

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading *Romans 8.18-25*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel *Matthew 6.25-34*

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 16th February
Second Sunday before Lent

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| Little Chesterford | 9.30 am | HOLY COMMUNION John Risby |
| Great Chesterford | 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan |
| | 9.30 am | iCHURCH Tim Hardingham |
| | 1.00 pm | BAPTISM Alex Jeewan |
| Wendens Ambo | 9.30 am | MORNING PRAYER Marisa Baltrock |
| Littlebury | 11.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan |
| 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

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| Monday 17th February | | |
| 8.00 pm | PCC Meeting | Wendens Ambo |
| Wednesday 19th February | | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | 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 20th February | | |
| 4.30 pm | Prayer for Littlebury | Cam House, Littlebury |
| 7.45 pm | Meeting for all PCCs (approving the process of appointing a new Team Rector) | Saffron Walden Parish Room |
| Saturday 22nd February | | |
| 2.30 pm | Service for the late Susan Lloyd | Littlebury |

NEXT SUNDAY Sunday next before Lent

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| Little Chesterford | No service | |
| Great Chesterford | 11.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Wendens Ambo | 9.30 am | FAMILY COMMUNION |
| Littlebury | 11.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Littlebury Green | 9.30 am | FAMILY SERVICE |

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Vicar:
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Margaret Reed, Marjorie Haylock 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:

Ceri Hedges (Gt Chesterford)
Those whose anniversaries fall this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- Our Team Ministry during the Team Rector vacancy and those involved in the appointment process
- Our PCCs' Section 11 meeting on Thursday
- The spread of the Coronavirus
- 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

MORNING PRAYER

As from the beginning of Lent the Friday morning service round the 5 churches at 9.30 am will revert to being Morning Prayer and not Holy Communion:

Friday 28th February Wendens Ambo
Friday 6th March Littlebury Green
Friday 13th March Little Chesterford

Rev'd Alex usually says Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on Tuesday and Thursday at Great Chesterford, but not this week as it is half-term.

EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

26th February

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
8.00 pm at Littlebury
for Littlebury and Wendens Ambo
8.00 pm at Little Chesterford
for Great and Little Chesterford

BISHOP STEPHEN WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST WITH ASHES at Thaxted Church at 7.30pm. This will be one of the last occasions that Bishop Stephen will be visiting the Deanery before he takes up his new post in York. All are welcome but please let St Mary's Parish Office know if you plan to go so that they have an indication of numbers

LENT 2020

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Wednesday evenings in the Church Room Gt Chesterford
7.30 pm

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| 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 |

TEAM WEEKEND AWAY 2020

The next Saffron Walden & Villages Team Weekend Away is will be 12-14 June at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre which provided a terrific setting, accommodation and food in 2018. The team is planning another weekend of learning, worship, fellowship and activities for children and young people.

There are still places available - please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to sign up.

Diary Dates

Friday 6th March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

2 pm St Mary's, Little Chesterford

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 8th March 3.30 pm

Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR

(finalists in the 2019 BBC Gospel Choir of the Year)

Followed by afternoon tea - All welcome