

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY **2nd May** **EASTER 5**

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo Littlebury and Littlebury Green	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE Home Team at Wendens Ambo and on Zoom

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th May
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

Wednesday 5th May
9.30 am Holy Communion Zoom
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

Thursday 6th May
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom
7.30 pm Great & Little Chesterford PCC Meeting Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY **9th May** **EASTER 6**

**10.00 am CAM CHURCHES TOGETHER
HOLY COMMUNION
at Wendens Ambo
and on Zoom**

ACCESS

Live streamed services from Great Chesterford
<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.

Other Services
Access information will be found on the Cam Villages Website or stmaryssafronwalden.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
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

New Testament Reading .Acts 8.26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel . John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion.

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 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 those parts of the world living with conflict, natural or manmade disaster, thinking especially of the people of India, Myanmar and Yemen
- For those nations struggling with a third wave of the coronavirus especially India and other places where it is swamping medical facilities
- That the vaccines may continue to be manufactured and distributed without disruption but with fairness and compassion.
- As we look forward to enjoying the relaxation of lockdown that we may continue to observe necessary precautions

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 changes to our worship in church and 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.

GREAT & LITTLE CHESTERFORD Electoral Roll

If you would like your name to be added to the Electoral Roll please let Carol Hatfield know by 7th May - Telephone 530120

***Don't forget to keep up to date
by visiting our
CAM VILLAGES WEBSITE***

The website is user friendly, has all our latest news and you will be able to see what is going on in all our churches at a glance.

Please visit www.camvillages.org.uk

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Come! Spirit of Love! Penetrate and transform us by the action of your purifying life. May your constant, brooding love bring forth in us more love and all the graces and works of love. Give us grace to remain still under its action, and may that humble stillness be our prayer. Amen

Evelyn Underhill

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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 the pandemic. You can now give online too.

WEDNESDAY 9.30 am ZOOM HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrated by 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 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

ALL SAINTS PLANT SALE

Saturday 22nd May 2021 2—4 pm
at The Beeches, 34 Jacksons Lane, Great Chesterford

CAM VILLAGES PICNIC Sunday 4th July

Hello everyone,
We are holding a Cam Villages picnic in the Vicarage Garden, Great Chesterford on Sunday 4th July 12.30-2.30 pm.

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet in person, get to know each other a bit more, and continue our fellowship as the Cam Villages church.

All are welcome,
Please bring your own picnic blanket or chairs if possible, and a picnic for yourself.
Teas and coffees will be supplied.
We look forward to seeing everyone,
Caroline & Alex

.PARISH OFFICE

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.