

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Epiphany

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1-12*

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

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

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- The Difference course as it continues
- The Revs Alex and Neil as they plan the leadership of the Shape course and those who are thinking of attending it
- The interregnum in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry
- The government of our nation
- 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

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

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

Continues on 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,

email: sam.slota.newson@gmail.com

call or text: 07796524553

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.

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you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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	5th January	Epiphany
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Little Chesterford	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
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Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
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Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE Tim Hardingham
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Littlebury	10.00 am	CAFÉ CHURCH Alex Jeewan
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Littlebury Green	No service	
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THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th January

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
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8.00 pm	Difference course	Wendens Ambo Village Hall
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Wednesday 8th January

9.15 am	RiPPles	Great Chesterford
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9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
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2.00 pm	Tea at Two	Great Chesterford
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Thursday 9th January

8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
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4.30 pm	Prayer for Littlebury	Cam House, Littlebury
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Friday 10th January

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

**12th January
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Little Chesterford	No service	
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Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Littlebury Green	No service	
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Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar:

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