

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

SUNDAY 15th December**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

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

St Mary's Debden

5.00pm 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

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY

5.00pm Carol Service, Sewards End
5.00pm Carol Service, Little Walden

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd December

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

St Mary's Debden

6.30pm Carol Service

All Saints Ashdon

6.30pm Carol Service

St Peter's Littlebury Green

6.00pm Carols & Christingle Service

All Saints Great Chesterford

4.00pm Christingle

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
3rd Sunday in Advent
15th December 2024**

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age to see, with her, our great
salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Micah 5 v 2-5a

Psalm: 80 v 1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 10 v 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1 v 39-45

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy
will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Paul 'Harry' Pledger, Kathie Lester

EVENTS

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, postcode CB10 2XE. **Saturday 14th 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 19th 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.

CAROL SERVICES

Details of Carol services across the Team are on the back of the Grapevine including two on Saturday 21st December. Times for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services will be on next week's Grapevine.

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

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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 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 is now available.

RIDE AND STRIDE We've received £342.50 from Friends of Essex Churches Trust for St Mary's, SW. Thank you again to those who supported financially and spiritually, and to those that provided welcome refreshments and encouragement en route. *Simon*

St Mary's, SW, CHRISTMAS FAIR. A selection of photos can be seen on the church website under Latest News. A number of these will also be posted on a display board at the back of the church. *Martin*

The **CALENDAR** on St Mary's, SW website should now be up to date until April 2025. If you spot any inaccuracies then do let me know. *Martin*

Thank you to all who came along to the **CAROL SINGING** at Campling Street & Howland Close, SW.

If you receive a **COMMEMORATIVE STAMP** on the envelopes of your Christmas cards this year please hand them to Margaret Walter or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Next week's **GRAPEVINE** will be the last until the new year. If you have events in January that you would like advertised in next week's Grapevine please let me have them by 9.00am Wednesday 18th December at admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org. Thank you *Claire*