

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Baptism of Christ

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We were witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Being baptised today:

Jennifer Kirby (Littlebury)

Those who are unwell:

Margaret Reed, Marjorie Haylock, David Cook and Ceri Hedges (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:

Cecil Litchfield and Sonia Butchart
(Great Chesterford)

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- The interregnum in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry
- The deanery Shape course as it starts this week
- Countries in the grip of conflict and those where there is fragile peace
- Those affected by wild fires Australia
- 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 copied to elizmarshall179@btinternet.com 9by Wednesday evening to ensure inclusion in the following Sunday's edition.

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

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 in the month when there is **Tea at 2**)

Prayer for Littlebury Generally meets at Cam House, Roman Way on Thursday afternoons at 4.30 pm . 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 them 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 17th January	Great Chesterford
Friday 24th January	Littlebury
Friday 31st January	Little Chesterford

Alex usually 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

has its final session on 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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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

Wednesday evenings in the Church Room Gt Chesterford
7.30 pm

March	St Matthew's Gospel
4th	1 - Attitudes of Christian Character Chapter 5 verses 1-14
11th	2 - Attitudes to Piety Chapter 6 verses 1-18
18th	3 - Attitudes to Possessions Chapter 6 verses 19-34
25th	4 - Attitudes to Others Chapter 7 verses 1-12
April	
1st	5 - Attitudes to Discipleship Chapter 7 verses 13-25

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 Baptism of Christ 12th January

Little Chesterford	No service
Great Chesterford	11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
Littlebury	11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION John Risby 1.00 pm BAPTISM Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	No service

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
8.00 pm	Difference Course	Church Room, All Saints Gt Ch

Wednesday 11th December

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
4.00 pm	Wednesday at 4	Great Chesterford
7.30 pm	House Group 2 St John's Close, Gt Chesterford	<i>Jesus the triumphant King</i>

Thursday 12th December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
8.00 pm	Men's Meet Up	Crown & Thistle Gt Chesterford

Friday 13th December

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Littlebury

NEXT WEEK

Epiphany 2

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9.30 am	iCHURCH
Wendens Ambo	6.30 pm	MORNING PRAYER
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar

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