

## NOTICES

**RIDE & STRIDE Saturday 9th September** - Cambs Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored bike ride visiting local churches to raise funds for the Trust and your nominated Church. Anyone interested in joining in this year? Contact Sheila on 677553 for more information. **I could be persuaded to dust the cobwebs of my bike if anyone would like to join me!**

## CHURCH DIARY

Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod	Lt Paxton
Thu	10.45am	Funeral—Hugh Christmas	GG Church
		Founders Day Service	GG Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU**

## THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

16th July 2017

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 10

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour 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

Isaiah 55.10-13 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 23rd July			Sunday 30th July		
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	LG	10am	Family Communion CW	W
11 am	All Age Worship	A	6pm	Evening Prayer BCP	LG
6 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	GG			

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  
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**Great and Little Gransden Churches**

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

## PSALM 65



**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

8 You tend the earth and water it;  
you make it rich and fertile.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

9 The river of God is full of water;  
so providing for the earth you provide grain for men.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

10 You drench its furrows you level the ridges between;  
you soften it with showers and bless the early growth.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

11 You crown the year with your goodness;  
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

12 The pastures of the wilderness run over;  
and the hills are girded with joy.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

13 The meadows are clothed with sheep;  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn they shout for joy and sing.

**You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.**

We sing the *Agnus Dei*:

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

Before the distribution, the priest says:

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

**ALL** are welcome at the altar to receive communion or God's blessing. The Choir may sing an **ANTHEM**. If time permits please join the Choir in singing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## SENDING OUT

The priest gives the **BLESSING**.

We sing the final hymn

## DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Priest     As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All     As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Priest     With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All     Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or sit*

Priest     As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All     Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Priest     We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All     Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please remain standing*

Priest The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Priest In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Priest On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Priest At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**