

# The Grapevine

## Christmas Edition 2022

Each year it is a different element of the Christmas story which seems to be particularly poignant. This year I am mindful of the growing expectancy of a struggling people: Knowing political, economic, and even spiritual loss and failure, the Jewish nation hoped and prayed for God to intervene.

And, God did, although not in anything like the way his people expected or wanted him to. At the heart of the Christmas story is a God who does not stand off and command from afar, or who is absent whilst his people struggle. God is born into his very people, becoming one of them and sharing in their struggle. The incarnation moves the locus of God out from the Holy of Holies and into the home, the pub, the marketplace, the ordinary. The incarnation does not mean that a single one of the world's problems simply disappears, but it does mean that in all the difficulties we face; as individuals, families, nations, and as the whole world; God is with us, and God is for us.

May I wish you a very blessed Christmas, and may God be your guest. Jeremy

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

## Christmas Day Services

### St Mary's Saffron Walden

10.00am Family Communion

### St James' Sewards End

9.30am Holy Communion

### St John's Little Walden

11.15am Holy Communion

### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30am Family Communion

### Holy Trinity Littlebury

11.00am Holy Communion

### St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.30am Holy Communion

### All Saints Great Chesterford

11.00am Family Communion

### St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Holy Communion

### All Saints Ashdon joint with Hadstock

9.30am Holy Communion

### All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Holy Communion

### Midweek Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am St Mary's, SW

### Team New Year's Day Service

Holy Communion, St Mary's, Saffron Walden at 10.30am (livestreamed) Coffee at 10.00am

### Midweek Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am St Mary's, SW

### Healing Service

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm St Mary's, SW

## Services on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Please remember the service times have changed

### St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am 1662 Holy Communion

10.30am Second Sunday Communion (livestreamed)  
+ Team JC

12noon Baptism

4.00pm Choral Evensong

### St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

### St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

### All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

### Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Churches Café Church

## NOTICES

**OASIS** Our next men's lunchtime get-together at the Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January from 12 noon**. As usual, all are welcome but if you intend coming, please let me know by **midday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

Bill Rose 01799 516609 or [wjr2163@gmail.com](mailto:wjr2163@gmail.com)

## Welcome to Saffron Walden and Villages Team

On these pages you will find details of the regular activities that take place in the churches across the team. If you would like any more information please contact the person indicated or the Parish Office on 506024 or office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

The Parish Office will reopen Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

### Other Activities

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

Contact Tessa Hawkes on 523888

**Mothers' Union:** Next meeting is in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. The speaker is Steve Hasler. Subject: Almshouses; Past, Present and Future.

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 in Saffron Walden with practical, administrative and financial support. We have three strong choirs (Joyful Noise, Juniors and Adults and Choral Scholars) and a brass group.

Contact Hannah Razzell

on 07779005842 or

email 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, Saffron Walden, or Contact Pamela Mugliston on 521697

**RiPPles** meets on the second Tuesday of the month. For women based on prayer, practicality and outreach in Gt Chesterford. Contact Pam Maskell for more details on 530098

**Homegroup** meets for Bible study on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 2 St John's Close, Gt Chesterford. Contact Rev'd John Risby on 530232

**Worship & Word** meets for prayer and reflection on second and fourth Wednesdays at 6.00pm at St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Coffee Mornings

**Wimbish** monthly coffee mornings at St Paul's Mission Hall.

Refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, produce and preserves.

Next date Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am-11.30am.

**Littlebury Pop-up** coffee mornings at Littlebury Church. Coffee is freshly brewed with a choice of homemade cakes. Next date Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10am-11.30am.

**Meeting Point** meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 10.30am - 12noon at 3 Haggars Close, Gt Chesterford. Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Contact Elizabeth Marshall on 530265

**Tea at Two** on the second Wednesday of the month at Gt Chesterford Church at 2pm. Come and have tea & cake. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sewards End** 10am-noon on the first Friday of the month at the Village Hall - All welcome for coffee and a chat. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### LIVING STONES

A new contemporary worship service for all in the team. Starting 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden

The times of regular Sunday morning services at all our churches are changing in the New Year and the monthly service pattern is also changing in several churches. Please check the Grapevine, service posters and the website for details or contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.



Information about all of the churches in the team can be found at  
www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org

### Children's & Youth Activities

**Team JC in term time:** for children aged 3 to 11. Meets in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden for breakfast at 10:15am on Sunday. Followed by games, stories and crafts. Starting 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Aftershock Youth Club:** is our youth group which meets on Sunday evenings in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden from 7-8.30pm. It is a great chance to socialise, learn & enjoy each other's company. Plus there's normally food involved!. Starting 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Sewards End Youth Club** meets at the Village Hall monthly on Fridays at 7pm for school years 5-7. Starting 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Youth Bible Study:** meets on Wednesdays at 4.30pm - 6pm in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden. Here we dive deeper into the Bible and attempt to answer life's big questions. Starting 11<sup>th</sup> January

**St Mary's Tinies:** is our baby and toddler group which meets on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. Join us for some tea and toast followed by some songs, instruments, bible story and a craft. Starting 10<sup>th</sup> January  
For all the above activities contact:  
Matt Williamson on 07794 518907

**Young Saints** youth group meets alternate Saturdays at 7pm in Gt Chesterford church, for school year 7 upwards.  
Contact Caroline Jeewan on 531153

**Building Blocks** is our baby and toddler group that meets in Great Chesterford church on Wednesdays at 9.30am starting on 11<sup>th</sup> January.  
Contact Anna Martin  
annaarmstrongmartin@live.co.uk

**Church Mice** is our baby and toddler group that meets at Debden church on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 1.45pm-3pm starting on 9<sup>th</sup> January.  
Contact John Saxon 541619

### 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, Alex, John & Ella