# The Grapevine

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

# Welcome to our services today CHRIST THE KING

# Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# First Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

# **Gospel** Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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 Chestford) 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:

- David Tomlinson as he leaves Saffron Walden after his last service today
- The vacancy in our Team Ministry as we wait for David's replacement
- Our five churches and opportunities we have for working and worshipping together
- The coming General Election and the future government of our nation
- The homeless, refugees and displaced people and those who work to provide them with food, shelter and hope
- Those in danger from wild fires in Australia
- The world and our stewardship of its resources

# **NOTICES**

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

5churchesgrapevine@gmail.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

# Don't forget to keep up to date by visiting our CAM VILLAGES WEBSITE

The website is user friendly, has all our latest news and you will be able to see what is going on in all our churches at a glance.

Please visit www.camvillages.org.uk

# **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 4pm Great Chesterford

Crib and Tree Service
Christmas Eve 4 pm Littlebury

# MORNING PRAYER and COMMUNION

The Friday Holy Communion Prayer cycle round the

5 churches at 9.30 am:

Friday 29th November Wendens Ambo Friday 6th December Great Chesterford

Friday 13th December Littlebury

Friday 20th December Little Chesterford

Alex says Morning Prayer at 8 am on Tuesdays, Thurs-

days and Fridays at Great Chesterford

# **OUR CHURCHES' DIARY**

# **TODAY 24th November CHRIST THE KING**

Little Chesterford No service

Great Chesterford 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Jeewan

Wendens Ambo 9.30 am FAMILY COMMUNION

Tim Hardingham

Littlebury 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Angela Want

Littlebury Green 9.30 pm FAMILY SERVICE

Alex Jeewan

## THIS WEEK

Monday 25th November

10.30 am Meeting Point Coffee Morning

7 Stanley Road Great Chesterford

Tuesday 26th November

8.00 am Morning Prayer Great Chesterford 7.30 pm PCC Meeting Great Chesterford

Wednesday 27th November

9.30 am Holy Communion Saffron Walden 4.00 pm Wednesday at 4 Great Chesterford 7.30 pm House Group Jesus is Lord - Jesus the Saviour 3 Haggers Close, Great Chesterford

Thursday 28th November

8.00 am Morning Prayer Great Chesterford
10.30 am Pop Up Coffee Littlebury
4.30 pm Prayer for Littlebury Cam House, Littlebury

Friday 29th November

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

# **NEXT SUNDAY 1st Dec ADVENT SUNDAY**

Little Chesterford 9.30 am MORNING PRAYER

Great Chesterford 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 am MORNING PRAYER

Wendens Ambo 9.30 am MORNING PRAYER

4.00 pm CHRISTINGLE

Littlebury 4.00 pm CAFÉ CHRISTINGLE

Littlebury Green No service

Holy Communion readings::

Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:36-44

# **MINISTRY TEAM**

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# 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