

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.25am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

All Saints Wimbish

5.00pm Taizé style service

St James' Sewards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden (Parish Rooms)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, SW (Parish Rooms)
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
9.30am Holy Communion, SW (Parish Rooms)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd November

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
4.00pm Taizé

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peters Littlebury Green

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7pm Compline

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

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

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
by 9.00am on Wednesday.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
16th November 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent**

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Malachi 4 v 1-2a

Psalm: 98

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3 v 6-13

Gospel: Luke 21 v 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'
They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.
When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In November please pray for St Mary's,
Lt Chesterford & All Saints Gt Chesterford.
Wimbish and Debden Primary Schools

The family and friends of those who have died recently: John Reid, Terence 'Terry' Woolhouse, Pamela Newman, Veronica Faulkner

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at Holy Trinity, Littlebury on **22nd & 23rd November from 10am-4pm** Free entry - vote for your favourite. Teas, cakes, soup lunches and live music.

ST MARY'S, SW CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 29th November from 10am to 1pm.

WIMBISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 29th November from 11.30am- 2pm at St Paul's Mission Hall. Light refreshments, raffle, tombola, produce, cakes and much more. Everyone is most welcome.

Great and Little Chesterford are holding their **CHRISTMAS FAIR** on **29th November** in All Saints' Great Chesterford starting at **12pm**. The Grand Draw will take place at the end of the afternoon, Father Christmas will be making a visit out of his busy schedule, there will be stalls selling all kinds of festive fare, tombolas, teas, cakes and lunches and **much more**.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP at St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish on **Wednesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th December at 4.00pm** using Paula Gooder's study book entitled 'Women of the Nativity' – a gentle, reflective study of some of the lesser-known women of the Bible. Tea and cake will be served! Please let Rev'd Lynda know if you will be attending so she can order the correct number of study books.

BBC Radio 3's weekly CHORAL EVENSONG will be broadcast LIVE from St Mary's, SW on **Wednesday 10th December at 3pm**. We will be hosting the prestigious choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. All are very welcome to be part of the congregation for this special service. The BBC asks that the congregation be seated at 2.30pm or by 2.45pm at the very latest. Please join us! Any questions, speak to Vivian Falk or Hannah Razzell. www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002mwk5

ADVENT PRAYER & WORSHIP on **Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm** at All Saints, Gt Chesterford.

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TODAY

TAIZÉ SERVICE

at All Saints, Wimbish at 5pm

Join us for a peaceful and reflective Taizé service Rooted in prayer, silence, and simple chants, this gentle gathering offers space to pause, listen, and be still in God's presence. Whether you're familiar with Taizé or simply curious, all are warmly welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards—stay and share in fellowship.

Come as you are. Leave with peace.

NOTICES

Helpers are needed to prepare the **CHRISTINGLES** for St Mary's, SW in the Parish Rooms on **Friday 12th December at 9.30am**. Please bring an apron and an apple corer if you have one. *Gill Caswell*

GIFTS for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree service at St Mary's, SW. If you are considering buying a gift for this service, the gifts will be going to a Women's Refuge. Unwrapped gifts for children of all ages along with unwrapped presents for the women will be gratefully received. See church website for more details.

CRACKERS - Diana will take orders for 100 hand-crafted Christmas Crackers until Friday 28th November. £3.50 each. Please advise adult/child/male/female/non specific by email dd.hoy@ntlworld.com

CANDLES at St Mary's, SW. Kathleen Huey and Lesley Green would like to retire from trimming the candles. If you think this is something you would like to do, please speak to them.

ST MARY'S, SW CHRISTMAS FAIR

We have now put up a sign-up and information sheet at the back of St Mary's. If you have not already offered help, and wish to be involved, please contact Sue Birchall on 07813 947157 or email sbirchall29@gmail.com. Thank you all for your support, without which of course; there would not be a fair.

SUNDAY COFFEE - help needed at St Mary's, SW! Many of us enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat after the 10.30 service. However, we badly need a few more volunteers to help make and serve the coffee and tea. The equipment is very easy to use, and serving is a lovely opportunity to talk to everyone as they pass through. If you feel you could help out, perhaps twice every 3 months, on days to suit you, please talk to Kathryn Bennett or Andy Robinson – we would be very grateful! Most help is needed when serving the drinks after the service so if you feel you could help just with that part, please do talk to us - any offer of help would be brilliant. Thank you!