

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

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
6.30pm H2H (Parish Rooms)

St Mary's Debden

11.00am Baptism

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Sunday Praise

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Littlebury

9.00am Café Church

St Peter's Littlebury Green

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Taizé service of Morning Prayer

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

9.30am Morning Praise

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 Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
9.30am Holy Communion, Saffron Walden
with prayers for wholeness and healing
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 9th February

St Mary's Saffron Walden

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

All Saints Gt Chesterford

10.30am Cam Churches Together

St Mary's Little Chesterford

12.30pm Baptism

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.**

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
Candlemas
2nd February 2025**

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

First Reading: Malachi 3 v 1-5

Psalm: 24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2 v 14-18

Gospel: Luke 2 v 22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons". Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. "The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too. "There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In February please pray for Our Lady of compassion Roman Catholic Church, St Thomas More School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Alice Anstey, David Gooch, Timothy Piper

Those who are being baptised:
Debden: Tosca Grimston

EVENTS

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 5th February, from 12 noon**. As always, everyone is welcome but if you are planning to come please confirm with me by 6pm on Tuesday 4th February 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 6th February 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*

DEANERY SYNOD Thursday 6th February at 7.45pm, refreshments from 7.30pm, at Thaxted Church Hall (CM6 2QN) Michaela Southworth, CEO of the Chelmsford Diocese, will be speaking about Parish Share. All welcome.

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Mission Hall, next to Wimbish School, CB10 2XE. **Saturday 8th February from 10am -11.30am**. Delicious cakes, jams & produce.

POP UP COFFEE on **Thursday 13th February from 10am-11.30am** in Littlebury Church. Pop in or stay a while. Everyone welcome

CHURCH MICE are back with a new temporary home of Debden School. The first meeting will be on **Thursday 27th February from 1.45-2.30pm**. Bible stories, activities & songs for the under 5's. All welcome. More information from Rev'd Lynda Sebbage.

THE QUINQUAQUIZ will be on **Saturday 1st March 7pm for 7.30pm**. Teams of 6. Please register with the Parish Office. All further information from Chris Bishop.

QUIZ NIGHT for St Mary's, Wendens Ambo on **Saturday 22nd March** at Wendens Ambo Village Hall. Tickets £14.00, doors open at **7.00 pm**. Teams of 8. Tickets available from wendensstickets@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT for St Mary's, Debden in the Village Hall. **Friday 28th March at 6.30pm**. Tickets £15 per person to include Fish & Chips (or alternative). To book please contact Rev'd Lynda Sebbage at debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com

TODAY

H2H

Restarts after Christmas
at **6.30pm**
In St Mary's Parish Rooms
A youth led service for all ages
across the Team.
Come along and support our teenagers

NOTICES

SAFFRON WALDEN ROTARY CLUB are collecting for Ukraine via UK-Aid on **Saturday 8th February from 9am –1pm** in Saffron Walden Common car park. All of the usual items required. Cash donations will be used to purchase pallets of food and generators.

HOME MADE MARMALADE is available now from me at £3 a pot for the Church General Fund. Please telephone 521356 to arrange collection/delivery. I will be selling from under the tower at St Mary's, Saffron Walden this Sunday. Many thanks *Lesley A Green*

THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available at the back of St Mary's church, SW, and online www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews **COPY** for the next edition of **PARISH NEWS** may be sent to the editor, John Pickthorn, jejpickthorn@gmail.com by **Sunday 2nd February**.

I would like to thank all my friends who sent me cards and gifts following my recent heart attack. I am now home and making a good recovery.
Gill Lovegrove

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