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 Kathryn hopes to have FRIDAY as her rest day and asks that we respect this and only disturb her in an emergency.

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**CHURCH OFFICE**

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The Church Office in the Community Hall is now open most weekday mornings between 9.30am and 11.00am. The office email address is [office@stmaryssawston.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssawston.org.uk)

Our websites are [www.stmaryssawston.org.uk](http://www.stmaryssawston.org.uk) and [www.stpetersbabraham.org.uk](http://www.stpetersbabraham.org.uk).

Please take a look for up-to-date information.

Also find St Mary's and St Peter's on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/stmaryssawston](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssawston) & [www.facebook.com/stpetersbabraham](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersbabraham)

This week please pray for:

- Peace and hope around our world especially for Thailand and Cambodia, Ukraine and Russia and across the Middle East;
- Our Jewish brothers and sisters in Australia and around the world, and anyone persecuted because of their religious beliefs;
- For Christians around the world as we celebrate the birth of Christ, that we would all do so with joy and would know Christ's peace.
- For the students and staff at the local schools, that they may enjoy a refreshing Winter break, that they may experience the true joy of Christmas, and for those families who will find the holiday difficult for whatever reason;
- The residents of Sawston and Babraham and their families;
- Those known to us who are unwell at this time; Jenny, Dorothy;
- Those who have died recently; Mary W, Eric D, Canon Jim Garrard;
- Those who are struggling in any way this Christmas time.



**St.Mary's Church**  
SAWSTON



**St Peter's Church**  
Babraham

**Services and News Sheet****Sunday**

9.15 am

10.30am

**3.00pm**

**Monday**

8am

8pm

**Tuesday**

8am

**Wednesday**

2.30pm

5.00pm

11.30pm

**Thursday**

**9.00am**

10.30am

**Sunday**

10.00 am

**Friday 26th December – Saturday 3rd January**

10am-3pm

**Sunday**

10am

**21st December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion 'said service' at St Mary's

Family Carol Service with Nativity at St Mary's

**Carols at St Peter's**

**22nd December**

Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Monday Housegroup on Zoom

**23rd December**

Morning Prayer at St Mary's

**24th December – Christmas Eve**

Crib Service *with younger children in mind* at St Mary's

Crib Service at St Mary's

Midnight Communion

**25th December – Christmas Day**

**Christmas Day Holy Communion St Peter's**

Christmas Day Holy Communion St Mary's

**28th December**

All Age Holy Communion at St Mary's

St Mary's Church open for private prayer

**4th January**

All Age Epiphany Holy Communion *with first communion* at St Mary's

### MISSION COMMITTEE SUPPORT

For the last quarter of the year, we will be supporting **Emmaus Cambridge, from 1 October to 31 December**. Emmaus offers a home, work and personal support to a community of formerly homeless people. Their Companions all work in the shop in Landbeach, where they sell donated furniture, clothing, homewares and more. Living in a stable environment with the opportunity to gain new skills helps the Companions to regain any lost esteem and confidence so they can get back on their feet. Research shows that for every £1 invested in an Emmaus Community, there is an £11 social, environmental and economic return, with savings to the benefits bill, health services and a reduction in crime.

### ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL

After many years of loyal service Jeanette Harvey is stepping down as the hall booking secretary. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work. This means that we are now looking for someone to take on this role which takes 2-3hrs on average each week and includes liaising with hall users, both regular and one-off, and sending out invoices. The role comes with a small honorarium. If you would like to know more, then please speak to Sue Hunting or Kathryn.

### THE ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS POSADA

Have you spotted the Christmas Posada, our travelling nativity scene, using knitted figures made by the St Mary's Craft group. The Posada figures are originally a Mexican tradition and stay at a different house in the parish every night, taking their place in Church at the Crib Service, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. With thanks for your support for this lovely tradition. Janet Martin



### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

For all things Advent and Christmas please see our website <https://www.stmaryssawston.org.uk/advent-christmas-2025/>.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Refresh** restarts on **Monday 5th January**

**SYG** restarts on **Monday 5th January**

**Night Prayer** restarts on **7th January**

The last **Monday House Group** will be on Monday 22nd December. We will then restart on **Monday 12th January**. New members always welcome to join.

### OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note the office will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will re-open on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.