

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

SUNDAY 3rd December**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed) +
Team JC
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

All Saints Wimbish

9.00am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Holy Communion

St Botolph's Hadstock

6.00pm Advent Readings & Music

Holy Trinity Littlebury

4.00pm Café Christingle

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

9.00am Morning Prayer

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
including prayers for wholeness & healing
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

THURSDAY

10.00am Silent Prayer, Parish Rooms, SW
Please note the change of venue

NEXT SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed) +
Team JC
4.00pm Christingle Service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Holy Communion

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Family Service

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

4.00pm Christingle

All Saints Great Chesterford

6.00pm Carol Service

*Links for livestreamed services are available on
the weekly bulletin.*

*Please contact the Parish Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.*

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
1st Sunday of Advent
3rd December 2023**

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of
holiness, that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Isaiah 64 v 1-9

Psalm: 80 v 1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1v 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13 v 24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In December please pray for: New Life church, St Peter's, Littlebury Green, Holy Trinity, Littlebury and Great Chesterford Primary School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Rene Patient, Lorna 'Jane' Ready.

EVENTS

OASIS Our next Men's lunchtime get together at The Old English Gentleman in Gold Street will be on **Wednesday 6th December, from 12 noon**. As always all are welcome but if you are intending to come please confirm with me by Tuesday 5th December and I shall 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 7th December at 10am** in the **PARISH ROOMS**, 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. **Please note the change of venue for this month.**

Judith Hasler

QUIET MORNING on **Saturday 9th December, 9.30am - 12 noon** in St Mary's, SW, Parish Rooms. Rev'd Ella Harris will lead us; her theme is "The Creator and the Clay". To help us with catering, please let us know if you intend to come: hazel.colebrooke@gmail.com

LITTLEBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in the church **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 11am - 4pm** - free admission, all day refreshments including soup lunches organised by the church and the friends (FoHTL) in aid of Holy Trinity Church.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on **Saturday December 9th 10.00am-11.30am** at St Paul's Mission, Tye Green, Wimbish, CB102XE Refreshments with a Christmas theme, cakes and produce for sale. Everyone is very welcome.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN We will be gathering on Horse River Green in Great Chesterford at **6.30pm on Thursday 21st December** to sing carols around the Christmas Tree. We will be led by Janet Cattley and there will be a barbecue selling hotdogs, marshmallows on a fire pit and mulled wine to keep you warm while you sing. There will be a bucket collection but there are no tickets, just turn up and join in.

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

NOTICES

CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION Help is needed on **Friday 8th December from 10am-12.30pm** in the parish rooms to prepare the christingles for St Mary's, SW. Please let Gill Caswell know if you can help with this. Bring an apron and an apple corer (if you have one).

There will be a retiring collection for the work of **CHRISTIAN AID** in the Israel-Gaza conflict **Today, 3rd December** at St Mary's, SW.

CHRISTIAN AID are launching a major campaign to coincide with **COP 28** 30th November - 12th December. Their aim is to apply pressure for Justice amongst those who are suffering the worst effects of the Climate Crisis. They have produced a pack of prayers and a sample letter to write to your MP at www.christianaid.org.uk/ resources Do download a copy and do whatever you can to help! *Edward Gildea*

The FAIRTRADE STALL at St Mary's, SW will be available after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 10th December**.

CHRISTMAS FAIR (Saffron Walden) A big thanks to everyone for all their great work with the Christmas Fair. *Jeremy Trew*

Very many thanks to ALL the helpers and supporters who succeeded in making our Fair such a fun day last Saturday. So many donations and help given which was very much appreciated. We have raised over £4400 for the much needed running costs of St Mary's. Well done everybody!! *Sue Birchall*

A selection of photos can be seen in the Latest News on the church website. I have also ordered some prints which will be displayed at the back of the church when they arrive. *Martin*

THE DEC/JAN EDITION OF PARISH NEWS is available from the back of St Mary's church, SW, and can also be seen on the website at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/parishnews

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