

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

12th March 2017

The Second Sunday of Lent

NOTICES

2nd LENT FILM SHOW—Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room - Polar Express. Opportunities to discuss issues raised in both films will follow after the screening. Further information from Tony Bevens (677643).

TASTER CHOIR PRACTICE & SERVICE –Wednesday 15th March 6.30pm GG Church. Come along to have a sing with our Choir. See poster & Roundabout.

MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL - If you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls now is the time. We need more people to serve on our PCCs and most importantly new Churchwardens in Great Gransden. Please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett for Great and Sue Lawrence for Little. Forms will be available in our churches or can be downloaded from the church web site. <http://www.thegransdens.btck.co.uk/ElectoralRoll>.

CHURCH DIARY

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| Sun | 6pm | Deanery Taize Lent Service | St Neots |
| Tue | 7.30pm | Film Night | Reading Room |
| Wed | 6.30pm | Choir Practice | GG Church |
| Thur | 11.30am | Greater Chapter | Lt Paxton |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringing Practice | GG Church |
| Fri-Sun | | Lent Weekend | Walsingham |

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

| Sunday 19th March | | | Sunday 26th March | | |
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| 9.30 am | Family Communion CW | GG | 9.30 am | Family Communion CW | LG |
| 9.30 am | Morning Prayer BCP | A | 11 am | All Age Worship | A |
| 11 am | Morning Prayer BCP | W | 6 pm | Evening Prayer BCP | GG |
| 4 pm | Evening Prayer BCP | LG | | | |

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

CONTACTS

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Great and Little Gransden Churches

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During Lent we sing the Kyries (kneeling) in place of the Gloria:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord 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

Genesis 12.1-4a (not announced)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121



My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- 2 My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of hea | ven and earth.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

- 3 He will not suffer your | foot to stumble;
he who watches over you | will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither slum | ber nor sleep.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

- 5 The Lord himself | watches over you;
the Lord is your shade | at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike | you by day,
neither the | moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

- 7 The Lord shall keep you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your | coming in,
from this time forth for | evermore.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

SECOND READING

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is

the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 3.1-17

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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