

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

SUNDAY 7th January**St Mary's Saffron Walden**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am for 9.30am start Wiggle Church
(Parish Rooms)

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

6.30pm H2H (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

9.30am Village Worship

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

9.00am Morning Worship

MONDAY

1.45pm Church Mice, Debden

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

9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 14th JANUARY

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

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

Holy Trinity Littlebury10.30am Cam Churches Together
Café Church

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
1st Sunday of Epiphany
7th January 2024**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

First Reading: 1 John 5 v 5-13**Psalm:** 147 v 13-20**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3 v 1-12**Gospel:** Mark 1 v 4-11

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 baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as
Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In January please pray for: Saffron Walden Community Church and Saffron Walden County High School

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Robin Betser, Alice Payton, Linda Hunt

EVENTS

ARCHIVE ARTICLES The Archivist and the Friends of St Mary's, Saffron Walden will at various times be displaying documents from our church's past that maybe of interest. This Sunday, a small display will be on the chest outside the Vestry after the 10.30am Service.

CHURCH MICE group for carers, babies and toddlers restarts on **Monday 8th January** from **1.45pm-3pm** in St Mary's, Debden

ST MARY'S TINIES group for carers, babies and toddlers restarts on **Tuesday 9th January** at **9.30am** in St Mary's, Saffron Walden.

BUILDING BLOCKS group for carers, babies and toddlers restarts on **Wednesday 10th January** at **9.30am** in All Saints, Great Chesterford.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY group will start again on **Wednesday 10th January** at **4.30pm** in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden. Contact *Matt Williamson* for more details.

LITTLEBURY POP-UP COFFEE MORNING will be on **Friday 12th January** **10am –11.30am** at Littlebury Church. Coffee is freshly brewed with a choice of homemade cakes.

WIMBISH COFFEE MORNING will be at St Paul's Mission Hall on **Saturday 13th January** from **10am - 11.30am**. Refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, produce and preserves.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 – AGAPE MEAL will be on **Monday 22nd January** at the United Reformed Church, Abbey Lane **7pm for 7.30pm**. This is a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, shared in fellowship with other churches in the town. Please sign the notice at the back of St Mary's, SW if you would like to come by **Sunday 14th January**. All welcome. *Kathryn Fiddock*

The **QUINQUA QUIZ** is on **Saturday 10th February** at **7pm** in the Parish Rooms to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Teams of 6, £5 per person. Teams from all of the churches in the team welcome. Contact Chris Bishop or the Parish Office for more details.

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

TODAY

H2H

6.30pm in the Parish Rooms
An every age service led by the young people. Come along and support them at this service

NOTICES

WIGGLE CHURCH 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 7th, 2024, at 9.15am**, in the Parish Rooms. Beginning 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

THANK YOU for all of the generous gifts given at the Tree services at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. £1610.10 was raised for the Mayor's charities. The refuge has sent thanks for the toys that were given.

The funeral service for Robin Betser is on **Friday 12th January** at **1.30pm** at St Botolph's, Hadstock.

If you need to contact Rev'd Trew, please use email as the rectory telephone line is awaiting repair.

MINISTRY TEAM

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