

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Second Sunday before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 2nd before ADVENT 15th November

10.00 am **Iona Morning Prayer** via Zoom
Alex Jeewan

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th November
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 18th November
9.30 am Holy Communion via Zoom (new access code)
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 19th November
5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd November
CHRIST THE KING

10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** via Zoom
Alex Jeewan

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 15:31-46

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.

MINISTRY TEAM

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CAM VILLAGES WEBSITE

www.camvillages.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Ken Harvey (Wendens Ambo)
Shirley Green (Littlebury)
Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)
Margaret Reed, 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:

Tim Hardingham (Wendens Ambo)
Gill MacMahon (Little Chesterford)
Tony Hedger (Saffron Walden)
Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- For our new Team Rector and his family as they prepare to come to Saffron Walden in the spring
- For the ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19 and for patience in the current lockdown
- For countries without adequate means to manage the coronavirus, among them Yemen, Sudan, the Middle East, and India
- For the new President of the United States and a peaceful transfer of the position
- Our churches as we have to return to remote worship
- Those missing loved ones who have died

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Protegez-moi, mon Seigneur, mon navire est si petit et votre mer est si grande.

Protect me Lord, my little ship is so small and your sea is so vast.

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.

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.

NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF TEAM RECTOR

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Team Rector, Revd. Jeremy Trew.

Jeremy is currently the vicar of St Gregory's, Seaton and St Michael's Beer in Devon. He and his wife, Alison, will be moving to Saffron Walden in the spring and he will be formally welcomed to start his ministry at a service at St Mary's in early March.

You can find a letter from Jeremy and some photos on stmaryssaffronwalden.org.uk Please pray for him and his family as they prepare to leave their current parishes.

AN ADVENT STUDY COURSE/DISCUSSION GROUP

on zoom is being planned for anyone who would be interested. This would be for one hour a week over a four week period. To help planning, please could you contact Caroline (preferably by e-mail at c.currer@btinternet.com; deadline extended to 17th November) if you would be interested in taking part, and including any constraints you may have in relation to timing. Once we have some idea of potential numbers, she will be in touch with details of the topic and proposed date or dates.

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, GREAT CHESTERFORD is planning a **Virtual Christmas Fair** to culminate on Saturday 12th December

Details shortly

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

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 current restrictions. 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 services available for us on Sundays