

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 17th November 2nd before Advent

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Great Chesterford	8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
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Wendens Ambo	No service	
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Angela Want
Littlebury Green with Wenden	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION Angela Want
<i>Some other services you might be interested in</i>		
St Mary's Saffron Walden	8.00 am	Holy Communion

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20th November		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saffron Walden
4.00 pm	Wednesday at 4	Great Chesterford
Thursday 21st November		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
Friday 22nd November		
8.00 am	Morning Prayer	Great Chesterford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Littlebury Green
Saturday 23rd November		
12 noon - 4 pm	Christmas Fair	Community Centre Great Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING

Little Chesterford	No service	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE
<i>Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:</i>		
Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43	

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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 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we did not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Margaret Reed, Marjorie Haylock and Ceri Hedges
(Gt Chesterford)

Those who need our support:

Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green)
Lucy Maskell (Great Chestford)
Kylie Moore-Gilbert (in prison in Iran)

Friends and families of those who have died:

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- The Revd David Tomlinson as he prepares to leave Saffron Walden
- The forthcoming General Election
- The homeless, refugees and displaced people and those who work to provide them with food, shelter and hope
- Those who work for peace and justice throughout the world
- Those in danger from wild fires in Australia
- The world's resources and our stewardship of them
- Those missing loved ones who have died

NOTICES

Any feedback and/or details of forthcoming events should be sent to:

5churchesgrapevine@gmail.com by Wednesday evening to ensure inclusion in the following Sunday's edition

Here is a brief description of some of the regular activities that take place in our churches

Aftershock: for our 11-18 year olds. Meets on Sundays 7 to 8.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, Saffron Walden.

RiPPles: once a month (2nd Wednesday) meeting for women based on prayer, practicality and outreach to the community at All Saints, Great Chesterford.

Wednesday at 4 at All Saints, Great Chesterford is a half-hour of silent prayer to which everyone is welcome. **Not on 2nd Wednesday** when there is **Tea @ 2** till 4 pm in the Church Room. All welcome for tea/coffee, cake, games and chat.

Prayer for Littlebury Generally meets at Cam House, Roman Way on Thursday afternoons at 4.30pm. This is a short time of open prayer for Littlebury and its residents to which everybody is very welcome. If you would like to join the group or have someone or something you would like the group to pray for contact Judy Andrew on 527877 or judycamhouse@aol.com

MORNING PRAYER

The Friday Holy Communion Prayer cycle round the 5 churches at 9.30 am :

Friday 8th November	Littlebury
Friday 15th November	Little Chesterford
Friday 22nd November	Littlebury Green
Friday 29th November	Wendens Ambo

Alex says Morning Prayer **at 8 am** on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Great Chesterford

NB not this Tuesday (19th)

EVENTS

All Saints Great Chesterford

CHRISTMAS FAIR

23rd November 12 noon - 4 pm

at Chesterfords Community Centre

Light lunches and teas

Children's entertainer & Father Christmas

Lots of stalls

Grand Christmas Draw

Diary Dates

Difference

8.00 - 9.30 pm

3rd & 10th December

All Saints Great Chesterford

17th December, 7th & 21st January 2020

Wendens Ambo Village Hall

Difference is a five session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters.

The approach to Christmas and the beginning of a new year seem particularly appropriate times to think about reconciliation. We do hope that you will come and join us as we think about how to reconcile in our own lives and how to be reconcilers in our families and communities.

You can watch a short video of the Archbishop explaining his vision for the course here:

<https://difference.rln.global/about-rln>

Contact: For more information or to attend, email: sam.slota.newson@gmail.com
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Kents Farm Choir

Saturday 14th December

Alumni singers from the University of London Chamber Choir will be singing carols in the Market Square, Saffron Walden 2 pm—4 pm in aid of the Mayor's charity "Team Max" child friendly ambulance.

They will also be leading a **Sung Eucharist** at **Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury 11 am**
Sunday 15th December

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

Looking for a job? Self-help and support, CV writing and improving, Interview practice, job search, discussion.

Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms, beside

St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

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