

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY **TRINITY 18** **11th October**

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| Little Chesterford | No service |
| Great Chesterford | 11.00 am Holy Communion Alex Jeewan |
| Wendens Ambo | 9.30 am Morning Prayer Tim Hardingham |
| Littlebury | 9.30 am Morning Prayer Tim Hardingham |
| Littlebury Green | No service |

THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday 13th October | | |
| 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | Zoom |
| 8.00 pm | Wendens Ambo APCM | live and on Zoom |
| Wednesday 14th October | | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | Zoom |
| 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | Zoom |
| Thursday 15th October | | |
| 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | Zoom |

NEXT WEEK **18th October** **TRINITY 19**
LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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| Little Chesterford | 9.30 am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Great Chesterford | 9.30 am | ICHURCH |
| Wendens Ambo | 9.30 am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Littlebury | 11.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Littlebury Green | 9.30 am | HOLY COMMUNION |

Holy Communion readings for next Sunday:
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

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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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 (Great Chesterford)

Exodus 31:18-32:14

See insert

Epistle *Philippians 4.1-9*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel *Matthew 22.1-14*

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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:

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:

Christine Levy (Little Chesterford)
Ann Cooke (formerly of Great Chesterford)
Gillian Lloyd

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- For young people isolating in their universities and colleges
- For ongoing efforts to contain Covid-19 and for patience as the reintroduction of limitations on social interaction comes into force
- For those whose businesses may not survive those limitations
- 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 approach the day when they will elect their president against the background of Covid-19
- Our churches as we 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.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

O gracious and holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Benedict of Nursia c 550)

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

WORSHIP IN CHURCHES

Happily our services in church will 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

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

NEWS

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

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.