

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION—would any adult or young person who wishes to be confirmed this year please contact The Revd Catharine Furlong (677227) for further details including preparation times.

PALM SUNDAY GROUP SERVICE 9th APRIL 10am GREAT GRANSDEN.

Our Service will begin with a Procession to Church starting at Barnabas Oley School as we remember Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem. For those unable to walk please come directly to Church. Palm Crosses will be distributed to all on this Sunday.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS - Each year both parishes have two Annual Meetings—firstly the Vestry Meeting when the Churchwardens are elected and secondly the Annual Church Meeting when Reports are presented and the PCC elected. A joint meeting for both parishes of Gt and Lt Gransden will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th April at Barnabas Oley School, when each parish will hold separate elections.

CHURCH DIARY

Tue	7.30pm	GG PCC	The School
Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thur	9.30am	School end of term service	GG Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 2nd April		Sunday 9th April	
8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG	
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	W	
10am	All Age Worship	GG	
6pm	Holy Communion CW	A	GG

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

CONTACTS

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**THE PARISHES OF
GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN**

26th MARCH 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

- 11 Come, children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon 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.

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20 He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

**Come, Children, and listen to me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

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 Matthew 17.1-9

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

And 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.**