

OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY 5th September TRINITY 14

Little Chesterford	9.30 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Great Chesterford	11.00 am	MORNING PRAYER Elizabeth Marshall
Wendens Ambo and Littlebury Green	10 am 2.30 pm	THANKSGIVING SERVICE Home Team and on Zoom BAPTISM Alex Jeewan
Littlebury	10.00 am	CAFÉ CHURCH Alex Jeewan

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th September

5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom
7.30 pm PCC Meeting The Chesterfords

Wednesday 8th September

9.30 am Holy Communion Saffron Walden
5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom
7.00 pm Time to Talk & PCC meeting Littlebury

Thursday 9th September

5.00 pm Evening Prayer Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 12th September TRINITY 15

Wendens Ambo & Littlebury Green	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE
Littlebury	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Great Chesterford & Little Chesterford	11.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion Readings:
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-end

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 stmaryssaffronwalden.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
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35.4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Epistle *James 2:1-10, 14-17 on page 3*Gospel *Mark 7.24-37*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrochanaan origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Being baptised today:

Xanthe Rose Macdonald

Those who are unwell:

Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green)

Freda Kent (Wendens Ambo)

Margaret Reed, Valerie Clift, and David Lilley (Gt Ch)

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 those still anxious to leave Afghanistan and those remaining in their country 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 those parts of the US ravaged by Hurricane Ida
- The continuing rollout of Covid-19 vaccines so that the virus may be contained and all protected
- Our schools as the new academic year begins
- Our forthcoming fundraising and social events/navirus
- The world's care and stewardship of its resources
- Those missing loved ones who have died

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.

Epistle James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please.' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet.' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

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 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

Five dads who form the band **Torino Green** are back to perform rock, Indie and pop covers at Littlebury Church - £5 - children free

Relax over a glass of beer or wine in aid of the church