

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel John 1.29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Chesterford)
Kylie Moore-Gilbert (in prison in Iran)

Friends and families of those who have died:

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

Other topics for your prayers:

- Our Team Ministry during the Team Rector vacancy
- Revs Alex and Neil as they lead the SHAPE course for the Saffron Walden Deanery
- Those affected by and those fighting the wild fires in Australia
- The fragile relationship between Iran and USA
- The world's resources and our stewardship of them
- Those missing loved ones who have died

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

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

EVENTS

*This afternoon
at Great Chesterford*
Come along this afternoon 2-4pm
when we will be playing a range of
Board Games...
Come and try a new game
or bring along
one of your favourites to play.
Hope to see you there, Caroline.

Difference

The last session of the 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 21st January 2020

Wendens Ambo Village Hall

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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call or text: 07796524553

Shape

The Saffron Walden Deanery is running a **Shape** course 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.

MORNING PRAYER

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

Friday 24th January	Littlebury
Friday 31st January	Little Chesterford
Friday 7th February	Littlebury Green
Friday 14th February	Great Chesterford

Revd Alex says Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on Tuesday,

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY	19th January	Epiphany 2
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Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan iCHURCH Alex Jeewan
	9.30 am	
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Tim Hardingham
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Sibson

Some other services you might be interested in
St Mary's Saffron Walden 8.00 am Holy Communion

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st January

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Great Chesterford
8.00 pm	Difference Course	Wendens Ambo Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd January

9.30 am	Holy Communion7	Saffron Walden
4.00 pm	Wednesday at 4	Great Chesterford
7.30 pm	SHAPE Course	Great Chesterford
7.30 pm	House Group <i>Jesus the True Vine</i>	
	2 St John's Close,	Great Chesterford

Thursday 23rd January

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
4.30 pm	Prayer for Littlebury	

Friday 24th January

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Littlebury
1.00 pm	Funeral - Cecil Litchfield	
	Cam Valley Crematorium	

NEXT SUNDAY

ADVENT 4

Little Chesterford	<i>No service</i>	
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00 am	ECUMENICAL SERVICE Chesterfords Community Centre
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar:

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