at the start of preparation for Christmas.

**THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10am** in the North Chapel of St Mary's, SW. Sitting in a socially distanced circle we start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

**A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm** in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**MOTHERS' UNION ADVENT MEDITATION SERVICE at 2.15pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Taken by the Reverend Margaret Davis in the North Chapel, St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome to this thoughtful service. Tea and mince pies to follow.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** for All Saints, Gt Chesterford at Chesterford Community Centre **3<sup>rd</sup> December from 12 noon.**

The next **FAIRTRADE STALL** at St. Mary's, SW will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** after the service - it will be the last stall before Christmas.

**LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE** for St Clare's Hospice to remember the life of someone special on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm** at Horse River Green, Gt Chesterford. Mulled wine, BBQ and toasted marshmallows. All proceeds to support All Saint's church.

A limited number of tickets are now available for the **AFTERSHOCK MEAL on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 6pm for 6.30pm** in the Parish Rooms raising money for **JIMMY'S**. Menu and sign up sheet are at the back of St Mary's, SW or contact Matt Williamson.

Save the date for the **QUINQUA QUIZ on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the Parish Rooms to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Teams of 6, £5 per person. Teams from all of the churches in the team welcome. Contact Chris Bishop or the parish office for more details.

## NOTICES

**NEW SERVICE TIMES to start across the team on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.** Following a detailed consultation over recent months, Team Council has agreed to a new pattern of services across the team which will use our ministry resources more effectively and promote stronger cross-team support. A key change is that from 1<sup>st</sup> January, the main morning service in each church will start at either 9am or 10.30am. Check the websites and future Grapevines for more details.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who so generously filled a shoebox for children who would not otherwise receive any Christmas presents this year. 62 boxes were received at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, and more were donated online. Please pray for all the children who will receive a shoebox, that they will know that they loved, and that they will be touched by God's love for them.

Working together Churches Together in Saffron Walden and the Town Council are pleased to offer a free **WARM WELCOME HUB**. It opens on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** and every Monday until 19<sup>th</sup> December between **10am & 3pm** in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden. Please enter via the back door, facing Starbucks. On offer will be tea, coffee & biscuits throughout the day, along with soup and a roll from 12pm-2pm. There will also be free Wi-Fi, games, cards and provision for phone charging. Everyone is welcome to attend and no booking is required. **Saffron Walden Baptist Church** will also be open as a warm space on **Friday mornings from 10am-12noon** starting on **25<sup>th</sup> November** with refreshments, free Wi-Fi and activities.

**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 Church, Saffron Walden, gives you details. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am** in the Parish Rooms to put together the **CHRISTINGLES** for the service on Sunday 11th at St Mary's, SW. Please contact Gill Caswell if you can help with this.

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY** at 9.00am to [admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

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