OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY	Easter 3	18th April
Little Chesterford	9.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION John Risby
Great Chesterford	9.30 am	iCHURCH Alex Jeewan
Wendens Ambo	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Alan Currer
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Alex Jeewan
Littlebury Green	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE Elizabeth Marshall

THIS WEEK

Sunday 18th April 2.00 pm Plant Sale at Littlebury

Tuesday 20th April

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 21st April

9.30 am Holy Communion via Zoom 5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 22nd April

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Saturday 24th April

9.00 am Vicarage Garden Working Party

1.00 pm Baptism - Lenny Hall Great Chesterford

NEXT SUNDAY 25th April **EASTER 4**

Little Chesterford No service

Great Chesterford 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION 9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION Wendens Ambo 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION Littlebury Littlebury Green 9.30.am **HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion readings: Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18

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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

New Testament Reading Acts 3.12-19 Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had forefold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Gospel Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)
Freda Kent (Wendens Ambo)
Barbara Morrison (Little Chesterford)
Margaret Reed, Valerie Clift, and David Lilley
(Great

(Great Chesterford)

Those who need our support:

Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green) Lucy Maskell (Great Chesterford) Jan Godfrey (Little Chesterford) Caroline Avery (Wendens Ambo)

Friends and families of those who have died:

David Green

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- For HM The Queen and her family in their loss
- For those parts of the world living with conflict, natural and manmade disaster, thinking especially of the people of Myanmar and Yemen
- For those nations struggling with a third wave of the coronavirus especially those where it is swamping medical facilities
- That the vaccines may continue to be manufactured and distributed without disruption.
- As we look forward to enjoying the relaxation of lockdown that we may continue to observe necessary precautions
- 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.

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

Below you will find details of how to access the services that are going to be live streamed together with Zoom services.

ACCESS

Live streamed services from Great Chesterford Go to

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

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

MASKS IN CHURCH

Please note it is still 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 of lockdown. You can now give online too.

WEDNESDAY 9.30 am ZOOM HOLY COMMUNIONCelebrated by members of the Team clergy. For an invitation to Zoom services please contact Alex or

Invitation to Zoom services please contact Ale 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

NEWS

Saturday 24th April 9.00 am - 12 noon VICARAGE GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Get sowing, propagating, potting

Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury will be holding A Plant Stall on

Sunday 18th April

Outside the Church

You're invited to bring your mask and contactless payment is available

WENDENS AMBO PLANT SALE

Saturday 1st May 2021

at the Village Hall - in the car park or the hall or both

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Administrator is available by phone or email on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am - 12 noon.

The office is not currently open to personal callers.