

SERVICES AROUND THE TEAM

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

SUNDAY 29th December

Team Holy Communion Service Hosted by St Mary's, SW 10.30am

Access to the livestream of this service is on the
Bulletin or St Mary's, SW website

SUNDAY 5th January

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Praise

St James' Sewards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Prayer

The next Grapevine will be for **Sunday 5th January** please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **THURSDAY 2nd January at 8.30am** 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.

The Grapevine

Christmas Edition

Welcome to our service today

A long time ago, when working on BBC Radio, I asked around for good advice on surviving Christmas. Here's what I broadcast, in summary; Use candles - their soft light is relaxing and hides a multitude of dust, allowing you to go easy on the cleaning; Go for a walk - even five minutes in the fresh air can release a lot of tension caused by the cooking/badly chosen presents/Auntie (delete as appropriate); And, remember, the success of this Christmas does not rest entirely upon your shoulders - however busy you are, ask for help.

It would appear that Mary and Joseph were not entirely prepared for their first Christmas either, and yet it still turned out better than expected. Their world, and ours, has never been the same. So, take a few minutes to pause. There's plenty in the news, and maybe also in our own lives, to be anxious about. Yet hope and love came into this world in a way never experienced before in the child of Christmas. Despite appearances, hope, love, and the message of the Christ-child remain.

Happy Christmas
Jeremy

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Rev'd Trew's landline is out of order. Please use the mobile telephone number (see above) if you need to speak with him.

Welcome

to Saffron Walden and Villages Team.
Information about regular activities for all
of the churches in the team can be found
at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org

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: Kathie Lester, Elaine Goff, Elizabeth Parkins

NOTICES

The **PARISH OFFICE** is closed from 12noon on 24th December until 9.30am on 2nd January. Thank you to all who have helped us in 2024. Anthea & Claire

There **won't** be a midweek Holy Communion service on **Wednesday 1st January** at St Mary's, SW.

OASIS Please note that our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 8th January 2025, from 12 noon**, not Wednesday 1st. As always all are welcome and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you are planning to come please let me know by Tuesday 7th January. *Bill Rose*
email: wjr2163@gmail.com tel: 01799 516609

AGAPE MEAL 2025 - Churches Together. This will be organised by Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Church on **Monday, 20th January 7pm for 7.30 pm**. It will be in St Mary's Parish Room, as the Catholic hall is being renovated. There will be a notice to sign in January, if you would like to attend. All are welcome to this simple meal in fellowship with the other churches in the town in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Many thanks to everyone who purchased my **HOME MADE JAM** this year. I have been able to pay £272 profit into the St Mary's, SW Church General Fund. I still have a little Bullace and Victoria Plum for sale. Please see me in church or telephone 521356 if you would like to buy another pot! Lesley

If you receive **COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS** 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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...

to you, from all the clergy.
Our grateful thanks for the beautiful cards and gifts you have given us.
We trust you will know God's peace at Christmas and God's blessing in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

St Mary's Saffron Walden
4.00pm Lighting the Tree
6.00pm Lighting the Tree
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

St Mary's Debden
5.00pm Nativity
11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion

All Saints Wimbish
3.00pm Nativity

All Saints Ashdon
4.00pm Christingle and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock
6.00pm Light of the World

Holy Trinity Littlebury
4.00pm Crib Service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo
4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St Mary's Saffron Walden
10.30am Family Communion

All Saints Wimbish joint with Debden
10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon joint with Hadstock
9.00am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End
10.30am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden
10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury joint with Littlebury Green
9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo
10.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford
10.30am Family Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford
9.30am Holy Communion

Evening Prayer over the Christmas Period

Christmas Eve 5.00pm Zoom only, SW
New Year's Eve 5.00pm Zoom only, SW