

## NOTICES

**CONFIRMATION**—would any adult or young person who wishes to be confirmed this year please contact The Revd Catharine Furlong (677227) for further details including preparation times.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS** - Each year both parishes have two Annual Meetings—firstly the Vestry Meeting when the Churchwardens are elected and secondly the Annual Church Meeting when Reports are presented and the PCC elected. A joint meeting for both parishes of Gt and Lt Gransden will be held on Tuesday 25th April when each parish will hold separate elections. **NOTE Change of time & Venue to 7.45pm Gt Gransden Church.**

**GROUP SERVICE** 30th April 10am at Abbotsley—we welcome Simon Pickering from 'Winter Comfort' an organization in Cambridge supporting the homeless. There will be a retiring collection for their work.

**VISIT OF FATHER MONODEEP FROM THE DELHI BROTHERHOOD IN INDIA** - 13<sup>th</sup> May 6-7.30pm GG Church - 'An Evening of Sharing'. All are invited to learn more of the work of The Brotherhood who receive sponsorship from USPG. Please bring a plateful of finger food to share with others. Drinks will be provided. The evening will end with Compline. Father Monodeep will also be the preacher at the Group Service on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Waresley.

### CHURCH DIARY

Wed 6.15pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
7.30pm	AAW Planning meeting	
Thur 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church



**THE PARISHES OF  
GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN**  
16th April 2017  
Easter Day  
Family Communion with Baptisms.

The Choir will sing the **INTROIT** 'Alleluia' by William Boyce

### **COLLECT**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 10.34-43 (*not announced*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

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

<u>Sunday 23rd April</u>			<u>Sunday 30th April</u>		
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	LG	10 am	Family Communion CW	A
11 am	All Age Worship	A	<b>6 pm</b>	Evening Prayer BCP	GG
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A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley

### CONTACTS

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**Great and Little Gransden Churches**

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## PSALM 118.14-24

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

- 17 I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness,  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
whoever is righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief corner-stone.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

## GOSPEL READING

John 20. 1-18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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