



May the love of Christ be with you all this Christmastide and during 2019.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 30th December		Sunday 6th January	
GROUP SERVICE		9.30 am Holy Communion BCP	W
10 am Family Communion CW	GG	10 am All Age Worship	GG
		6 pm 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
PEW SHEET
25th DECEMBER 2018
CHRISTMAS DAY**

We welcome the Revd Margaret Marshall our celebrant today.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT RING

This year we are following an Advent Resource from the Royal School of Church Music.

Christmas Day—Jesus

Joy to the world!

The Lord has come!

The central candle is lit and this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing Advent candles tell their story,
on this Christmas Day.
Those who waited for God's glory;
they prepared the way.
Christ is with us; loving, giving,
in us living, here today!

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 3.4-7 (not announced)

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2. 8-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

NOTICES

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: The Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce that the Revd Rachel Blanchflower, formerly curate of The Good Shepherd, Chester-ton, is to take up the post of half time Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Great Gransden and Abbotsley and Little Gransden and Waresley.

The licensing service will be held at 7pm on Thursday 31st January 2019 at Great Gransden Church. All welcome.

CONTACTS DURING INTERREGNUM—all enquiries re Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or any other church matters should be made to the Churchwardens (*full details in Roundabout*).

PRAYER LIST - If you would like anyone to be included by name in our prayers each Sunday (sick, departed etc.) please contact Tony Bevens LLM.

STAMPS FOR MOGGERHANGER—The boxes for used postage stamps for Moggerhanger will be in all four churches from now until the end of January.

NEW SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS - At normal services there are now 2 emergency exits showing a green/white sign. In the event of an emergency you will be directed to leave the church by these exits and proceed to the Assembly Point in the churchyard. A 'Safety Buddy' system is in place for those with reduced mobility. More information available from the Sidesmen, Nick Walton or Stephen Sullivan.

ADVANCE NOTICE—Bedford Gallery Quire will be giving a concert in GG Church on Saturday 16th March 2019. Not to be missed, make a note in diaries now!