

**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)
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

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

NEXT SUNDAY 18th January

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Service for Christian Unity(livestreamed)
with children's activities available at the
back of church

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion with prayers for
healing

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
11th January 2026
Baptism of Christ**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as
your Son: may we recognize him as
our Lord and know ourselves to be
your beloved children; through Jesus
Christ our Saviour

First Reading: Isaiah 42 v 1-9

Psalm: 72

Second Reading: Acts 10 v 34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3 v 13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan
to be baptised by John. But John tried
to deter him, saying, "I need to be
baptised by you, and do you come to
me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is
proper for us to do this to fulfil all
righteousness." Then John consented.
As soon as Jesus was baptised, he
went up out of the water. At that
moment heaven was opened, and he
saw the Spirit of God descending like
a dove and lighting on him. And a
voice from heaven said, "This is my
Son, whom I love; with him I am well
pleased."

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved
Son: by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our
rebirth through the waters of the new
creation;
through 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: Wendy Linney

EVENTS

AFTERSHOCK restarts **TODAY** (Sunday 11th January). In the Parish Rooms from **7pm-8.30pm** for ages 11-18 years. For further details contact Julie Lester stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com

All carers with their preschoolers are welcome at **BUILDING BLOCKS** which restarts on **Wednesday 14th January at 9.30am** at All Saints, Gt Chesterford.

POP UP COFFEE on **Wednesday 14th January from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome.

UNITED SERVICE for the week of Christian Unity, **Sunday 18th January at 10.30am** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden

Great and Little Chesterford will be holding a joint **ECUMENICAL SERVICE** on **Sunday 25th January** in Little Chesterford Village Hall starting at **10.30am**. It is hoped that as many other local denominations as possible will join us for this special service

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!

Friends of St Mary's, SW invite you to '**The Camino Pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostelea**' 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.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE on **Monday 26th January at 1.40pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. Rabbi Alexandra Wright will be the speaker.

EVENTS

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

THE QUINQUAQUIZ will be on **Saturday 14th February 7pm for 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms. Teams of 6 at £5 per head. Please register with the Parish Office. All further information from Chris Bishop. 01799 523722 or 07810 851002

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.

LOST PROPERTY If you have left anything at St Mary's, SW over the Christmas period, please can you check the lost property box. The contents will be disposed of after **Sunday 18th January**.

The **CHOIR** is seeking a dark red adult robe for our new assistant organist. Rather than spend out for a new one, I'm wondering if anyone knows a church where they would be willing to give us a long-term loan. Please let me know if you can help. Gill Gibson 07876018256

EXTERNAL CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS, St Mary's SW - these are being removed for a couple of weeks to enable accurate measurements to be made for the fixings of the new boards that will replace them

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