

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

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 the 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

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 25th January

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Family Service
4.00pm Taizé style Service

St Mary's Debden

3.00pm Songs of Praise

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.00am Holy Communion

Little Chesterford Village Hall

10.30am Ecumenical Service

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

*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
18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Week of Christian Unity**

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 49 v 1-7

Psalms: 40 v 1-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 v 1-9

Gospel: John 1 v 29-42

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Daniel Brown, Roger Grace

EVENTS

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

AGAPE MEAL for the week for Christian Unity on **Monday 19th January, 7pm for 7.30pm** at the Baptist Church. Please email John at Minister@sw-bc.org by Sunday 18th if you wish to attend, for catering purposes.

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.

CHURCH BUILDINGS SUPPORT CONVERSATION ROADSHOW **Saturday 24th January 10am –1pm** in the Parish Rooms, SW. 'The View' has more information including how to book a place.

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 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.

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

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

The **LIGHTING INSTALLATION** contractors at St Mary's SW are now working in the chancel and sanctuary and we are also carrying out some plasterwork repairs from scaffolding at the same time. Unless we find unexpected problems the scaffolding should be removed by the end of January. Thank you for your patience as we do this work, especially to the choir and our 8am congregation. *Steve Hasler*

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

CHOIR PHOTOS. A selection of photos of St Mary's SW choirs from Christmas can be found on a board in the west porch. *Martin*

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