

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY Third Sunday before Lent 9th Feb

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
Littlebury Green	No service

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th February		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
Wednesday 12th February		
9.15 am	RiPPles	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
2.00 pm	Tea at Two	Great Chesterford
7.45 pm	Deanery Synod	Quendon
Thursday 13th February		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
4.30 pm	Prayer for Littlebury	Cam House, Littlebury
8.00 pm	Men's Meet Up	Crown & Thistle Gt Chesterford
Friday 14th February		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
10.30 am	Pop-Up Coffee	Littlebury
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Great Chesterford

NEXT WEEK Second Sunday before Lent Feb 16th

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

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-end

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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

SAFFRON WALDEN & VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Third Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 2:1-12 [13-end]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.]

First Reading (Gt Chesterford): Psalm 112 (on p 3)

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-20

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Post Communion (on p 3)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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:

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- The interregnum in the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry and the Section 11 meeting
- Our government and the implications of Brexit
- Countries in the grip of conflict and those where is fragile peace
- The Uttlesford Good Neighbour Project as it has its Coffee and Cake Catch-Up this afternoon
- Those affected by natural disaster - wild fires in Australia and earthquake in Turkey
- 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 14th February Great Chesterford
Friday 21st February Littlebury

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

EVENTS

UDC GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROJECT in Gt Ch COFFEE & CAKE CATCH-UP 2 - 5pm *Today* Come and see what goes on in Gt Chesterford

Shape

The Saffron Walden Deanery is running a **Shape** course on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm in the Church Room at Great Chesterford—started 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

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First Reading (Great Chesterford) *Psalm 112*

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;

the desires of the wicked will perish.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.