

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY TRINITY 5 12th July

Little Chesterford	No service
Great Chesterford	11.00 am Holy Communion (live streamed as well as in church) Alex Jeewan
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am Holy Communion (in church and via Zoom) Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	11.00 am Holy Communion (in church) Tim Hardingham
Littlebury Green	No service

Or you may be interested in the YouTube service which you can access via the Cam Villages website (see below)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14th July

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 15th July

9.30 am Holy Communion via Zoom

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 16th July

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 19th July TRINITY 6

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Great Chesterford	9.30 am	iCHURCH (live via Zoom)
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ACCESS

Live streamed services from Great Chesterford

Search for 'Cam Villages Churches' on Facebook and like us or Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/camvillageschurches>

Just before the service time and look out for the post which will say "CamVillages Churches is live". Click on the video in the post to watch the live stream.

Services on Zoom

Email Alex at vicar.camvillages@gmail.com or Gillian Hopton at website.camvillages@gmail.com for an invitation with the access codes.

YouTube

Go to the website at

<https://camvillages.org.uk/Groups/338298/Thisweek.aspx>

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The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Romans 8.1-11*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Ken Harvey (Wendens Ambo)
Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)
Margaret Reed, David Cook and Valerie Clift
(Gt 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:

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- Bishop Stephen as he begins his ministry as Archbishop of York
- David Tomlinson as he begins his new ministry in Birmingham
- For young people awaiting assessment results in place of GCSE and A level examinations
- For ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19, especially in developing countries
- Our churches as we plan patterns of worship now we are back in church
- Those missing loved ones who have died

OUR CHURCHES

Giving to our churches

If you wish to make a donation to our churches we are now able to offer online giving. Just visit the 'Giving' section of our website (www.camvillages.org.uk) and follow the instructions. Thanks, too, to those who have chosen to commit to regular planned giving.

Getting back to our services in church

From this week we shall be holding services back in our churches, where possible, in our usual pattern of worship. When coming to church please note the instructions for sanitising and distancing etc. Some services will be live streamed and some still on Zoom.

The YouTube Service will continue until mid-August. We have appreciated so much the input of Oli King, St Mary's Director of Music and the wide variety of musicians who have taken part in the YouTube service over the lockdown weeks

Website

Keep up to date with all that's going on by visiting our website <https://www.camvillages.org.uk>

Children's Work

There are activities for young people of all ages on the website prepared by our children's ministry team

Access

On page 4 you will find details of how to access the services that are going to be live streamed together with Zoom services and YouTube

Thank You

They say that time flies when you are having fun! Believe it or not, two years have passed since Caroline, Tom, Ben and I moved to the Cam Villages. We'd like say a big thank you to you all for your continued support and friendship. With love, Rev. Alex.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee.

George Herbert

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THANK YOU . . . to those of you who have responded to Alex's reminder not to forget your church in this time of lockdown. You can now give online too.

AT LAST . . .

Our churches are now open for private prayer. All Saints, Great Chesterford, is open on Wednesday and Sundays 10 am - 3 pm; Holy Trinity, Littlebury is open on Wednesdays and Sundays 10 am - 4 pm; St Mary, Wendens Ambo is open between 10 am and 4 pm on Wednesdays. St Peter's, Littlebury Green will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays

WEDNESDAY 9.30 am ZOOM HOLY COMMUNION with Alex Jeewan and Caroline Curren
For an invitation to Zoom services please contact Alex or Gillian (website.camvillages@gmail.com)

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

There is support available in all our 5 communities during the lockdown. Contact details have been circulated. Don't hesitate to get in touch with them or to encourage your neighbours to - whatever the need.

KEEP IN TOUCH

With all that's going on via our churches' website **www.camvillages.org.uk** especially the variety of services available for us on Sundays

NEWS

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office is still closed but is contactable by telephone and email as usual.

A message from David Tomlinson:

"I am pleased to let you know that I have been appointed vicar of the parish of St Paul in the Jewellery Quarter in the city centre. The church is intercultural with many who have Farsi as their first language and identify as Persian, and has some significant financial and building challenges. Besides being a very stimulating and stretching post, it's also within cycling distance! I have since April been chairing the community regeneration arm of the diocese that has a turnover of £500,000, have continued with my writing - my next book, 'Knowing Christ: Christian discipleship and the Eucharist is to be published this autumn and, with this post, am now feeling established here. As my future has taken shape, I have been very conscious of your prayers. Thank you. Be assured that you remain in mine as you navigate your way through the easing of lockdown, and look to the future. With love, David."

We continue to wish David and Jenny all the best in Birmingham and we pray David in his new role.