

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

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

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 30th November

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Team Service (livestreamed)
12.15pm Baptism
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

*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
23rd November 2025
Christ the King**

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23 v 1-6

Psalm: 46

Second Reading: Colossians 1 v 11-20

Gospel: Luke 23 v 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Pamela Newman, Jean Faulkner, Elizabeth Ann Gould, June Overton

Those who are being baptised:

Gt Chesterford: Alfred Britton, Isabella Morris and also those at **Wimbish & Debden**

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**.

Our next **TEAM EUCHARIST** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden, will be at **10.30am on Advent Sunday**. After the service there will be a Fair Trade stall selling lots of Christmas goodies. Cash only, please. Amnesty will also be offering an opportunity to write brief letters to several people whose only wish is for freedom and justice. Please go along to both and join in with what is on offer. *Jeremy*

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.

Some of St Mary's Choir and friends will be out **CAROL SINGING** on the evening of **Tuesday 9th December**, weather permitting. You would be very welcome to join us. Times to follow next week.

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.

NOTICES

NOT YOUTH, NOT RETIRED? I would like to meet with you to discuss how I can best support you on your journey and encourage you in your faith at St Mary's, SW. *Jeremy*
A Doodle Poll of possible dates and times can be found here:



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!

SPECTACLES Are you missing a pair of black framed glasses left in the Parish Rooms? If so, please collect them from the Parish Office.

LIGHTING The first phase of the new lighting at St Mary's, SW was handed over last week and the lights for the north and south aisles and the downlights in the nave and below the chancel steps are being used for the first time today. If you are responsible for switching on the lights for services in these areas the church, please make contact for a short briefing on the use of the new controls. *Steve Hasler & Vivian Falk*

CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH St Mary's, SW Christmas Fair orders are now being taken for your fresh Christmas Door Wreath costing £25. Orders by 26th November. Please contact *Jane Knight* 500502 or *Pam Russell* 524638

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