

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 FOR NEXT FORTNIGHT

Tue 25th		Quinquennial Inspection	LG Church
Thu 27th		Boiler Service	GG Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun 30th	10am	Group Service	Waresley
	6pm	Group Service	LG Church
Mon 31st	9.15am	Quarter Peal by visiting ringers	GG Church
Thu 3rd	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

23rd July 2017

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity-Proper 11

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Isaiah 44:6-8 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 30th July			Sunday 6th August		
GROUP SERVICES			8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG
10am	Family Communion CW	W	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	W
6pm	Evening Prayer BCP	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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PSALM 86.11-17

You Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.
13 For great is your love towards me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

You Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a violent band
seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

You Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of
your handmaid.
17 Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see
it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

You Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25(*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the

whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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