

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

**SUNDAY 5th January****St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)

**All Saints Wimbish**

9.30am Sunday Praise

**St James' Swards 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

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

8.00am Morning Prayer, Saffron Walden  
9.30am Holy Communion with prayers for wholeness  
& healing, Saffron Walden  
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

**NEXT SUNDAY 12th January**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion 1662  
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)  
4.00pm Epiphany Choral Evensong

**St Mary's Debden**

9.00am Holy Communion

**St John's Little Walden**

10.30am Family Service

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.00am Holy Communion

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

10.30am Cam Village Churches Café Church

# *The Grapevine*

**Welcome to our services today  
Epiphany  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Collect**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading:** Ephesians 3 v 1-12

**Psalm:** 72

**Second Reading:** Isaiah 60 v 1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2 v 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Post Communion**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been  
drawn by your light discern the glory of your  
presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,  
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 January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church & Saffron Walden County High School

**The family and friends of those who have died recently:** Elaine Goff, Elsie Braby, Marjory Reid

## EVENTS

**OASIS** Please note that our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, from 12 noon**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> January.

*Bill Rose*

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 10am - 11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

**AGAPE MEAL 2025** - Churches Together in Saffron Walden. This will be organised by Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Church on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 7pm for 7.30 pm**. It will be in St Mary's Parish Room, as the Catholic hall is being renovated. Please sign the notice at the back of church by **12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE QUIET MORNING**, at St Mary's, SW will now take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, more details to follow.

## NOTICES

**THANK YOU** to everyone for their kind gifts and good wishes for Christmas.  
Anthea & Claire

**NATIVITY COSTUMES.** If you have any nativity costumes that your children/grandchildren have grown out of. Please could you donate them to St Mary's, SW for this year's Tree Lighting service. *Gill Caswell*

**BUILDING BLOCKS** at All Saints, Gt Chesterford will restart on **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am**.

## 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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