

NOTICES

CHURCH DIARY

Wed 6.30pm Choir Practice GG Church
Thur 7.30pm Bellringing Practice GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

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

9th July 2017

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity-Propser 9

We welcome Ruth Brown of CamMind to our service today.

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9.9-12 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also,
because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 16th July

9.30 am Family Communion CW GG
9.30 am Patronal Festival A
3.30 pm Confirmation W

Sunday 23rd July

9.30 am Family Communion CW LG
11 am All Age Worship A
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

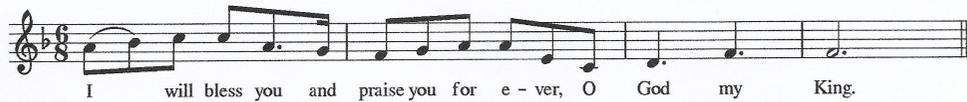
Priest in Charge: Revd Catharine Furlong 677227 (Day off Monday)
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Great and Little Gransden Churches

PSALM 145.8-15



I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

8 The Lord is gra | cious and merciful,
long-suffering and | of great goodness.

9 The Lord is lov | ing to everyone
and his mercy is over | all his creatures.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

10 All your works praise | you, O Lord,
and your faithful | servants bless you.

11 They tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak of your | mighty power,

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

12 To make known to all peoples your | mighty acts
and the glorious splendour | of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an ever | lasting kingdom,
your dominion endures through | out all ages.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

14 The Lord is sure in | all his words
and faithful in | all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up all those who | are bowed down.

I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

SECOND READING

Romans 7.15-25a (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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