

## NOTICES

### SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 7.30pm Holy Communion Abbotsley

**GOOD FRIDAY** 10am Liturgy of the Cross Little Gransden  
2pm Watch by the Cross Waresley  
6pm 'The Way of the Cross' Great Gransden

**EASTER SUNDAY** 9.30am Family Communion Great Gransden  
11.15am Family Communion Waresley

**MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL** If you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett or Alison Wareham.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS** - Our combined meetings will be held on Tuesday 17th April 7.30pm in the School under the Chair of Nick Wareham. Reports will be presented and elections will be held. **Both PCC's have vacancies.** Interested? Contact the Churchwardens for more information. Nomination forms can be downloaded from here <http://thegransdens.btck.co.uk/>

**RETIREMENT OF REVD CATHARINE FURLONG**—Catharine'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.

### CHURCH DIARY

Tue	27th	2pm	Funeral Serena Askham	GG Church
Wed	28th	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur	29th	7.30pm	Bellringers AGM	Nutbells
		7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	A Church
Fri	30th		Good Friday Services—see above	

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU**

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

#### Sunday 1st April

9.30am Family Communion CW  
11.15am Family Communion

GG  
W

#### Sunday 8th April

GROUP SERVICE  
10am Family Communion CW

GG

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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## THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN

25th March  
The Sixth Sunday of Lent—Palm Sunday

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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 50.4-9a( *not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

## PSALM 118.1-2,19-29

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
20 'This is the gate of the Lord;  
whoever is righteous may enter.'

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief corner-stone.

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
24 On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 25 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!  
Lord, send us now success.  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
28 'You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.'  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for his good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

**This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 11.1 -11

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

**All: Glory to you , O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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