

The Grapevine

COVERING THE CHURCHES OF
GREAT & LITTLE CHESTERFORD, LITTLEBURY WITH
LITTLEBURY GREEN, & WENDENS AMBO

Welcome to our services today Advent Sunday

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Epistle *Romans 13:11-14*

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel *Matthew 24:36-44*

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Margaret Reed, Marjorie Haylock, Ceri Hedges and
Sonia Butchart (Great Chesterford)

Those who need our support:

Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green)
Lucy Maskell (Great Chesterford)
Kylie Moore-Gilbert (in prison in Iran)

Friends and families of those who have died:

Monique Hayles (Great Chesterford)
Anne Stewart (Wendens Ambo)
Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- Our 5 churches' Advent preparations for Christmas
- The Difference course starting this week and Tim and Sam leading it
- The interregnum in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry
- The government of our nation and the General Election
- Those affected by natural disaster in Australia and Albania
- Our stewardship of the world's resources

NOTICES

Any feedback and/or details of forthcoming events should be sent to:

5churchesgrapevine@gmail.com and copied to elizmarshall179@btinternet.com by Wednesday evening to ensure inclusion in the following Sunday's edition

Here is a brief description of some of the regular activities that take place in our churches

Aftershock: for our 11-18 year olds. Meets on Sundays 7 to 8.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden.

RiPPles: once a month (2nd Wednesday) meeting for women based on prayer, practicality and outreach to the community at All Saints, Great Chesterford.

Wednesday at 4 at All Saints, Great Chesterford is a half-hour of silent prayer to which everyone is welcome. **Not on 2nd Wednesday** when there is **Tea @ 2** till 4 pm in the Church Room. All welcome for tea/coffee, cake, games and chat.

Prayer for Littlebury Generally meets at Cam House, Roman Way on Thursday afternoons at 4.30pm. This is a short time of open prayer for Littlebury and its residents to which everybody is very welcome. If you would like to join the group or have someone or something you would like the group to pray for contact Judy Andrew on 527877 or judycamhouse@aol.com

MORNING PRAYER

The Friday Holy Communion Prayer cycle round the 5 churches at 9.30 am :

Friday 6th December	Great Chesterford
Friday 13th December	Littlebury
Friday 20th December	Little Chesterford

Alex says Morning Prayer **at 8 am** on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Great Chesterford

EVENTS

Difference

a five session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters.

8.00 - 9.30 pm

3rd & 10th December

All Saints Great Chesterford

17th December, 7th & 21st January 2020

Wendens Ambo Village Hall

The approach to Christmas and the beginning of a new year seem particularly appropriate times to think about reconciliation. We do hope that you will come and join us as we think about how to reconcile in our own lives and how to be reconcilers in our families and communities.

You can watch a short video of Archbishop Justin explaining his vision for the course here:

<https://difference.rln.global/about-rln>

Contact: For more information or to attend,

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Carol Services in our 5 Churches

December 8th 6 pm Great Chesterford

December 15th 4 pm Littlebury Green

December 15th 6.30 pm Wendens Ambo

December 22nd 3.30 pm Little Chesterford

December 22nd 6 pm Littlebury

Christingle

December 1st 4 pm Wendens Ambo

Café Christingle

December 1st 4 pm Littlebury

iChurch Christingle

Friday December 20th Great Chesterford

Crib and Tree Service

Christmas Eve 4 pm Littlebury

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.

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Looking for a job? Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion.

Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside

St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

www.transitionproject.co.uk

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 1st December Advent Sunday

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Tim Hardingham
	4.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	4.00 pm	CAFÉ CHRISTINGLE Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	No service	

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3rd December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
8.00 pm	Difference course	Great Chesterford

Wednesday 4th December

9.15 am	RiPPles	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
2.00 pm	Tea at Two	Great Chesterford
7.00 pm	Team Rector Vacancy Meeting	Saffron Walden

Thursday 5th December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
4.30 pm	Prayer for Littlebury	Cam House, Littlebury

Friday 6th December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Great Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY

8th December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Little Chesterford	No service	
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.00 pm	CAROL SERVICE
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury Green	No service	

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:

Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar:

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