

The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

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New Testament Reading *Philippians 3.4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel *Matthew 21.33-46*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY	4th October	TRINITY 18
Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HARVEST THANKSGIVING Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	HARVEST MORNING PRAYER Tim Hardingham
Littlebury	10.00 am	HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	No service	

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th October		
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 7th October		
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Zoom
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 8th October		
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY TRINITY 18 11th October

Little Chesterford	No service	
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER
Littlebury	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER
Littlebury Green	No service	

Holy Communion readings:
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

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.

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, Valerie Clift and David Lilley
(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:

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers:

- For the agencies we support at Harvest-tide - Jimmy's Nightshelter, the Uttlesford Food Bank and Farm-Africa
- For those involved in the appointment of a new Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages
- For patience and responsible attitudes as restrictions have been reintroduced to contain Covid-19 .
- For countries especially in the developing world without the means manage it, especially Yemen, Sudan the Middle East and India
- For the people of the USA as they prepare to elect their President for the next four years
- Our churches as we plan our worship in the weeks ahead 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 holding services 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, some still on Zoom and some using both.

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 and those on Zoom.

NEWS

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office is still closed but is contactable by telephone and email as usual.

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.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Loving God, I choose this day to be a servant. I yield my right to command and demand. I give up my need to manage and control. I relinquish all schemes of manipulation and exploitation. For Jesus' sake, Amen *Richard Foster*

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THANK YOU . . . to those of you who have responded to Alex's reminder not to forget your church in this time of difficulty and challenge. You can now give online too.

OPEN CHURCHES

Our churches are now open for private prayer. 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 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

With all that's going on via our churches' website www.camvillages.org.uk especially the variety of services available for us on Sundays

Old Testament Reading (Great Chesterford)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE TRANSITION PROJECT

will recommence assistance online next Tuesday, 6th October, and is seeking further volunteers to join the team. Transition from one job to another can be a very stressful time and the Project's work is intended to help with sympathetic ears and a command of English chiefly to advise on preparation of CVs. No more than the equivalent of one morning's work a week is expected. If you believe you can assist do ring Gerald Gardner for further information on 01799 500543.