

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

**SUNDAY 18th December**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)  
10.00am Family Service  
6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols (livestreamed)

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

9.30am Sunday Worship

**All Saints Ashdon**

6.30pm Carol Service

**St Mary's Debden**

6.30pm Carol Service

**All Saints Wimbish**

3.00pm Carol Service

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

6.30pm Carol Service

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

11.15am Holy Communion & Carols

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

4.00pm Christingle

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

3.00pm Carol Service

**TUESDAY**

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  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**THURSDAY**

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages  
7.30pm Blue Christmas Service, Saffron Walden Church

**NEXT SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

10.00am Family Communion (livestreamed)

**St James' Sewards End**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St John's Little Walden**

11.15am Holy Communion

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

9.30am Family Communion (livestreamed)

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

11.00am Holy Communion

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

9.30am Holy Communion

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

11.00am Family Communion (livestreamed)

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

9.30am Holy Communion

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

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

# The Grapevine

Welcome to our services today

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

**Collect**

Eternal God,

as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age to see, with her, our great  
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7 v 10-16

**Psalm:** 80 v 1-8,18-20

**Second Reading:** Romans 1 v 1-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 1 v 18-25

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**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

## 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: Glenys Heath, Patricia Jacob, David Lindsell

## EVENTS

**HADSTOCK SILVER BAND** Christmas Sing-along on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** at Hadstock Church. For all ages, so bring the children.

**CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE** in Swards End on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm** followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Donations for Crisis warmly welcomed.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** on **Thursday 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.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING** will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm** in St Mary's Church, SW. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

**LIVING STONES** This will be a **new united service of contemporary worship** once a month starting on **January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden for everyone in the team ministry. After Easter we hope to meet in varying locations across the team. If you would like anymore information please speak to Jeremy, John or Alex.

## NOTICES

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE** on **24<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's, Saffron Walden.** Are you planning on attending, if so would you be prepared to come at 11pm and help with Welcoming? Please contact Pamela on 521697 or pmjteddbear@btinternet.com

**THANKYOU** to everyone who helped prepare the Christingles for the service at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. £385.90 was given at the service for the Children's Society. *Gill Caswell*

The **PARISH OFFICE** will close at 12noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and reopen at 9am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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.

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

## Christmas Eve Services

### St Mary's Saffron Walden

4.00pm Tree Service  
6.00pm Tree Service  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

### St James' Swards End

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

### St Botolph's Hadstock

6.00pm Light of the World service

### All Saints Ashdon

4.00pm Christingle & Carols  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

### All Saints Wimbish

3.00pm Nativity

### St Mary's Debden

5.00pm Nativity Service  
11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion

### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

4.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

### Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Crib Service

### All Saints Great Chesterford

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

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