

## NOTICES

**THE GRANSDENS CHURCH CHOIR**—Do you or your children enjoy singing? We are a very friendly part of our church family, always ready to welcome new members. **Come along and join us at any Choir Practice, Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm Great Gransden Church.** Practices restart on 30th August after the summer break. More information from Sheila George 677553 Authorized Lay Minister for Music

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORICAL CHURCHES - RIDE & STRIDE**  
Saturday 9th September 10am-6pm. Both Great & Little Gransden Churches have been supported by this charity in the form of grants and loans. Hopefully a group from the villages will be taking part. Anyone interested welcome to join us and/or provide sponsorship. Contact Sheila George on 677553 for more information.

### VISITING PREACHERS

**17th September** —9.30am GG – Revd Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Queen.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL IN THE GRANSDENS**—9.30am 24th September at LG. Donations please of tinned food, cereals, jams & marmalade, tea & coffee for work of the Salvation Army, Cambridge.

**DEANERY AUTHORIZATION OF A.L.Ms 6pm 24th September at Gamlingay Church.** All welcome to attend to support Janice Brown to be reauthorized in Pastoral Ministry and Angela Steele to be authorized for Youth Ministry.

**COME & SING** The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins—1st October GG Church. (see Roundabout)

### CHURCH DIARY

Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sat	10am	Deanery Planning Meeting	Little Paxton

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

#### Sunday 3rd September

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

#### Sunday 10th September

<b>Group Service</b>		
10am	Family Communion CW	W

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

### CONTACTS

**Priest in Charge:** Revd Catharine Furlong 677227 (Day off Monday)  
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**Great and Little Gransden Churches**

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## THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

27th August 2017

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity-Proper 16

We welcome the Revd Mike Jones as our celebrant today

### COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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. **Amen**

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 51.1-6 (not announced)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

### PSALM 138

#### **O Lord, your love endures for ever.**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

#### **O Lord, your love endures for ever.**

- 4 When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

#### **O Lord, your love endures for ever.**

- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

#### **O Lord, your love endures for ever.**

### SECOND READING

Romans 12.1-8(*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16.13-20

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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