

**BELLRINGING**—Ringing is a great hobby and almost anyone can have a go. The Gransden Bellringers are a mixed age team coming from all parts of the community and would welcome new members. **Come along to the tower on a Thursday at 7.30pm** to see what it is about and visit our website or Facebook page-Great Gransden Bell Ringers. More information from David Prest 679053 or Sheila & Philip George 677553.



## COMMON WORSHIP

The Parishes of Great Gransden  
and Little Gransden  
**FAMILY SERVICE—ALL AGE WORSHIP**  
**A Service of The Word**

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 4th November 2018

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Mon	5th	8pm	AAW Planning Meeting	Nutbells
Tue	6th	2pm	Mothers Union	
		7.30pm	Revellers Rehearsal	GG Church
Wed	7th	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	8th	2pm	Sidesmen Safety Training	GG Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Fri	9th	7.30pm	Revellers Rehearsal	GG Church
Sat	10th	10am	Quarter Peal	GG Church
		2.30pm	Autumn Bazaar	LG Village Hall
Tue	13th	11.30am	Sidesmen Safety Training	GG Church
		7.30pm	Revellers Rehearsal	GG Church
Wed	14th	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	15th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Fri	16th	7.30pm	Revellers Rehearsal	GG Church

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU**

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

Sunday 11th November		Sunday 18th November	
<b>Group Services</b>		9.30 am	Family Communion CW GG
8am	Holy Communion BCP LG		With Sunday School
10.55am	Remembrance Service GG	11am	Morning Prayer BCP W

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

### CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: *In Interregnum*

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## WELCOME

We welcome you to Great Gransden Parish Church.  
The Leaders of today's service are Sheila George and Iain Strath.

## **THEME - The Great Commandment**

### **GATHERING PRAYER:**

Dear God,  
as we worship,  
help us to hear you through the Bible,  
talk to you in prayer,  
and sing to you in song. **Amen.**

### **HYMN 35** A new commandment

*Remain standing*

### **CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed;  
we have not loved you with all our heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
Have mercy upon us;  
cleans us from our sins,  
and help us to overcome our faults,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the* **COLLECT** *for today*

God of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **THE BLESSING**

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;  
and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen**

Leader: Let us go in peace and walk in love,  
serving the Lord in all we do.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen**  
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## NOTICES

**CONTACTS DURING INTERREGNUM**—all enquiries re Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or any other church matters should be made to the following Churchwardens (*full details in Roundabout*):

Great Gransden—Iain Strath or Rob Chignell  
Little Gransden-Nick Wareham or Betty Bates  
Abbotsley-Julie Wisson  
Waresley-Colin Croot

**PRAYER LIST** - If you would like anyone to be included by name in our prayers each Sunday (sick, departed etc.) please contact Tony Bevens LLM.

**STAMPS FOR MOGGERHANGER**—The boxes for used postage stamps for Moggerhanger will be in all four churches from now until the end of January.

**AUTUMN BAZAAR—SATURDAY** 10th November 2.30pm LG Village Hall raising funds for day to day running costs of LG Church.

**RESTORATION WORK AT LITTLE GRANSDEN**—the next stage of works at LG Church has commenced, carried out by Herringbone Restoration Ltd. The work is expected to take 14 weeks and unfortunately we shall not be able to use the building during this time. **ALL** services will be transferred to GG Church until end of January 2019. **The 8am Group Holy Communion next Sunday will still go ahead next Sunday at Little Gransden.**

**THE GRANSSENS CHURCH CHOIR**—Do you or your children enjoy singing? We are a very friendly part of our church family, always ready to welcome new members. We have just started getting ready for Christmas! **Come along and join us at any Choir Practice, Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm Great Gransden Church.** More information from Sheila George 677553 ALM Music.

*We continue with prayers of intercession and thanksgiving followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

Leader: O Lord our God:

**All In you we trust.**

Leader: Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**CONCLUSION** *Please stand for*

**HYMN 54** At the name of Jesus  
*During this hymn the collection will be taken.*

*Please remain standing for*

**SENDING OUT PRAYER**

Go in the peace of Christ,  
with the words of God in your mind,  
with the love of your neighbour in your heart,  
and with the blessing of God on your life. **Amen.**

*Please sit for*

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (not announced) *read by Nadine Santus*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before God lifelong, observing all his rules and regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives.

Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you're told so that you'll have a good life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land abounding in milk and honey.

Attention, Israel!

God, our God! God the one and only!

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates. (MSG)

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

## THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 12.28.34 (not announced) read by Rachel Walker

Hear the Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

*Please stand for*

### THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace by shaking hands with those around you.*

**HYMN 430** Love is the only law

*Please sit for the* **ADDRESS**

*Please stand for* **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.**

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN 167** Father we love you

### THE PRAYERS

At this time of the year we think about All Soul's Day. All Soul's Tide is a time in the Church's Year which gives us an opportunity to pray for and remember the Faithful Departed, those who have died recently and in past years.

*The Paschal Candle, the symbol of the risen Christ present with us for all eternity, is lit.*

Leader Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**All A light no darkness can quench.**

Leader Let us commend the faithful departed to the merciful keeping of Almighty God.

*The Choir sings while the names of those to be remembered are read aloud.  
At the same time, you are invited to move forward and light a candle in memory of departed friends or relatives.*

Hear us, O merciful Father,

as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands.

Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,  
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.  
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**