



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**

<b>Sunday 30th December</b>		<b>Sunday 6th January</b>	
<b>GROUP SERVICE</b>		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**

24th DECEMBER 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE-MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

We welcome the Revd Miles Falla as our celebrant this evening.

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT RING**

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

**Christmas Eve—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 Eve.

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**

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
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

*Hebrews 1.1-4 (not announced)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

## GOSPEL READING

*John 1.1-14*

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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, Chesterton, 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!