

## OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

**TODAY**      **29th August**      **TRINITY 13**

Little Chesterford	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> Alex Jeewan & John Risby
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> Alex Jeewan
Wendens Ambo Littlebury & Littlebury Green	10.00 am	<b>MATINS</b> John Risby

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 31st August**  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

**Wednesday 1st September**  
9.30 am Holy Communion Saffron Walden  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

**Thursday 2nd September**  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

### NEXT SUNDAY 5th September TRINITY 14

<b>Wendens Ambo &amp; Littlebury Green</b>	10 am	<b>THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b>
<b>Little Chesterford</b>	9.30 am	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>
<b>Great Chesterford</b>	11.00 am	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>
<b>Littlebury</b>	10.00 am	<b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b>

*Holy Communion readings:*  
James 2:1-10, 14-17    Mark 7:24-end

## 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](mailto:vicar.camvillages@gmail.com) or Gillian Hopton at [website.camvillages@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://stmaryssaffronwalden.org)

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# The Grapevine

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

**Welcome to our service today  
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Old Testament Reading on page 3

### New Testament Reading *James 1.17-27*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Gospel *Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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:

Rosemary Fentem  
Those whose anniversaries are this week

### Other topics for your prayers

- For the people of Afghanistan and its future under the Taliban
- For other 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 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

## 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](http://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.

## Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy*4:1-2, 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

## 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** 10.00 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.

### STOP PRESS!

We are exploring the possibility of running a **toddler church** service on Wednesday mornings at All Saints GC if there is a desire for it. Would you or someone you know come? Or would you like to help, either serving teas, coffees and toast or being part of the leadership team? Please contact Alex if you would like more information or would like to attend. Even if you can't be involved, please pray for this important ministry.

**Bibles for Year 6** – We have always tried to give a card and a small gift to those in Year 6 from Great Chesterford Primary Academy leaving the school to attend secondary school. As 5 Churches we thought it might be good if we could give each child a bible. We are therefore looking for people to sponsor a bible for each child in year 6. There are usually 30 children, so we need 30 of our church members to agree to give £12 to buy a bible for one pupil. If you are interested, then please contact either Alex or Sheila 530053. Any money would not need to be received until May 2022.

## 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