

Join us for  
**ALL AGE WORSHIP**  
 Led by Tamsyn Hadden  
 Assisted by the Explorer Scouts  
**10am at Great Gransden Church**  
 On  
**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**  
**EPIPHANY**



**ALL WELCOME.**  
 This informal service lasts about 40 minutes and is led by members of our congregation and followed by coffee & biscuits.  
**PLEASE NOTE**  
 Photographs may be taken at this event and displayed on the Church Website/Facebook page.

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

30th December 2018

The First Sunday of Christmas

We welcome the Revd Judi Clarke as our celebrant this morning.

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
 who wonderfully created us in your own image  
 and yet more wonderfully restored us  
 through your Son Jesus Christ:  
 grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
 so we may share the life of his divinity;  
 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**

Colossians 3.12-17 (not announced)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT**

<b>Sunday 6th January</b>			<b>Sunday 13th January</b>		
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	W	<b>GROUP SERVICE</b>		
10am	All Age Worship CW	GG	10 am	Family Communion CW	W
6pm	Holy Communion	A			

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley

**CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** *In Interregnum*

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## GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.41-52

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

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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!

### CHURCH DIARY

Tue	1st	10am	Quarter Peal	GG Church
Wed	2nd	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur	3rd	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Fri	4th	7.30pm	Revellers Rehearsal	GG Church
Sat	5th		Bellringers Christmas Dinner	

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU**