

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

**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

**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 15th December**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

**St Mary's Debden**

4.00pm Christingle

**All Saints Wimbish**

3.00pm Carol Service

**St James' Sewards End**

10.30am Morning Praise

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

9.00am Sunday Worship

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

4.00pm Carol Service

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

6.30pm Carol Service

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

6.00pm Carol Service

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

3.30pm Carol Service

# *The Grapevine*

**Welcome to our services today  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**First Reading:** Philippians 1 v 3-11

**Psalm:** No Psalm this week

**Second Reading:** Malachi 3 v 1-3

**Gospel:** Luke 3 v1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' "

**Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to [admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org](mailto: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:** Paul 'Harry' Pledger, Beryl Rowan, Kathie Lester

**Those who are being baptised** at St Mary's, SW

## EVENTS

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

**CAROL SINGING** by St Mary's, SW & friends on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.  
7.30pm Children's play area, Campling St, CB10 2PT  
8.20pm Children's play area, Howland Close, CB10 2GT

**WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING** at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, postcode CB10 2XE. **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce. Thank you to everyone who has supported our coffee mornings in the last year.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at **7.30pm** at St Mary's, SW is a quiet service for those who wish to mark Christmas, but find it too difficult to celebrate. All welcome.

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## NOTICES

**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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR THANKS

Very many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the fair at **St Mary's, SW** a very enjoyable day for our visitors. Over £4250 has been banked so far and there is often a little more to come. Thank you Sue Birchall

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way at the **Chesterfords'** Christmas Fair on Saturday. Thanks to all of you who turned out to support us and make it a fun afternoon, to all the stallholders, to all the kitchen staff, to Father Christmas and his Elves and especially to all those who stayed behind to help clear up. We were very pleased to have made a healthy profit of £2104 for church funds.

Many thanks to those who worked hard to make the **Wimbish** Bazaar successful and to all who came along to make a lovely atmosphere. £841 was raised.

Still looking for an **ADVENT CALENDAR?**  
Look no further! Our Diocesan Environment Team has produced an Advent Calendar containing 24 good news stories from churches and schools putting care for God's Creation at the heart of their mission.  
[www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news/chelmsford-diocese-environment-advent-calendar](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news/chelmsford-diocese-environment-advent-calendar)

## CONFIRMATION

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

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for details of preparation meetings