

# The Grapevine

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

## Welcome to our services today *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

### Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Epistle *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### Those who are unwell:

Margaret Reed, Marjorie Haylock, Ceri Hedges and David Cook (Great Chesterford)

### Those who need our support:

Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green)  
Lucy Maskell (Great Chestford)  
Kylie Moore-Gilbert (in prison in Iraq)

### Friends and families of those who have died:

Cecil Litchfield and Sonia Butchart (Great Chesterford)  
Those whose anniversaries are this week

### Other topics for your prayers:

- The SHAPE course - and those exploring their potential for service
- The Revs Alex and Neil as they lead it
- The Team's preparations for the process of appointing a new Team Rector for the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry
- The government of our nation, and swift trade agreements in the wake of Brexit
- Those affected by the wild fires in Australia
- Our stewardship of the world's resources
- Those missing loved ones who have died

## 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

## 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](http://www.transitionproject.co.uk)

## EVENTS

### Shape

The Saffron Walden Deanery is running a **Shape** course in the new year on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm in the Church Room at Great Chesterford—starting on 15th January through to 19th February

The aim of the course is to enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them and to recognise the gifts He has given them and how we could use them. Please contact Revd. Alex if you would like to know more: vicar.camvillages@gmail.com or 531153.

## LENT 2020

### THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

St Matthew's Gospel

**5 Studies led by the Revd John Risby**  
**Wednesday evenings in the Church Room**  
**Great Chesterford**

4th March	Attitudes of Christian Character Chapter 5 verses 1-14
11th March	Attitudes to Piety Chapter 6 verses 1-18
18th March	Attitudes to Possessions Chapter 6 verses 19-34
25th March	Attitudes to Others Chapter 7 verses 1-12
1st April	Attitudes to Discipleship Chapter 7 verses 13-25

### Old Testament Reading (Great Chesterford)

*Malachi 3:1-5*

Thus says the Lord God: See I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you in judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### MORNING PRAYER

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

Friday 10th January	Wendens Ambo
Friday 17th January	Great Chesterford
Friday 24th January	Littlebury
Friday 31st January	Little Chesterford

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

## OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

### TODAY 2nd February

#### PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b> Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Alex Jeewan
	11.00 am	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b> Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	10.00 am	<b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b> Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	<b>No service</b>	

### THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
10.15 am	School Communion	Great Chesterford
4.00 pm	Wednesday at 4	Great Chesterford
7.30 pm	SHAPE Course	Great Chesterford
<b>Thursday 6th February</b>		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
4.30 pm	Prayer for Littlebury	Cam House, Littlebury
<b>Friday 7th February</b>		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Littlebury Green

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9th February**  
**Third Sunday before Lent**

Little Chesterford	<b>No service</b>	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Littlebury	11.00 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Littlebury Green	<b>No service</b>	

*Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:*  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (Gt Chesterford Psalm 112)  
 Matthew 513-20

## MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar:

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Revd Angela Want

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