

NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL If you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls now is the time.

Please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett for Great and Alison Wareham for Little. Forms can be downloaded from the church web site.

SWIMATHON—Our team from last year have come forward to represent us again **TODAY** 2pm at the Saxon Pool Biggleswade. Please support them with sponsorship.

VISITING PREACHER 9.30am 25th February LG Church—We look forward to welcoming The Rt Revd Eric Muhl, Rector from the London Swedish Church.

BIG BREW - join us on Sat. 3rd March 10am in the Reading Rooms when we shall be raising funds during Fairtrade Fortnight - contact Jenny Wilkinson 677378.

RETIREMENT OF REVD CATHARINE FURLONG—After 12 years of ministry in our parishes Catharine will be retiring on 31st March 2018. This will be followed by a period of Interregnum from 1st April. Details of whom to contact during this period will be published in *Roundabout*. Please do not hesitate to contact Catharine 677227 in the meantime regarding pastoral care, baptisms and weddings.

DEANERY LENT EVENSONG - 18th March 4pm Lt Paxton Church - preacher The Revd Julia Chamberlain, Chaplain Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

CHURCH DIARY

Wed 6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun 5.30pm	Evensong & Dinner	Clare College, Cambridge

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 25th February			Sunday 4th March		
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	LG	8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG
11 am	All Age Worship	A	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	W
			10am	All Age Worship	GG
			6pm	Holy Communion CW	A

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

CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: *Revd Catharine Furlong 677227 (Day off Monday)
The Vicarage, 4 Webbs Meadow, Great Gransden*

LLM: *Tony Bevens 677643* **ALM Music:** *Sheila George 677553*

ALM Pastoral: *Janice Brown 677017* **ALM Youthwork:** *Angela Steele 07711 285165*

Churchwardens: *Little Gransden Nick Wareham 677555 Betty Bates 677257*

Assistant Wardens: *Great Gransden Rob Chignell 677322 Iain Strath 679911*

Church Web page : theग्रansdens.btck.co.uk

Find us on Facebook Great and Little Gransden Churches

Material from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, © The Archbishop's Council 2000. Readings & psalm from the N R S Version of the Bible © 1989, 1995. CCLI Licence No: 490303, MRL Licence No. 490310, PRS Church Licence No. 612961.

THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

18th February 2018

The First Sunday of Lent

We welcome Eleanora Isles into Baptism today

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

Genesis 9.8-17 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

PSALM 25.1-9



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in | you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies | triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be | put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed | and frustrated.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach | me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of | my salvation;
for you have I hope all | the day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- 5 Remember, Lord, your compas | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your | steadfast love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- 7 Gracious and upright | is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners | in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way | to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant | and his testimonies.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

SECOND READING

I Peter 3.18-22 (*not announced*)

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1.9-15

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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