

The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our services today
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 *Ephesians 6.10-20*

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel *John 6.56-69*

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)

Freda Kent (Wendens Ambo)

Margaret Reed, Valerie Clift, and David Lilley

(Great Chesterford)

Mavis DeBoise (Caroline Jeewan's mum)

Those who need our support:

Betty Dowsett (Littlebury Green)

Lucy Maskell (Great Chesterford)

Jan Godfrey (Little Chesterford)

Friends and families of those who have died:

Jason Haxton whose funeral is on Tuesday

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- For those parts of the world living with conflict, natural or manmade disaster, especially Yemen and Ethiopia living with the threat of famine, Haiti with the aftermath of earthquake and storm, and wherever wild-fires are raging
- The future of Afghanistan with the Taliban in control
- The continuing rollout of vaccines so that Covid-19 and its variants may be contained worldwide
- That our events planned for the rest of the summer may be a welcome return to our programmes disrupted for so long by the coronavirus

OUR CHURCHES

Following the lifting of government restrictions

the team is suggesting the following - but each church may like to have its own variation (e.g. St Mary's Saffron is continuing to request the wearing of masks) Bearing in mind that we still want everyone to feel safe:

1. It will be up to individuals to decide whether or not to wear masks.
 2. If singing is allowed for the congregation, we will wear masks to sing.
 3. Choirs won't have to mask if they social distance and/or are 6 or less.
 4. We will create a separate space in our churches for those who want to social distance.
 5. Test and trace will continue.
 6. We will no longer use one-way systems.
- We won't share the common cup until, at least, spring. This is to see how winter affects the virus.

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

On page 4 you will find details of how to access the services that are going to be live streamed together with Zoom services.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Father, we praise you for the gift of words: the words we hear and read, the words we speak and write. As we handle and use the Holy Scriptures, make us more sensitive to what they say, more appreciative of the life and truth in these pages, and of the love and courage of those who wrote them; and open our ears to your voice, and our lives to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*source unknown*)

NEWS

FAMILY WORSHIP

From September the **Cam Villages Churches** will offer families a greater choice of services in the course of each month:

1st Sunday **Café Church** 9.45 am at Littlebury
2nd Sunday **Family Service** 9.30 am at Wenden
3rd Sunday **iChurch** 9.30 am at Gt Chesterford
4th Sunday **Family Communion** 9.30 am at Wenden

A NEW DATE!

CAM VILLAGES PICNIC (postponed from 4th July)
The new date for this is **10th October** - this is the day of the next Cam Churches Together service. Alex and Caroline are hoping the weather will allow us to picnic in the Vicarage garden, but if not we will use the church. The time will be from just after the end of the service **12 noon to 2 pm**. More details will follow later.

GREAT & LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Autumn Fete

This will be held in conjunction with the usual **Teddy Bears' Parachute Jump**, and have as many stalls and games as will fit into the churchyard space that is left after allowing for the teddies' landing strip.

The date: **Saturday 11th September**

The place: **All Saints Churchyard**

and the starting time: **12.30 pm with a barbecue.**

WENDENS AMBO

Village Party Saturday 4th September

from 2 pm on The Wick

Village Garage Sale Saturday 11th September

11 am - 3 pm Details available from

Friends of Wendens Ambo Church

LITTLEBURY

Saturday 11th September 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Torino Green playing in Holy Trinity Church

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.

***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.

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