

NOTICES

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS - Our combined meetings will be held on **WEDNESDAY 18th April 7.30pm** in the School under the Chair of Nick Wareham (**note change of date**). Reports will be presented and elections will be held. **Both PCC's have vacancies.** Interested? Contact the Churchwardens for more information. Nomination forms can be downloaded from here : <http://thegransdens.btck.co.uk/>

RETIREMENT OF REVD CATHARINE FURLONG—Catharine's final service will be on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am at GG Church followed by a bring-and-share celebration lunch in LG Village Hall. All welcome.

CHURCH DIARY

Mon	9th	7.30pm	AAW Planning Group meets	Bowling Green House
Tue	10th	2pm	Mothers Union	40 Winchfield
Wed	11th	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	12th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

**THE PARISHES OF
GREAT GRANSDEN, ABBOTSLEY,
LITTLE GRANSDEN AND WARESLEY**

8th April 2018

The Second Sunday of Easter

We welcome the Revd Judi Clarke as our celebrant today.

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 4.32-35 (*not announced*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 15th April		Sunday 22nd April	
GROUP SERVICE		9.30 am	Family Communion CW LG
10.30 am	Family Communion CW GG	11 am	All Age Worship A
		6 pm	Evening Prayer BCP GG

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

CONTACTS

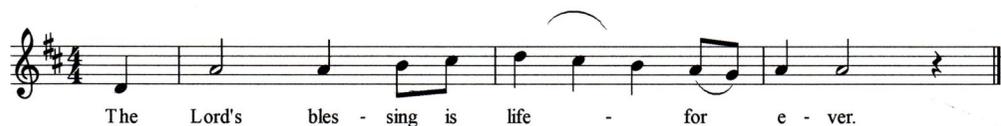
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Great and Little Gransden Churches

PSALM 133



The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

1 Behold how good and pleasant it is,
to dwell together in unity.

The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

2 It is like precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard.

The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

3 Even upon Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon
Running down upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing;

The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

SECOND READING

1 John 1.1-2.2 (*not announced*)

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say

that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.**