

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

SUNDAY 1st December**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

All Saints Wimbish

9.00am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

6.00pm Advent Service

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Café Christingle

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Advent Service

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, including prayers for
wholeness & healing, Saffron Walden
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 8th December

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed) & Baptism
4.00pm Christingle

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Sung Matins
4.00pm Christingle

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Cam Villages Together service

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
1st Sunday in Advent
1st December 2024**

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3 v 9-13

Psalm: 25 v 1-9

Second Reading: Jeremiah 33 v 14-16

Gospel: Luke 21 v 25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service

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 December please pray for St Peter's, Littlebury Green, Holy Trinity, Littlebury, New Life Church & Great Chesterford CofE Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Pam Waters, Paul 'Harry' Pledger

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

on Saturday 30th November

10am-1pm St Mary's, SW
11.30am – 2pm All Saints, Wimbish at St Paul's Mission Hall
12noon-4pm Chesterfords at All Saints, Gt Chesterford

CHURCH MICE Parent and Toddler Group will be meeting on **Monday 2nd December** from **1.45pm to 3pm** in the New Room at Debden Church. Come along for play, craft and songs.

Our next Men's get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 4th December, from 12 noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are planning to come along please confirm with me by Tuesday 3rd December and I will look forward to seeing you there.

Bill Rose: **email:** wjr2163@gmail.com **tel:** 01799 516609

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 5th December** 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*

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** will be available after the **10.30am** service on **Sunday 8th December** at St Mary's, SW. Cash only please.

CAROL SINGING by St Mary's, SW & friends on **Tuesday 10th December**.

7.30pm Children's play area, Campling St, CB10 2PT
8.20pm Children's play area, Howland Close, CB10 2GT

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NOTICES

The funeral service for Pam Waters will be held at St Peter's Church, Littlebury Green at 11am on Tuesday 3rd December.

Helpers are needed to prepare the **CHRISTINGLES** for St Mary's, SW in the Parish Rooms on **Friday 6th December** at **9.30am**. Please bring an apron and an apple corer if you have one. *Gill Caswell*

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.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS - are available to order until Sunday 1st December - each contains a snap, hat, motto, gift *and* something to play with - same price as last year £3.50 each - choose your colour co-ordination? Please email Diana with order at dd.hoy@ntlworld.com - giving numbers of adults/children (ages useful) and male/female/nonspecific.

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.

ADDITIONAL WELCOMERS NEEDED at

St Mary's, SW. Are you planning to attend any of the following services; 6pm Treelighting on Christmas Eve, 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion or 10.30am Family Communion on Christmas Day? If so, do you think you might be able to join our team of Welcomers, handing out service sheets, helping with the collection, etc.? Please have a word with Vivian.

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS

is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews