

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

SUNDAY 28th January**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service
(livestreamed)

St Mary's Debden

4.00pm Christingle

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Sunday Worship

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am United Service at
Chesterford Community Centre

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden
9.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

THURSDAY

10.00am Silent Prayer, Saffron Walden

NEXT SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
9.15am for 9.30am start Wiggle Church
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm H2H

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

9.00am Café Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

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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.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
4th Sunday of Epiphany
Candlemas
28th January 2024**

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

First Reading: Hebrews 2 v 14-18

Psalm: 24

Second Reading: Malachi 3 v 1-5

Gospel: Luke 2 v 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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: Samantha Leese

EVENTS

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** at St Mary's, SW will be available both before and after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 28th January**, today. Cash only please.

CANDLEMASS CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Mary's, Debden on **Sunday 28th January**, today, at 4pm. Refreshments from 3.30pm.

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 1st February** at 10am in the North Chapel of St Mary's, SW. We start with a brief introduction leading into 20 minutes of silent prayer. All very welcome. Do contact me if you would like more information.

Judith Hasler

DEANERY SYNOD 7th February at 7.30pm at Thaxted Church Hall.

The **QUINQUA QUIZ** is on **Saturday 10th February at 7pm** in the Parish Rooms to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Teams of 6, £5 per person. Teams from all of the churches in the team welcome. There is a sign up sheet for those looking to join others to make a team in St Mary's, SW. Contact Chris Bishop or the Parish Office for more details.

Date for your diary! Aftershock will be hosting their annual **JIMMY'S MEAL** on the **9th March 2024**. The menu and sign up will be up at the back of church by the end of January. It will be an amazing night of delicious food and excellent entertainment with all donations going to the work of Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. Make sure you sign up early as places go quickly! *Matt Williamson*

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

NOTICES

United Service

Chesterford Churches Together
10.30am at the Community Centre
on Sunday 28th January, today.

WIGGLE CHURCH is back on **4th February at 9.15am** for croissants and coffee followed by a fast paced, energetic 30 minute service which will include kids worship songs, bible stories and activities to do as a family. It is aimed at 0-7 year olds, however older siblings are welcome. Would be great to see you there.

AID for UKRAINE. SW Rotary Club are collecting the following items on behalf of UK-AID on **Saturday 3rd February from 9am -1pm** at the Common car park: food, toiletries, warm clothing, cleaning materials, cooking utensils, crockery, torches and batteries. Cash donations will be used to purchase generators.

The **SPRING CLEAN OF THE PARISH ROOMS, SW** on Saturday 17th February has been postponed.

THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at

www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews
COPY for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor andycolebrooke@gmail.com by **Sunday 4th February**.

UDC are consulting on introducing charging for parking on Sundays in Saffron Walden in all of it's car parks. If you would like to comment on this, the deadline is **Friday 2nd February**. Comments can be left at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/car-parking-consultation

If you need to contact Rev'd Trew, please use email as the rectory telephone line is awaiting repair.

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