

The Grapevine

COVERING THE CHURCHES OF
GREAT & LITTLE CHESTERFORD, LITTLEBURY WITH

Welcome to our services today

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 *Philippians 1:21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and,

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY	TRINITY 15	20th September
Little Chesterford	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	9.30 am	ICHURCH Alex Jeewan (live in the Vicarage Garden and via Zoom)
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	No service	
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby
THIS WEEK		
Tuesday 22nd September		
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom		
Wednesday 23rd September		
9.30 am Holy Communion via Zoom		
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom		
Thursday 24th September		
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom		
7.30 pm Churchwardens & Secretaries Meeting All Saints		
Friday 25th September		
NEXT SUNDAY 27th September TRINITY 16		
11.00 am Funeral for Barbara King All Saints		
Little Chesterford	No service	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HARVEST COMMUNION
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	HARVEST THANKSGIVING
<i>Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:</i>		

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.

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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, Valerie Clift and David Lilley
(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:

Those whose anniversaries are this week
Barbara King (Great Chesterford)

Other topics for your prayers

- For young people starting university and college courses, many leaving home for the first time
- For ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19 where lockdown has been re-introduced in this country and for patience as nationwide reintroduction of limitations on social interaction comes into force
- For countries without adequate means to manage the coronavirus, among them Yemen, Sudan, the Middle East, and India
- For the people of the USA as they prepare to elect a president for the next four years amid the coronavirus, racial unrest, wild fires and flooding
- Our churches as we look ahead with what we have learned during lockdown of new ways to worship

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 getting used to being back in church for Sunday services, where possible, in our usual pattern of worship. When coming to church please note the instructions for sanitising and distancing etc. Some services are being live streamed and some will still be on Zoom.

The YouTube Service is now discontinued.

We have appreciated so much the input of Oli King, St Mary's Director of Music and the wide variety of musicians who enabled it to take place each week especially in the early lockdown weeks while we were looking for other ways of worshipping remotely.

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

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us. Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

WORSHIP IN CHURCHES

Happily our services in church are not be affected by the latest guidelines for the number of people who can socially gather together.

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

Celebrated by members of the Team clergy. 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

NEWS

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - The theme of the Revd John Risby's next house group substitute series. If you would like to receive them please let John know either by email or telephone (01799 530232)

ALL SAINTS & ST MARY'S LT CHESTERFORD

We have now heard that the merging of the Parish Church Councils of Great and Little Chesterford has gone ahead. This means that the churches in the Chesterfords will be working more closely together and supporting each other now and in the years to come. Please pray for the Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and PCC members.

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 is being resumed. Please pray for those involved.