

## SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

### SUNDAY 21st December

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.25am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
6.30pm Carol Service (livestreamed)

#### St Mary's Debden

6.30pm Carol Service

#### All Saints Wimbish

3.00pm Carol Service

#### All Saints Ashdon

6.30pm Carol Service

#### St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

#### Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Carol Service

#### St Peter's Littlebury Green

6.00pm Carols & Christingle Service

#### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

6.30pm Carol Service

#### All Saints Great Chesterford

4.00pm Christingle

#### St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 28th December

#### Team Holy Communion Service hosted by St Mary's, SW 10.30am

This service won't be livestreamed

### SUNDAY 4th January

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

#### All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

#### St James' Sewards End

10.30am Holy Communion

#### St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

#### St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.30am Sunday Worship

#### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion  
12.30pm Baptism

#### All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

#### St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Worship

The next Grapevine will be for **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January** please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.30am** to [admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto:admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

# The Grapevine

## Christmas Edition

### Welcome to our service today

If you're going to be away over Christmas then I hope you have a wonderful time. If you're here, and if you're hosting, I hope that you will find in the many and diverse services our group of Churches are holding over this season that which will warm your heart and stir your soul. If you are packing to go or simply wrapping presents, consider this: Christmas is the story of the God who fills the universe with creativity, light, love and life itself choosing to respond to the sadness, failures, and general human propensity to mess things up, not with a wagging finger, anger or judgement from a distance, but by becoming as us; small, finite, limited and vulnerable. And, from that all so familiar human position, to demonstrate the greatest love and establish the strongest hope that has ever been known, that we might know true love and receive real hope. This Christmas I invite you to unwrap the greatest present ever given.

Happy Christmas  
Jeremy

### MINISTRY TEAM

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**Links for livestreamed services are available on the website and in the weekly bulletin. Please contact the Team Administrator to be added to the mailing list.**

## Welcome

to Saffron Walden and Villages Team.  
Information about regular activities for all  
of the churches in the team can be found  
at [www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org](http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In December please pray for New Life Church,  
St Peter's Littlebury Green, Holy Trinity Littlebury and  
Gt Chesterford Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently:  
John Badcock

Those whose banns are being read:  
**Hadstock:** Max Donnelly and Sarah Bayes

### NOTICES

The **PARISH OFFICE** is closed from 12noon on 24<sup>th</sup>  
December until 9.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Thank you to  
all who have helped us in 2025. Anthea & Claire

**MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**,  
(Parish Rooms, SW). There **won't** be a midweek Holy  
Communion service on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**.  
There **will** be a service on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
December at 9.30am**.

**SILENT PRAYER** will take place on **New Years Day**,  
**1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, at 10am** in the Parish Room,  
SW. It starts with a short reading and stilling exercise,  
followed by 20 minutes of silence and concluding with  
the Lord's Prayer. Do join us to start the New Year  
gently listening to God.

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 8am** at St Mary's,  
SW. Due to scaffolding in the chancel this service will  
be held in the south chapel each Sunday during  
January.

**OASIS** Please note that our next Men's lunchtime get  
together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street  
will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026, from 12  
noon**. As always all are welcome and I look forward to  
seeing as many of you as possible. If you are planning  
to come please let me know by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.  
*Bill Rose*  
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All carers with their preschoolers welcome to  
**TINIES** which restarts on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at  
10am** in the Parish Rooms, SW and **BUILDING  
BLOCKS** which restarts on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
at 9.30am** at All Saints, Gt Chesterford.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** hosted by the  
Community Church, restarts after Christmas on  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30pm - 6pm**.  
Contact Julie Lester for more details.  
[stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com)

## ALPHA COURSE

**Thursday evenings, 8<sup>th</sup> January-26<sup>th</sup> March**  
at the Vicarage, Gt Chesterford, CB10 1NP

**An open space to unpack life's big  
questions. For anyone who's curious about  
the Christian faith.**

For more details contact Rev'd Ella Harris at  
[revellaharris@gmail.com](mailto:revellaharris@gmail.com)

**23<sup>rd</sup> December St Mary's, Wendens Ambo**  
4.00pm Crib Service

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

4.00pm Lighting the Tree  
6.00pm Lighting the Tree  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

#### St Mary's Debden

5.00pm Nativity

#### All Saints Wimbish

3.00pm Nativity  
11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion

#### All Saints Ashdon

4.00pm Christingle and Carols  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

#### St Botolph's Hadstock

6.00pm Light of the World

#### Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Crib Service

#### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.30pm Midnight in Bethlehem

#### All Saints Great Chesterford

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

#### St Mary's Saffron Walden

10.30am Family Communion

#### St Mary's Debden joint with Wimbish

10.00am Christmas Eucharist

#### All Saints Ashdon joint with Hadstock

9.30am Christmas Celebration followed by  
Holy Communion

#### St James' Searoads End

10.30am Holy Communion

#### St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

#### Holy Trinity Littlebury joint with Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

#### St Mary's Wendens Ambo

10.30am Holy Communion

#### All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Family Communion

#### St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

### 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