

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

1st September 2019
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Proper 17

CHURCH DIARY

Tue 3rd	2pm	MU	GG Church
Wed 4th	6.30pm	Come & Sing Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu 5th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Wed 11th	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu 12th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sat 14th	10am-6pm	CHCT Ride & Stride	

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

COLLECT

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES IN THE BENEFICE

MONDAY 9.10am Morning Prayer W **TUESDAY** 9.10am Morning Prayer GG
WEDNESDAY 10.30am Holy Communion LG **FRIDAY** 9.10am Morning Prayer A

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 8th September		Sunday 15th September	
8.30am	Holy Communion	8.30am	Holy Communion
10am	All Age Worship	10am	All Age Communion
6pm	Choral Evensong		
	LG		A
	A		GG
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A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

CONTACTS

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you , O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

The Revd. Rachel Blanchflower can be contacted at:
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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—677643.

GREAT GRANSDEN QUINQUENNIAL REPAIRS— in 2016 the architect recommended repairs to external stonework, window surrounds and rainwater goods. These repairs are classed as urgent and will cost in the region of £35,000. We are halfway to our fund-raising target and now need your help to meet the shortfall. Please visit our Just Giving Fund Raising Page or contact our Treasurer Andrew Fogg.

COFFEE TIME—After our services we get together over a cup coffee. We urgently need new recruits to go on our rota to serve the coffee and wash up afterwards at the end of our 10am service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month, and sometimes after special services. **CAN YOU HELP?** Contact Nicola Hipwell on 677968.

MOTHERS UNION next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd September 2pm GG Church. Speaker Catherina Griffiths 'Tales from Chile'.

COME & SING CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesday 4th September 6.30pm GG Church. Do you enjoy singing? We are eager to recruit new members to our Choir and invite anyone interested to come along. All ages from 8+ are welcome, no auditions.

TRADITIONAL CHORAL EVENSONG will be sung by our Choir on Sunday 8th September 6pm GG Church. All welcome.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORICAL CHURCHES TRUST- RIDE & STRIDE- Saturday 14th September 10am-6pm. Both Great & Little Gransden Churches have been supported by this charity in the form of grants and loans. Anyone interested in joining a group of cyclists from these parishes please contact Sheila George 677553 for more information. Sponsorship welcome if you cannot cycle!

HARVEST FESTIVAL in The Gransdens. We shall be celebrating at 6pm on Sunday 29th September at GG Church with 'God's Seasons', a service of readings and music for Harvest.