

NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL If you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls now is the time. Please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett for Great and Alison Wareham for Little. Forms can be downloaded from the church web site.

RETIREMENT OF REVD CATHARINE FURLONG—After 12 years of ministry in our parishes Catharine will be retiring on 31st March 2018. This will be followed by a period of Interregnum from 1st April. Details of whom to contact during this period will be published in *Roundabout*. Please do not hesitate to contact Catharine 677227 in the meantime regarding pastoral care, baptisms, weddings and funerals

Catherine's final service will be on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am at GG Church followed by a bring-and-share celebration lunch in LG Village Hall. All welcome.

DEANERY LENT EVENSONG - 18th March 4pm Lt Paxton Church - preacher The Revd Julia Chamberlain, Chaplain Hinchbrooke Hospital.

CHURCH DIARY

Tue	13th	Whites of Appleton Bellhangers	
	12noon	Clapper adjustment	GG Church
	6.30pm	Greater Chapter	Little Paxton
Wed	14th	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	15th	11am Funeral of Joan Bowen	GG Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun	18th	4pm Lent Deanery Evensong	Little Paxton

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 18th March

9.30 am	Family Communion CW	GG
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	A
11 am	Morning Prayer BCP	W

Sunday 25th March

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**



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THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

11th March 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday
We welcome The Revd Miles Falla as our celebrant and preacher today.

COLLECTS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Exodus 2. 1-10 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

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

PSALM 34. 11-20



O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

11 Come, my child | ren, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.

12 Who is there who de | lights in life
and longs for days to en | joy good things?

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

13 Keep your | tongue from evil
And keep your lips from | lying words.

14 Turn from evil | and do good;
Seek peace | and pursue it.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

15 The eyes of the Lord are u | pon the righteous
And his ears are open | to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil,
To root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

17 The righteous cry and the | Lord hears them
And delivers them out of | all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the | broken hearted
And will save those who are | crushed in spirit.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

19 Many are the troubles | of the righteous;
From them all will the | Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps | all their bones,
So that not one of | them is broken.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 (*not announced*)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.33 - 35

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

All: Glory to you , O Lord.

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.”

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