OUR CHURCHES' DIARY

TODAY CHRIST THE KING 17th October

Little Chesterford 9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

John Risby

iCHURCH Great Chesterford 9.30 am

Alex Jeewan

9.30 am MORNING PRAYER Wendens

Home Team

Littlebury 11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Jeewan

9.30 am FAMILY SERVICE Littlebury Green

Elizabeth Marshall

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23rd November 5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 24th November

9.30 am Holy Communion Saffron Walden

9.30 am Building Blocks - Toddler Church Gt Ch

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 25th November

5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Saturday 27th November

12 noon - 4 pm Christmas Fair Great Chesterford 7.30 pm Gluwehin abend Littlebury Village Hall

Great Chesterford 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

NEXT SUNDAY 28th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Wendens Ambo 9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION Littlebury Littlebury Green 9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion readings:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Luke 21:25-36

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

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The Grapevine

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

Welcome to our services today Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Christ the King

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading Revelation 1.4b-8 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel John 18.33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are unwell:

Jenny Sweet and Michelle Thomson (Littlebury Green) 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:

Sylvia Lowe (Great Chesterford)

Those whose anniversaries are this week

Other topics for your prayers

- Those leading courses this Advent
- Our care of the world and stewardship of its resources
- The people of Afghanistan living under the Taliban
- Lives and livelihoods affected and destroyed by conflict, natural disaster and oppressive regimes
- The rising number of refugees from the latter
- The threat of famine in Afghanistan, Ethiopia
- The continuing rollout of vaccines so that the worst outcomes of Covid-19 may be contained
- 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

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

Following the lifting of government restrictions

the team is suggesting the following - but each church may like to have its own variation. Bearing in mind that we still want everyone to feel safe:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

NEWS

ADVENT COIURSE

The Revds Andy Colebrooke and Caroline Currer are planning to lead an Advent Course exploring the four songs in the Christmas story. These are the songs of Zechariah (the Benedictus); of Mary (the Magnificat); of the angels (the Gloria) and of Simeon (the Nunc Dimittis). There will be four sessions via zoom, on **Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th** and **23rd December**. It is hoped to run one group in the afternoon 4 - 5 pm, led by Caroline, and one in the evening 7.30 - 8.30 pm, led by Andy. If you are interested in either the afternoon or the evening group, please contact Caroline (c.currer@btinternet.com) stating which time you would prefer.

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 Great Chesterford 3rd Sunday **Family Service** 9.30 am at Littlebury Green

'Building Blocks'

Building blocks is a toddler church with a difference. Please join us for fun, stories and music every Wednesday during term time. Each session begins at 9.30 am for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits and playtime, and then the activities begin at 10 am.

Just come along and join in the fun!

MEN'S MEET UP

Wednesday 24th November 8 - 11 pm at The Plough Great Chesterford **ALL WELCOME**

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 27th November at Chesterfords Community Centre, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford 12 noon to 4 pm. The Parish of Great and Little Chesterford is planning for its Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November, and hoping that nothing will stop it happening. Children's entertainment has been booked, there will be plenty of stalls, light lunches and teas, and the Grand Christmas Draw for the amazing Christmas hamper and many more prizes. And . . .Father Christmas is expected to call.

Gluhwein Abend

The Friends of Holy Trinity Church Littlebury are hosting an evening of traditional mountain cheer and music **Saturday 27th November 7.30 pm** at Littlebury Village Hall Tickets £20 include Gluhwein and food.

GRANTA CHORALE

Our local a cappella choir is giving a concert in All Saints Church, Great Chesterford, on **Wednesday 15th December** at 8 pm. More details will be available later but in the meantime keep the date! Refreshments will be served