

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

**SUNDAY 4th December**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

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

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

9.30am 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

**MONDAY**

7.30pm Light up a Life Service for St Clare's Hospice at St Mary's, SW

**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**

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**SATURDAY**

4.00pm Christingle, Wendens Ambo

**NEXT SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
4.00pm Christingle

**St James' Swards End**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St John's Little Walden**

11.00am Holy Communion

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's Debden**

9.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

4.00pm Carols & Christingle

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

11.00am Holy Communion

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

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

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

# The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today

**2nd Sunday of Advent  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11 v 1-10

**Psalms:** 72 v 1-7, 18-19

**Second Reading:** Romans 15 v 4-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 3 v 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In December please pray for: St Peter's Littlebury Green, Holy Trinity Littlebury, New Life Church Saffron Walden and Great Chesterford School  
The family and friends of those who have died recently: Michael Start

## EVENTS

At **tonight's H2H** we will be finishing off the story of Joseph with the focus on forgiveness. Come and support Harry as he leads us. All welcome in the Parish Rooms at **6.30pm**.

**CHURCH MICE** (Baby & Toddler Group) are meeting on **Monday 5th December** at **1.45pm** in Debden Church, new room.

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

The Prayer Team is placing two **ADVENT PRAYER SPACES** in St Mary's, Saffron Walden from **5th - 12th December**. We pray they will help others to reflect on themes of journeying towards peace as we approach Christmas. Look out for them!

**OASIS** Our next men's lunchtime get together at the Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday, 7th December from 12noon**. All are welcome but please let me know by midday on Tuesday 6th if you are intending to come.  
Bill Rose tel: 516609, email: wjr2163@gmail.com

**WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING**, at St Paul's Mission Hall(next to the school) on **Saturday 10th December 10-11.30am**. Delicious homemade cakes, produce and preserves. All welcome.

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

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on **Tuesday 22nd December** at **7.30pm** at St Mary's, SW. A simple service aimed at those who find Christmas a difficult time and those who want to mark the event rather than celebrate.

A limited number of tickets are now available for the **AFTERSHOCK MEAL** on **Saturday 14th 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.

**LONDON to WALSINGHAM CAMINO**. Anyone is welcome to join Andy Bull to walk parts of this route in April 2023. The Saffron Walden to Withersfield section will take place on **Saturday 15th April** and is 14 miles and will take about 5 hours. Details on our website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/pilgrimage](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/pilgrimage)

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

## NOTICES

Congratulations to Eden Faith and Isaac Game on being awarded the **SMMA BURSARY** for 2022-2023. We are delighted to reward their continued dedication to our worship with financial assistance for their musical endeavours. *Hannah Razzell*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair in Wimbish a success on Saturday. An enjoyable time was had by all in the village.  
*John Saxon*

Alison Trew will be selling packs of the St Mary's, SW **CHRISTMAS CARDS** on the Fair Trade stall this morning, if you missed them at the church fair. Two different designs - £4 for a pack of 6.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated cakes to the Mothers' Union cake stall at the Christmas Fair. We raised over £260 - an excellent result and we could not have achieved it without your help.  
*Brenda Sheath*

**VERY MANY THANKS** to everyone who helped us have such an enjoyable day at the fair in Saffron Walden. A marvellous turnout by our town, coupled with good weather, helped us to create a joyful fun atmosphere which was much appreciated. We are the sum of all our parts and nothing happens without good team work. Special thanks to all who worked behind the scenes and who just got on with the job! The financial total of over £4,600 is a great result and very welcome to the treasurer. Thank you ALL very much again. Photos are available on the Latest News section of the church website.

*Sue & David Birchall, Gill Caswell and Jeremy Trew*

**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.

**THE DEC/JAN EDITION OF PARISH NEWS** is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews)

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