

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

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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

**SATURDAY****St James' Swards End**

5.00pm Carol Service

**St John's Little Walden**

5.00pm Carol Service

**NEXT SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

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

**St Mary's Debden**

6.30pm Carol Service

**All Saints Wimbish**

3.00pm Carol Service

**All Saints Ashdon**

9.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Carol Service followed by refreshments

**St Botolph's Hadstock**

9.00am Sunday Worship

**Holy Trinity Littlebury**

6.30pm Carol Service

**St Peter's Littlebury Green**

4.00pm Carols & Christingle

**St Mary's Wendens Ambo**

6.30pm Carol Service

**All Saints Great Chesterford**

4.00pm Christingle

**St Mary's Little Chesterford**

3.30pm Carol Service

# *The Grapevine*

**Welcome to our services today  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds, that when  
your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour we may be ready to  
receive him, who is our Lord and our  
God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40 v 1-11

**Psalm:** 85 v 1-2, 8-13

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3v 8-15a

**Gospel:** Mark 1 v1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I  
am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way; the voice of one  
crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the  
way of the Lord, make his paths straight"',  
John the baptiser appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And  
people from the whole Judean countryside  
and all the people of Jerusalem were going  
out to him, and were baptized by him in the  
river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John  
was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather  
belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and  
wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is  
more powerful than I is coming after me; I  
am not worthy to stoop down and untie the  
thong of his sandals. I have baptised you  
with water; but he will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit.'

**Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first  
coming that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
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: Robert Leedham, Barclay Barrell

## EVENTS

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

**CHURCH MICE** Parent and Toddler Group next meet **from 1.45pm-3.00pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** in the New Room, Debden Church, Church Lane, CB11 3LD All parents/carers and pre-schoolers are welcome for a social session with a mixture of activities: toys, crafts, songs, and refreshments.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** We will be gathering on Horse River Green in Great Chesterford at **6.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

For information about the Carol Services today and next weekend please see the back page of the Grapevine

Please send items for the **GRAPEVINE** to Claire Dunn by **WEDNESDAY at 9.00am** to [admin@stmaryssafronwalden.org](mailto:admin@stmaryssafronwalden.org)

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

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

## NOTICES

**CHRISTIAN AID** are launching a major campaign to coincide with **COP 28** 30<sup>th</sup> November - 12<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/) resources Do download a copy and do whatever you can to help! *Edward Gildea*

The **HOLY COMMUNION** service on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at St Mary's, SW will start at **9.00am** instead of the usual 9.30am to allow time for RAB school carol service to follow.

**TREE LIGHTING** service 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, St Mary's, SW We desperately need more people to act as Welcomers at this service. If you are able to help please contact Pamela on 521697 or [pjmteddybear@btinternet.com](mailto:pjmteddybear@btinternet.com) **THANK YOU.**

**WIGGLE CHURCH** We have made the decision to stop Team JC at the end of this term. We feel it is time to bring in a new Sunday morning provision for families at St Mary's Church and in Saffron Walden. I'm pleased to announce that we will be starting Wiggle Church a morning filled with fun, faith, and friendship held on the first Sunday of the month starting on **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9.15am**, in the Parish Rooms. Starting with croissants and coffee, the perfect fuel for an energetic morning of dancing, singing and activities. At 9.30am, the Wiggle Church will start, a lively and engaging 30 minute service for 0-7 years olds and their families. If you have any questions, please email me. *Matt Williamson*

Foreign and British commemorative **STAMPS, CURRENCY & BRITISH COINS** and notes that are no longer in circulation, please hand to me or St Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds go to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. *Margaret Walters*

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