OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 3rd October TRINITY 18

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	**MORNING PRAYER** Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	**MORNING PRAYER** Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	**HARVEST SERVICE** Angela Want
Littlebury	10.00 am	**HARVEST CAFÉ CHURCH** Alex Jeewan

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5th October
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

Wednesday 6th October
9.30 am Holy Communion Saffron Walden
9.30 am Building Blocks (Toddler Church) All Saints
10.30 am Eco-Church Meeting 1 The Willows, Gt Ch
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

Thursday 7th October
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

Friday 8th October
1.30 pm Funeral for Joyce Perrin Littlebury

Saturday 9th October
11 am - 4 pm Littlebury Angels

NEXT SUNDAY 10th October TRINITY 19

CAM CHURCHES TOGETHER
10.00 am at All Saints, Great Chesterford
Climate Change Service *Speaker: Edward Gildea*
FOR ALL OUR 5 CHURCHES

ACCESS

Live streamed services from Great Chesterford
https://www.facebook.com/camvillages churches
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.
Other Services
Access information will be found on the Cam Villages Website or stmaryssaffronwalden.org

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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 2.18-24*
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Gospel *Mark 10.2-16*
Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion
We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:
Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)
Margaret Reed, Valerie Clift, and David Lilley and Cliff Lightning (Great Chesterford)
Mavis DeBoise (Caroline Jeewan's mum)

Those who need our support:
Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green)
Lucy Maskell (Great Chesterford)
Jan Godfrey (Little Chesterford)

Friends and families of those who have died:
Joyce Perrin (Littlebury)
Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- That our new and returning ventures may place folk in situations where they may hear your word
- The people of Afghanistan under the Taliban
- The continuing rollout of vaccines so that Covid-19 and its variants may be contained
- The forthcoming climate change conference
- Our care of the world and stewardship of its resources
- Those missing loved ones who have died

OUR CHURCHES

Following the lifting of government restrictions the team is suggesting the following - but each church may like to have its own variation (e.g. St Mary's Saffron is continuing to request the wearing of masks) Bearing in mind that we still want everyone to feel safe:

1. It will be up to individuals to decide whether or not to wear masks.
2. If singing is allowed for the congregation, we will wear masks to sing.
3. Choirs won't have to mask if they social distance and/or are 6 or less.
4. We will create a separate space in our churches for those who want to social distance.
5. Test and trace will continue.
6. We will no longer use one-way systems.

We won't share the common cup until, at least, spring. This is to see how winter affects the virus.

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.

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

DON'T FORGET!
Climate Change Sunday
At our Cam Churches Together service at **10 am** next Sunday (10th October) we welcome Edward Gildea, our deanery environmental adviser, to come and talk to us about what we can do in our churches and in our lives to help the environment, reduce our carbon emissions and help take care of the earth.
Do join us at All Saints, Great Chesterford as we help to take care of God's gift to us.

AND after that service there will be the
CAM VILLAGES PICNIC (BYO)
Alex and Caroline are hoping the weather will allow us to picnic in the Vicarage garden, but if not we will use the church. The time will be from just after the end of the service **12 noon to 2 pm**.

Our toddler church on Wednesday mornings at All Saints Great Chesterford has begun!
Building Blocks is toddler church with a difference. Please join us for fun, stories, music and toast every Wednesday during term time.
Each session begins at 9.30 am for tea, coffee, squash, playtime, and toast and then the activities begin at 10 am.
Just come along, even if you have never been to church before, and join in the fun!

FAMILY WORSHIP
The **Cam Villages Churches** now offer families a greater choice of services in the course of each month:
1st Sunday **Café Church** 10.00 am at Littlebury
2nd Sunday **Family Service** 9.30 am at Wenden
3rd Sunday **iChurch** 9.30 am at Gt Chesterford
4th Sunday **Family Communion** 9.30 am at Wenden

'Fixing our eyes on Jesus'
Weekly thoughts on the letter to the Hebrews chapter 12 verses 1-13
A warm invitation to join a weekly email group as we focus on these great words of encouragement.
If you would like to receive these emails (also available by hand, by request) please get in touch with John Risby (john.risby179@btinternet.com or 01799 530232)
The series began on September 29th but it's still OPEN TO EVERYONE each Wednesday
Please encourage others!
Let's find encouragement together as we run the race set before us!

October 9th - 10th
Holy Trinity Church, LIttlebury

Littlebury Angels

11 am - 4 pm