

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness..

Gospel *Matthew 16.13-20*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 23rd August TRINITY 11

Little Chesterford	No service	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan (live streamed & in church)
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	Morning Prayer Home Team (via Zoom and in church)
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby
Littlebury Green	9.30 pm	FAMILY SERVICE Elizabeth Marshall

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 25th August		
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 26th August		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Zoom
11.00 am	Funeral for Lizzie Sanders Holy Trinity, Littlebury (Please note this is by invite only)	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 27th August		
5.00 am	Evening Prayer	Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY TRINITY 12 30th August

Little Chesterford	6.30pm	EVENING PRAYER
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Wendens Ambo	10.00 am	MATINS
Littlebury	Joint service with Wenden	
Littlebury Green	No service	
<i>Holy Communion readings::</i>		
Romans 12::9-end	Matthew 16:21-end	

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.

Hybrid service at Wendens Ambo

Please contact Tim at tim.hardingham@talktalk.net to join in from home or to find out more about this exciting service.

CAM CHURCHES MINISTRY TEAM

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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:

Lizzie Sanders (Littlebury)
Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- For families on holiday; that they may safely enjoy a spell of refreshment
- For ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19 where lockdown has been re-introduced
- For countries especially in the developing world without the means manage it, especially in Yemen, Sudan and the Middle East
- For responsible behaviour to ensure the continued relaxation of lockdown
- Our churches as we look ahead with what we have learned during lockdown of new ways to worship
- 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.

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

"A Church Near You"

This is a charming little book of sketches and comments on 46 local churches by Denis Dunstone, of St Mary the Virgin, Wendens Ambo. It costs £10. If you would like a copy please ask a churchwarden or PCC Secretary

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

O God our Father, a multitude of the heavenly host sang your praises at Bethlehem, and heaven resounds with your praise in joyful worship, help us to express in word and song, on our lips and in our lives, our thanks and praise for all your love and grace made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

MASKS IN CHURCH

Please note it is now compulsory - government and Church of England instructions - to wear a mask for services in church unless you have an exemption.

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.

OPEN CHURCHES . . .

Our churches are open for private prayer as follows:
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.

PRAYER FOR A NEW TEAM RECTOR After the summer break, the process of discernment for the next Team Rector will be resumed. This will start with special prayers for the selection process and the prospective candidates during Saffron Walden's Zoom Evening Prayer with an extended time of intercessions on **Tuesday 1st September** at 5 pm.

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.