

## 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.

**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 Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

### CHURCH DIARY

Tue	7.30pm	LG PCC	41 Main Road
Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sat		Association of Ringing Teachers Conference	Royston
		RSCM Going for Gold Course	Peterborough

### PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

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

Sunday 4th March				Sunday 11th March			
8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG		GROUP SERVICE			
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	W		10am	Family Communion CW	LG	
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

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**Great and Little Gransden Churches**

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## THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

25th February 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent

We welcome The Very Revd Eric Muhl, Rector of the Swedish Church in London, as our preacher today.

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### FIRST READING

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16( *not announced*)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

## PSALM 22.22-30

**All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor  
the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

**All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
'May your heart live for ever!'

**All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.

**All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth  
bow down and worship;  
and all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as he Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

### SECOND READING

Romans 4.13-25 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all

of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 8.31-38

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

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

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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