

**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

9.30am Village Worship

St James' Seward 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

joint with Gt Chesterford

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 Holy Communion with prayers for wholeness
and healing, SW (Parish Rooms)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam
Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 11th January

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.25am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
4.00pm Epiphany Choral Evensong

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Cam Churches Together

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
4th January 2026
Epiphany**

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 60 v 1-6

Psalm: 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3 v 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2 v 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light discern the glory of your
presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church and Saffron Walden County High 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

Those who are being baptised:
Wendens Ambo: Daisy Palmer

EVENTS

Sunday 4th January

Lt Chesterford are joining Gt Chesterford for their service at 10.30am.

OASIS Please note that our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 7th 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 6th January.

Bill Rose

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All carers with their preschoolers welcome to **TINIES** which restarts on **Tuesday 6th January at 10am** in the Parish Rooms, SW and **BUILDING BLOCKS** which restarts on **Wednesday 14th January at 9.30am** at All Saints, Gt Chesterford.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY hosted by the Community Church, restarts on **Wednesday 7th January from 4.30pm - 6pm**. Contact Julie Lester for more details. stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 10th January from 10am - 11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE
Debden Church – **Sunday, 25th January 2026 at 3pm**

You are warmly invited to join us for a joyful afternoon as we share together in some of our much-loved hymns and readings. Following the service, we look forward to enjoying fellowship and conversation over refreshments!

EVENTS

Friends of St Mary's, SW invite you to '**The Camino Pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostela**' a talk by Mark Vernon & Julie Kendall, in the Parish Rooms on Monday **26th January at 7.30pm**. Free glass of wine & nibbles. Donations on the night. Please contact John Forster on 0778661777 or jsforster6@gmail.com for catering purposes.

DEANERY SYNOD MEETING on **Wednesday 4th February 7.30pm for 7.45pm** at Thaxted Church Hall. Deanery Synod meetings are open to all.

ALPHA COURSE

Thursday evenings, 8th January-26th 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

NOTICES

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.

COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jejpickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 4th January**.

LIVESTREAMING We apologise that we were unable to live stream the Christmas Day service at St Mary's, SW due to a technical fault which has now been resolved.

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