

SWIMATHON-Sunday 12 noon 8th March. Please support our team with sponsorship. 50% raised will go to Great Gransden Church. **SWIMMERS NEEDED** to make up our team of 6. Any queries please contact Jenny Wilkinson - 677378.

DEANERY LENT EVENSONGS: SUNDAYS in MARCH 2020 at 6.00pm

1st March	St Mary's Gamlingay	The Revd David Kinder
8th March	St Bartholomew's Great Gransden	The Revd Canon Grant Fellows
15th March	St Mary's Buckden	The Right Revd Dagmar Winter
29th March	All Saints Little Staughton	The Revd Paul Hutchinson

CHURCH DIARY FOR NEXT FORTNIGHT

TODAY	4pm	Christingle Service	GG Church
Tue 4th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	GG Church
Wed 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion	LG Church
	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur 6th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun 9th	2pm	AAW Planning	Vicarage GG
Tue 11th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	GG Church
Wed 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	LG Church
	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur 13th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 9th February			Sunday 16th February		
8.30am	Holy Communion	LG	8.30am	Holy Communion	A
10am	All Age Communion	A	10am	All Age Communion	GG
6pm	Evensong	GG	6pm	Evening Prayer	W

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

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

2nd February 2020
Candlemas

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

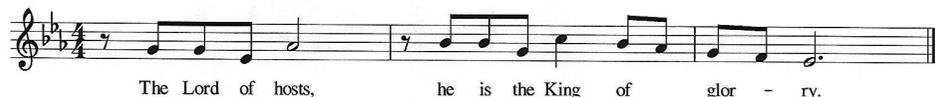
Malachi 3.1-5 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

PSALM 24. 7-10



The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

7 Lift up your | heads O gates;
be lifted up, you ever | lasting doors;
and the King of glory | shall come in.

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

8 'Who is the | King of glory?'
'The Lord, | strong and mighty,
The Lord who is migh | ty in battle.'

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

9 Lift up your | heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you ever | lasting doors;
and the King of glory | shall come in.

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

10 'Who is the | King of glory?'
'The | Lord of hosts,
He is the | King of glory.'

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2. 22-40

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

NOTICES

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.

BIG BREW for Fairtrade/Traidcraft will be on Saturday 29th Feb 10-12 in the Reading Rooms. There will be a cake stall, raffle, games, book stall, etc. If anyone would like to bake a cake, help with refreshments or bring a raffle prize then please contact Jenny Wilkinson—677378.