

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 *Romans 8.26-39*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel *Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Ken Harvey (Wendens Ambo)
Shirley Green (Littlebury)
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
Tony Hardell (Little Chesterford)

Other topics for your prayers

- For young people awaiting assessment results in place of GCSE and A level examinations
- For ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19,
- For countries where there is little hope of being able to contain it
- For responsible behaviour as lockdown is relaxed
- Our churches as we look ahead with what we have learned during lockdown

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

Holiday Time

Please note that Alex is on holiday until 11th August

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THANK YOU . . . to those of you who have responded to Alex's reminder not to forget your church in this time of difficulty and challenge. 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 Caroline Curren & Alex Jeewan

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://stmaryssaffronwalden.org/weekendaway2021> for details and how to book.

***Don't forget to keep up to date
by visiting our***

CAM VILLAGES WEBSITE

The website is user friendly, has all our latest news and you will be able to see what is going on in all our churches at a glance.

Please visit www.camvillages.org.uk

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY	26th July	TRINITY 7
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Little Chesterford	<i>No service</i>	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby (live streamed & in church)
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION Tim Hardingham (and via Zoom)
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Tim Hardingham
Littlebury Green	9.30 pm	FAMILY SERVICE Elizabeth Marshall

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28th July		
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 29th July		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Zoom
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 30th July		
5.00 am	Evening Prayer	Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY	TRINITY 8	2nd August
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Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE
Littlebury Green	<i>No service</i>	
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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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