

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Romans 8.12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 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 13.24-30, 36-43*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY TRINITY 6 19th July

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby
Great Chesterford	9.30 am	iCHURCH Tim Hardingham and Alex Jeewan (live via Zoom)
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Home Team
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE Elizabeth Marshall

Or you may be interested in the YouTube service which you can access via the Cam Villages website (see below) Anyone wanting to join the 9.30 am Team Holy Communion should get in touch with Judith Hasler at this email address team@stmaryssafronwalden.org

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st July

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 22nd July

9.30 am Holy Communion via Zoom

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 23rd July

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 26th July TRINITY 7

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

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

ACCESS

Live streamed services from Great Chesterford

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> and click on the picture of Alex

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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:

- For families enjoying the school holidays
- 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
- For responsible behaviour as lockdown is relaxed
- 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 do 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

We are now beginning to hold 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://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

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

O Lord God, who called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we are going, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; to the glory of your name.
E. Milner-White & G.W. Briggs

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 Sunday 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.

WEEKEND AWAY

There are still places available on the rescheduled weekend away **16th-18th July 2021**. Go to <http://stmarysaffronwalden.org/weekendaway2021> for details and how to book.

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AWKWARD PASTORAL VISITS

