

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

SUNDAY 17th November**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
4.00pm Living Stones (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

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

NEXT SUNDAY 24th November

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

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 Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
2nd Sunday before Advent
17th November 2024**

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Psalm 78 v1-4

Gospel: Matthew 13 v 1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

*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.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In November please pray for St Mary's, Lt Chesterford, All Saints, Gt Chesterford, Wimbish & Debden Schools

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Pam Waters, Michael Webb

EVENTS

CHURCH MICE for carers, babies and toddlers will meet on **Monday 18th November from 1.45pm - 3pm** in St Mary's, Debden.

COFFEE MORNING at St Mary's, Wendens Ambo on **Thursday 21st November from 10.30am to noon.**

ST MARY'S, SW CHRISTMAS FAIR is on **30th November from 10am to 1pm** Help is still needed. Please check the list at the back of church. Donations are needed for the tombola, grand draw, plant stall, children's toys and Christmas food (cake, mince pies or preserves) stall. Cake is also needed for refreshments. Thank you all again. Any queries, please call Sue Birchall 07813 947157 or sbirchall29@gmail.com

All Saints Church Wimbish will be holding their annual **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on **Saturday November 30th 11.30am-2.00pm**. This will be in St Pauls Mission in Tye Green Wimbish (CB10 2XE) not in the Village Hall. There will be refreshments including soup, a Raffle and stalls including Produce, Christmas decorations, Lucky Parcels, Cakes and Bottle Board. Everyone is most welcome.

The **CHESTERFORDS CHRISTMAS FAIR** is on **30th November** in All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford starting at **12pm until 4pm**. Father Christmas will be in attendance and light lunches, tea and cakes can be enjoyed while perusing the Christmas themed stalls. The Grand Draw will be drawn at the end of the afternoon so please come and support the Great and Little Chesterford churches.

CONFIRMATION

St Mary's, Saffron Walden, will be welcoming Bishop Roger and hosting a Deanery Confirmation Service on **Sunday 26th January 10.30am**
Anyone, adult or younger, interested in this please contact

Adults- Jeremy rector@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
Youth- Ella revellaharris@gmail.com

for details of preparation meetings

TODAY

LIVING STONES
Contemporary Worship service
Sunday 17th November in the
Parish Rooms at 4pm

NOTICES

TINIES (The carer, toddler & parent group at St Mary's, SW) are looking for extra help on a Tuesday morning during term time. If you can help with refreshments, speak to the care givers, set-up activities for the children or with the tech, please contact the parish office on 01799 506024. All volunteers will need to go through the Safer Recruitment process including a DBS check.

Orders can still be made for your fresh **CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH**. The cost is £25. Contact Jane Knight 500502 or Pam Russell 524638.

THE QUIET MORNING, at St Mary's, SW on **Saturday 14th December has been postponed**. Look out for a new date in the spring.

2025 LITTLEBURY WILDLIFE CALENDAR A4 wall calendar opening to A3 - £9.99 Beautiful photos taken by local photographer. On sale at Animall in Littlebury (cash only) or contact janicerust@btinternet.com All proceeds to Holy Trinity and the Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS CARD for St Mary's, SW.

There will be a large Christmas card at the back of church for all to sign for each other. Any donations given in lieu of the cost of individual cards will be donated to Uttlesford foodbank. The card will be available from Sunday 8th December.

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