

NOTICES

SWIMATHON-Sunday 8th March. Regretfully we have not been able to recruit enough swimmers so we will not be taking part this year.

BREATHING SPACE -beginning on March 6th at 12.20pm and every Friday lunchtime throughout Lent, there will be a half hour in the Vicarage of uncluttered time in which to eat sandwiches or drink tea in silence, to sit and reflect.

DEANERY LENT EVENSONGS: SUNDAYS in MARCH 2020 at 6.00pm

TONIGHT Gamlingay **8th March** Great Gransden
15th March Buckden **29th March** Great Staughton

ELECTORAL ROLL—please contact Mark Doggett (GG) and/or Alison Wareham (LG) if you would like to have your name on the churches electoral rolls. <https://thegransdens.btck.co.uk/ELECTORALROLL> This gives you the right to vote at **The Gransdens ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS** - Our combined meetings will be held on **SUNDAY 29th MARCH** after our morning service at GG. Reports will be presented and elections will be held. **Both PCC's have vacancies.** Interested? Contact the Churchwardens for more information.

CHURCH DIARY

Tue	3rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	GG Church
Wed	4th	10.30am	Holy Communion	LG Church
		6.15pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur	5th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sat	9th	10am	Quarter Peal	GG Church
Sun	8th	4pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
		4pm	Confirmation Class	Vicarage GG
		6pm	Deanery Evensong	GG Church

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 8th March			Sunday 15th March		
8.30am	Holy Communion	LG	8.30am	Holy Communion	A
10am	All Age Communion	A	10am	All Age Communion	GG
6pm	Deanery Evensong	GG	6pm	Deanery Evensong	Buckden

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

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

1st March 2020
 The First Sunday of Lent

During Lent we sing the Kyries in place of the Gloria. **COLLECT**

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 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**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2.15-17: 3.1-7 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32



Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression | is forgiven,
and whose | sin is covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord im | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile.

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 3 For I | held my tongue;
my bones wasted away through my groaning | all the day long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the | drought in summer.

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my | sin to you
and my iniquity I | did not hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions| to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 7 Therefore let the faithful make their prayers to you in |time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it | shall not reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hid in; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with songs | of deliverance.

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no | understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you.'

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

- 11 Great tribulations remain | for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4.1-11

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**