

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.25am Sunday Clube (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Team Holy Communion
(livestreamed)
12.15pm Baptism
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

St Botolph's Hadstock

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
10.00am 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 with prayers for
wholeness & healing (Parish Rooms)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam
Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 7th December

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

5.00pm Christingle

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Café Church & Christingle

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Worship

*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
30th November 2025
Advent Sunday**

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Isaiah 2 v 1-5

Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 15 v 4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3 v 1-12

Jesus said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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: Jean Faulkner, Elizabeth Ann Gould, June Overton, Simon Clarke

Those who are being baptised:
Saffron Walden: Felicity Chapman

EVENTS

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*

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 3rd December, from 12 noon**. As always, all are welcome but if you are intending to join us please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 2nd December and I will look forward to seeing you there. *Bill Rose*
email: wjr2163@gmail.com tel: 01799 516609

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.

The next time of **SILENT PRAYER** will be on **Thursday 4th December at 10am** in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden. We start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information. *Judith Hasler*

WINSTANLEY LATE NIGHT SHOPPING, Friday 5th December, 4.15pm - 9.00 pm.

St Mary's, SW are taking a stall at this event. The object is to promote the church and, in particular, our Christmas Services, to this end we will be serving refreshments and laying on activities for children. In addition we will have some Choral Scholars singing carols, and a stint with our handbell ringers. Please come and see us and bring your friends.

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.
6.30pm Children's play area, Campling St CB10 2PT
7.15pm Jacob Place, Edwin Gardens CB10 2TB
8.00pm Children's play area, Howland Cl. CB10 2GT

EVENTS

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.

CAROL SERVICE Saturday 13th December at 5pm at St John's Little Walden

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:



CHURCH LIGHTING St Mary's SW. We have 40 -50% of the new lighting handed over, the rest will be completed at the end of February. Please let us have any comments as you experience the new lights, particularly during this period when we are learning how to adjust the lighting levels and program which lights are on and off. Many thanks. *Steve Hasler & Vivian Falk*

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