

GROUP SERVICE 30th April 10am at Abbotsley—we welcome Simon Pickering from ‘Winter Comfort’ an organization in Cambridge supporting the homeless. There will be a retiring collection for their work.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF BELLRINGERS—AGM & 8 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION -Saturday 13th May at Meldreth.

RSCM FESTIVAL OF CHURCH MUSIC—Ely Cathedral Saturday 13th May at 5pm. Members from our Choir will be taking part.

VISIT OF FATHER MONODEEP FROM THE DELHI BROTHERHOOD IN INDIA - 13th May 6-7.30pm GG Church - 'An Evening of Sharing'. All are invited to learn more of the work of The Brotherhood who receive sponsorship from USPG. Please bring a plateful of finger food to share with others. Drinks will be provided. The evening will end with Compline. Father Monodeep will also be the preacher at the Group Service on Sunday May 14th at 10am at Waresley.

CHURCH DIARY

Mon	7pm	Choir Festival Rehearsal	Ely Cathedral
Tue	7.45pm	Annual Church Meetings	GG Church
Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun	5pm	Quarter Peal	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 30th April

GROUP SERVICES

10 am	Family Communion CW	A
6 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	GG

Sunday 7th May

8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	W
10am	All Age Worship	GG
6pm	Holy Communion CW	A

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

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THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

23rd April 2017

The Second Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.14a, 22-32(*not announced*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord, always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
my good above all other.'

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup,
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

○ Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

SECOND READING

I Peter 1.3-9 (not announced)

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen

him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

John 20.19-31

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

NOTICES

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS - Each year both parishes have two Annual Meetings—firstly the Vestry Meeting when the Churchwardens are elected and secondly the Annual Church Meeting when Reports are presented and the PCC elected. A joint meeting for both parishes of Gt and Lt Gransden will be held on Tuesday 25th April when each parish will hold separate elections. **NOTE Change of time & Venue to 7.45pm Gt Gransden Church.**