

**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' Seward's 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

**SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY**

# *The Grapevine*

Welcome to our services today  
11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> January). In the Parish Rooms from **7pm-8.30pm** for ages 11-18 years. For further details contact Julie Lester [stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschildrenandyouth@gmail.com)

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

**POP UP COFFEE** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden

Great and Little Chesterford will be holding a joint **ECUMENICAL SERVICE** on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Compostela**' a talk by Mark Vernon & Julie Kendall, in the Parish Rooms on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**. Free glass of wine & nibbles. Donations on the night. Please contact John Forster on 0778661777 or [jsforster6@gmail.com](mailto:jsforster6@gmail.com) for catering purposes.

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

## EVENTS

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

**THE QUINQUAQUIZ** will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## MINISTRY TEAM

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